

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter - The Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Dear Parishioners,
Archbishop Sartain has made his appointments for next fiscal year starting July 1st, my new placement is as Senior Priest now, (**retiring officially**.) I will head to Florida for some sun and do some ministry there. Fr. Anthony Davis who is Priest Administrator at Sacred Heart in Enumclaw will also be the Priest Administrator for St. Aloysius. Fr. Clarence Jones will live at Buckley as Parochial Vicar. I am unaware how this will work as the Archdiocese has not let me know. Change is difficult, and yet know that the Spirit is present. Thank you for your prayers for the upcoming transition.

Many Blessings ~Fr. Ludvik, Pastor

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus." The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

~~Loyola Press

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

Ronnie Plante, Gary Plante, Bill Allen, Jerry Marcotte



Prayer request must be made through Cindy Guillot 253-862-9100. Please call with names for Long Term Prayer Requests for 2017. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR A CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God,

As your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition.

We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth.

We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit.

Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the church of our time.

Amen.

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

Dialogue allows us to plan for a future in common. Through dialogue we build peace, taking care of everyone.

"Reading the Holy Scriptures confers two benefits. It trains the mind to understand them; it turns man's attention from the follies of the world and leads him to the love of God."

~~ St. Isidore of Seville

MEMORIAL DAY



Since the earliest ceremonies in small American towns following the Civil War, we have gathered on Memorial Day to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. All Americans must take a moment to remember the sacrifice of our valiant military service members, first responders and their families.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday – May 29

Memorial Day—office is closed



Rosary

3:30pm

Tuesday - May 30

Mass - Donald & Marlene May by T. Cover

8:30am

Wednesday - May 31—The Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass – Ben & Shelley Ernst by Patty Rumpza

8:30am

Ignatian Spirituality for men

6:00pm

Thursday - Jun 1

Mass + Mae Peterson by BettyAnne Peterson

8:30am

Parish Council

7:00pm

Friday - Jun 2

Mass

8:30am

First Friday Adoration

9a-755p



Saturday – Jun 3

Confessions

3:30pm

Mass

5:00pm

Sunday - Jun 4— Pentecost Sunday

Idea: wear the colors of Fire – Red, Gold, etc.

Mass at OLOL

8:30am

Mass for parishioners/intentions

10:30am

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Friends, last weekend's Gospel focused on the Holy Spirit's role as witness to Jesus. "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

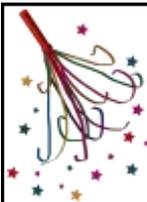
All Christian preaching is ultimately about the Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit. But this last element is especially important for today, because it signals the way that we are able to participate in the life that Jesus opens up to us. One of the chief marks of the Holy Spirit is the prompting to bold speech. From the apostles through the great evangelists and theologians, up to Billy Graham and St. Pope John Paul II, the Spirit prompts people to confess the Lordship of Jesus. Remember that Paul told us, "No one can call Jesus Lord except in the Holy Spirit."

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is the third person of the Holy Trinity, more precisely the love shared by the Father and the Son. As the love between Father and Son, the Spirit comes most fully to historical expression during the great events of the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery. Next weekend is Pentecost.

~ Bishop Robert Barron

BULLETIN COVER ART

Copley, John Singleton, 1738-1815. The Ascension, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=50177> [retrieved April 6, 2017]. Original source: <http://www.mfa.org/>.



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Please join us for a celebration to honor Father John's retirement from 46 years of priesthood, on Sunday June 11th at noon in the Parish Hall. This will be a potluck and you are asked to bring the following:

A - H Salad, Fruit Tray or Vegetable Tray

I - R Hot Dish

S - Z Dessert

Let's make this a great send off for Father as he moves to Florida into his new assignment as Senior Priest/ Retired!!

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

You know, sometimes life just gets too serious...too busy...and too complicated. We don't mean for it to happen, but we wake up one morning to discover the fun has slipped away. A few years ago, a health study determined there are 3 main reasons people can't cope in life: 1. They live in the past. 2. They have low self esteem and 3. They can't laugh at themselves. In fact, the study indicated that we need approximately 12 laughs a day to stay healthy! I heard a story not long ago about a man named Bob, who sent flowers to a friend who was opening a new restaurant. When Bob arrived at the grand opening, he looked for the flowers. Well, when he found them, he saw that the florist had mistakenly sent a white wreath that said, "May you rest in peace." He panicked and called the florist, who said "Bob, I'm not as worried about you because as we speak, there's a guy being buried who got a dozen roses that said, "Good Luck in your new location!" Ah yes.. Life...when you least expect it, sometimes, just to stay sane, we need to sit back and laugh! Hope each of you finds opportunities today and this next month to have at least one good belly laugh.

~ from Father's Joke file

"Humility is the pathway to knowledge"
Bishop Fulton Sheen ~ Finding True Happiness

St. Aloysius Altar Society will have **RAFFLE TICKETS** on sale after all Masses for their Annual June raffle!

This is your bulletin to take home for reading and reference for future date activities. Thank you, Staff

FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 05-21-17

<u>St. Aloysius</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Weekly Revenue	\$2,408.00	\$2,963.00	-\$555.00
Fiscal YTD	\$154,999.56	\$139,261.00	\$15,738.56
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>			
Weekly Revenue	\$539.00	\$790.00	-\$251.00
Fiscal YTD	\$39,730.40	\$37,130.00	\$2,600.40

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

ST. ALOYSIUS

Assigned Goal: \$23,219.00
Participation: 58%
Amount Pledged: \$31,230.00
135% of Goal

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Assigned Goal: \$6,261.00
Participation: 63%
Amount Pledged: \$7,151.00
114% of Goal

The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is coming to a close and we are seeking everyone's participation again this year. All contributions received in excess of the Archdiocesan goal will come directly back to our Parish as a rebate. Our 2017 ACA rebate, along with the 2016 rebate, will be used for our parish project of upgrading and remodeling the Parish Hall Kitchen.

What will we be able to do with 100% participation!

Our **2016** rebates for St. Aloysius is \$17,702.00 and Our Lady of Lourdes is \$8,702.00. Help surpass these rebates in 2017.

We have not heard from everyone in the parish— if you have not yet pledged to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign and you gave last year, please consider increasing your gift by 5% this year. If you did not donate last year, would you consider a gift of a dollar a day (\$365)? ***Gifts of any amount are welcome, and your gift will make a big impact on many lives!*** (spread payments out until April 2018)

It is easy to join the Appeal, and support our seminarians, priests and deacons – plus many other ministries that directly and indirectly benefit our parish:

- It's a pledge – requires no money now
- Cards in pews and mailed to your home
- On-line pledge: www.SeattleArchdiocese.org
- Credit cards accepted
- Pay through ten Installments, or a one-time gift
- Prayer commitments accepted

SAINT QUOTE

"See, my children, we must reflect that we have a soul to save, and an eternity that awaits us. The world, its riches, pleasures, and honors will pass away; heaven and hell will never pass away. Let us take care, then. The saints did not all begin well; but they all ended well. We have begun badly; let us end well, and we shall go one day and meet them in heaven."

— St. John Vianney

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

Your support is critical to the success of the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal and its many ministries and service! This year's Archdiocesan goal is \$11.7 million.

Thank you! To all who have participated so far this year. Your gift will help to build the lives of friends and neighbors in communities just like ours and throughout the region. It's not too late to make a pledge for 2017. If your name is not on the list and you have made a pledge, Thank you! Please wait another week, as the Archdiocese continues to program in pledges, or you may contact Patty in the office.

Maureen Akins	John & Susan Kaelin
Gerald & Alice Alfano	Isabell Kaelin
Jan Alfano	Paul & Donna Kelly
Barbara Anderson	Dave & Teri Koch
Mike Anderson	Cathy Kombol
Donna Berube	Steven & Rosanne Lee
Lloyd & Rosemary Blanus	Julie Loofbourow
Dean & Sandy Brand	Ray & Pauline Meisgeier
Dave & Janice Buck	John & Patricia Mergens
Rey & Germaine Cabardo	Georgia Michael
Norma Catchpole	George & Francene Mikulich
Bruce & Sharon Cochran	Rick & Penny Mutcher
Teresa Cover	Dan & Perci O'Brien
Tom & Rita Delaat	Teresa Ochsner
Jim & Dar Devlet	Linda Osborne
Joe & Gerry Dieringer	BettyAnne Peterson
Bart & Araceli Dinwiddie	Jon & Sharon Peterson
Bruce & Claudia Dupuis	James Plowden
Karen Durgin	Terry & Mandy Pruss
Jeffery & Monica Eddy	Chris & Betty Rankin
Bill & Karen Eberlein	Deryl & Teresa Ross
Marian Euscher	Billy Rumpza
Joyce Farrell	Patty Rumpza
Robert Fetch	William & Marieta Rumpza
Dolores Fresonke	Les & Teresa Russell
Daniel Gaschler	Gary & Bonnie Sambila
Ron & Josie Gatto	Tom & Sue Saunders
Dolly Grennan	Joe Schamer
Cindy Guillot	Paul Slenning
Tom & Gina Halkjar	Eileen Smith
Don & Laurie Hanny	Susanne Smith
David & Jeanne Heldstab	Grace Stansell
Donna Hiam	Van & Jan Thomsen
Marie Holdener	Keith & Sandra VanHoof
James Hopkins	Sharon VanWieringer
Dick & Bev Howard	Greg & Barbara Vesey
Rosemarie Howard	Keith & Michelle Westling
Ron Ingraham	Andrea Weymiller
Ed & Joan Jarvis	Ed & Bea Wilson
Kevin & Alison Jenne	Ignacio & Kristine Yanez
Dennis & Rosemary Johnson	Dolores Young
	Michael Zeiss



100 YEARS AGO

Our Lady at Fatima gave us a specific set of things to do, and we have yet to fully answer her calls.

Among those calls:

- Pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world.

Our Lady said to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, on July 13, 1917, "Continue to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war, because only she can obtain it."

- Make reparation for blasphemies and outrages against Mary's Immaculate Heart, especially by performing the Five First Saturdays devotion
- Pray, fast, and do penance for the conversion of poor sinners and to make reparation for the sins of the world.
- Perform and spread devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (for instance, consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart).

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

On the 13th of the next 5 months, during this 100th Anniversary of Fatima, let us come together at St. Aloysius Church to recite the Rosary at Noon, the hour of the miracle of the sun. Please contact Patty in the office with any questions.



5 MILLION ROSARIES FOR AMERICA

There are 72 million Catholics in America. Imagine the impact if we all came together in prayer. Now that's a bold idea. At Dynamic Catholic, we believe in the power of prayer. That's why we are asking people all over the country to join us in praying 5 million Rosaries for America. Whether you pray one Rosary or 100 Rosaries, your prayers make a difference. 3,108,689 Rosaries have been pledged, and now it's your turn. Together let's do something powerful for America.

~ DynamicCatholic.com

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Sacred Heart Radio AM 1050 will provide live coverage of the ordination and installation of Bishop-Elect Daniel Mueggenborg this Wednesday, May 31. The broadcast from St. James Cathedral will begin at 1:45 pm. streaming **LIVE** at sacredheartradio.org and you can listen anywhere with our FREE apps for IOS and Android devices!

PARISH TRANSITION TEAM

When one pastor leaves and another comes to a parish, it is important that there is smooth transition. For this purpose a Transition Team was formed with the assistance of the Archdiocese. The team includes members from the various committees, ministries, parish staff and parishioners. Our purpose is to ensure the community celebrates Father John Ludvik as he retires and give thanks for his 6 years to our parishes. We will coordinate and welcome both of our new pastoral leaders with the entire parish community. We will be keeping you informed via the bulletin, website and announcements about ways the community can assist in this transition.

Please pray for Father John Ludvik, Father Clarence Jones, Father Anthony Davis and your Transition Team,

Dar & Jim Devlet, Joe Schamer, Jerry & Alice Alfano, Dean Brand, Dan O'Brien, Patty Rumpza, Mike Zeiss, Judy Zeober

Thank you.

VERSE OF THE DAY

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus thank you for your generous support. Thank you to all who participated in the Auction and Appetizer Evening last Saturday. We gratefully appreciate your donations at the Sunday Breakfast and during our Food for Families Collection, you donated 316 pounds of food for our local families in need. Thank you.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



The Archdiocese of Seattle's 15th Annual Quo Vadis Days will take place at Camp Don Bosco near Carnation, Washington on June 26-29, 2017. The camp is FREE due to the generous contributions of the Serra Club, Knights of Columbus, and private donors. Quo Vadis Days is a summer camp for young men, ages 13- 18, to explore a vocation to the priesthood. Find more information and register online at QVDays.org or contact Fr. Derek Lappe at 360-479-3777.