



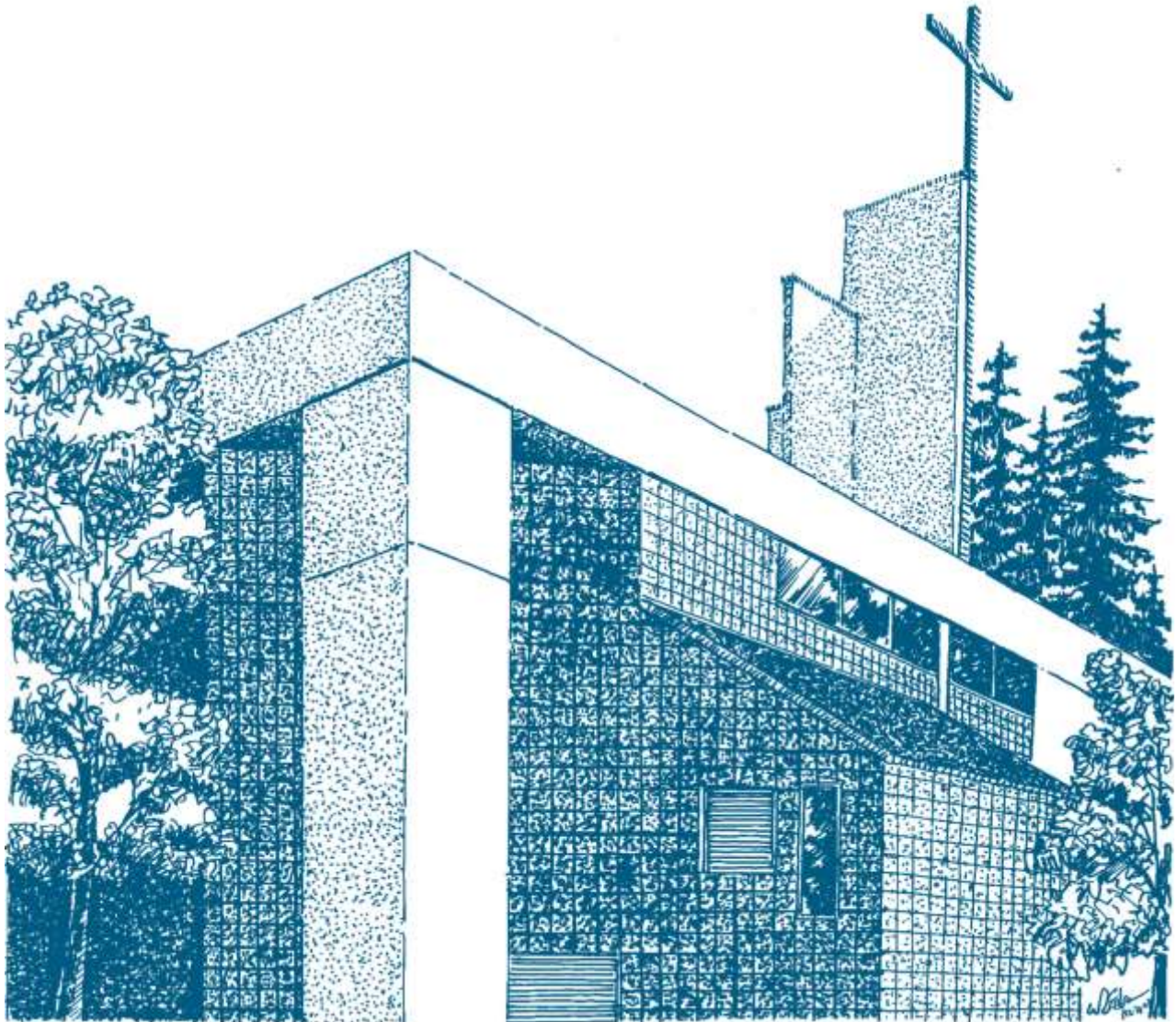
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Parish Mission Statement

*Led by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist,
Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Parish strives
to be a welcoming servant community.*

*We celebrate the goodness of God's unconditional love
through worship, education and service.*

Parish Council ~ October 2007



October 30, 2016
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule:

Sunday:
7:30, 9 & 11 AM
Monday-Friday: 8 AM
Saturday: Communion
Service: 8AM
Saturday Vigil: 5 PM

Confessions:

Saturday:
3:30-4:30 PM

The Catholic Cemetery
serving Holy Rosary is
Holyrood Cemetery.
206-363-8404

"I will praise your name forever, my king and my God."

October 30, 2016

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Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday we implemented some updates in procedure to the flow of the Eucharist from the altar to the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and the way it comes back to the altar and to the tabernacle. I want to thank all the Ministers for coming to the training and their patience and attentiveness. Though things went very well last week, it did bring up some confusion as to the posture after receiving communion. With the new updates the priest or deacon will be purifying the vessels (doing the dishes) at the altar, so it will not be necessary to stand and watch this and wait for the priest or deacon to finish and sit down.

Moving forward, after you have received communion and returned to your pew you may sit or kneel. The time after receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist is a time of "thanksgiving" and prayer with Our Lord who is very close and present. When the priest does sit down the music will stop and then there will be a time of "sacred silence". The period of silence will end when the priest says "Let us pray", then all will rise for the closing prayer and blessing. After the final blessing the cantor will announce the closing hymn or recessional. The priest will go out during the recessional but please stay in the church singing until the hymn is completed.

Another point of posture that needs to be clarified is when to stand after the Eucharistic Prayer. Presently it seems most people are standing before or during the "Great Amen." The correct posture according to the General Instruction for the Liturgy is to remain kneeling through the "Great Amen", which is usually sung, and rise after that. The transition point to standing is after, not during, the "Great Amen."

We have some great Feast Days coming up. Tuesday, is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation. In addition to the regular scheduled 8AM mass there will be a School Mass at 9AM and a Mass at 6PM. Nov. 2nd is All Souls' Day, a day to remember the dead who are being cleansed in purgatory before entering heaven. It is not a holy day of obligation but a great day to come to Mass and pray for the dead, especially family and friends. In addition to our 8AM Mass, there will be a Mass at Holyrood at 10:30AM.

In Christ,

Fr. Vincent



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, Nov. 1st, is All Saints' Day, a solemnity honoring all those in heaven. It is a holy day of obligation, meaning Catholics are required to attend Mass. **Masses at Holy Rosary will be celebrated at 8AM, 9AM (School Mass) and 6PM.**

Nov. 2nd is All Souls' Day, remembering the dead who are being cleansed in purgatory before entering heaven. It is not a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at **8AM here**, and at 10:30AM at Holyrood Cemetery, Shoreline; Gethsemane Cemetery, Federal Way; and Calvary Cemetery, Seattle.

Sunday, October 30, 2016 **St. Alphonsus Rodriguez**

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

- **Coffee'nd** hosted by the Marriage & Family Life Commission
- **Religious Ed.** classes in the School, 9AM.
- **11AM Youth Mass.**

Monday, October 31, 2016 **St. Wolfgang**

Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14

- **8 AM Mass**
- **No Edge Night** (Middle School) tonight.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 **All Saints Day**

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

- **8 AM Mass**
- **9 AM School Mass**
- **6 PM Mass**
- **Exploring the Catholic Faith** meets in in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 204, 7PM.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** meets in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 206, 7PM.

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 **All Souls Day**

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40

- **8 AM Mass**
- **RCIA** meets in the Pastoral Center Conference Room, 1st floor, 7PM.

Thursday, November 3, 2016 **St. Martin de Porres**

Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10

- **8 AM Mass**
- **History Class** meets in the Pastoral Center Conference Room, 1-3PM.
- **Mahjong group** meets in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 204, 1PM.
- **Traditional Choir** practice in the church, 6:30-7:30PM.
- **Contemporary Choir** practice in the church, 7:40PM.

Friday, November 4, 2016 **St. Charles Borromeo**

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8

- **8 AM Mass—First Friday**
- **Women's Association** meets in the Pastoral Center, 8:30AM.
- **9 AM School Mass**
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** ends, 3:30PM.

Saturday, November 5, 2016 **St. Bertilla**

Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

- **8 AM Communion Service**

Sunday, November 6, 2016 **St. Théophane Vénard**

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

- **Daylight Saving Time ends.**
- **Coffee'nd** hosted by the Sixth Grade families after the 9AM and 11AM Masses.
- **Serra Club members** will attend 9AM Mass.
- **Baptisms** at 11:00 Mass.
- **Confirmation Class** meets in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 206, 12 Noon-1:30PM.

Did you know? The Rosary is led each weekday morning at Holy Rosary at 7:30AM, prior to daily Mass. All are welcome to join us in the church for this devotion. October, the month dedicated to the Rosary, is the perfect time to share in this with your fellow parishioners.



A Catholic View of the World

By Robert King

October is Mary's month, and I've been reflecting on ways Mary impacts my relationship with Christ. It's easy for me to think of Mary, and of all the saints, as mere role models. It's easy to think of Jesus himself as an abstract ideal.

But Mary never treated Jesus as an abstraction. She always met him in her everyday life. From her joy in visiting her cousin Elizabeth to her confusion at finding him in the Temple, from her quiet authority at the wedding at Cana to her quiet acceptance at the foot of the cross, she always brought the concrete events of her life to Jesus and asked him to respond.

That is what real relationship looks like: bringing the real stuff of your life to someone else, and offering it to them; then accepting the real stuff of their life that they offer you in response.

Even after Jesus died, rose, and ascended to the Father, Mary continued to pray for particular people and particular situations. She appeared in Mexico to ask for a church on a hilltop. She appeared in Fatima to ask for rosaries and for the conversion of Russia. She calls us to real relationship, both with herself and with her son. Indeed, all the saints seek the same relationship.

How do you relate to Mary? How do you respond to what she offers you?

FROM THE QUESTION BOX:

What kinds of policy positions does the Church take?

This is part 4 of a 4-part answer to this question. I'm basing my answer on the U.S. Bishops' document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship", which is available on their website: usccb.org.

The Church's positions are based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, the fourth of which is Solidarity. This means that we all are responsible for the Common Good – whether in our private actions, or in our business activities, or in our political lives. Nothing human is foreign to me, because God has made me my brother's keeper.

When looking at political policy, the U.S. Bishops emphasize that our care for our brothers and sisters does not end at our borders. So, we should seek peace through diplomacy, reserving military action as a defensive last resort. When we do send our military forth, we must take care that our cause and our means are both just. We should protect and support victims of war and violence, and those suffering religious persecution, both within our borders and abroad. Everyone has a right to seek a safe home where they can support themselves and their families.

Nor does Solidarity stop with our responsibilities to other humans. God charged us to "cultivate and care for" all of creation. (Genesis 2:15, 3:23) We must sustain our home, the Earth, for future generations.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

As I mentioned last week, the best predictor of pleasant relationships in marriage is the ratio of positive to negative interactions. The goal is a ratio of 5:1 positive to negative, and almost all the couples I've worked with since 1982 have needed help with that to even get through the first session.

I mentioned that one tool I use is Thomas Gordon's 12 roadblocks. However, a tool I've used more and more is John Gottman's FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE model. He made the case in his 1994 book, *Why Marriages Succeed or Fail: and How You Can Make Yours Last* that not all negative ways of communicating are equally corrosive of relationships. In his research, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" are criticism, defensiveness, contempt, and stonewalling." As David Penner put it, "A way to understand the Four Horsemen is to think of them as different strategies of handling an uncomfortable or emotionally threatening situation. In this light, Criticism and Contempt can be viewed as Fighting; Defensiveness as Flight; and Stonewalling as Freezing."

Next week I'll offer some solutions to the four horsemen, but first, if we are to be motivated to change our ways of talking with one another it might be helpful to keep in mind some of what the inspired words of the Bible have to say about how we are to speak to one another.

Psalm 19:15, "Let the words of my mouth meet with your favor, keep the thoughts of my heart before you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

Proverbs 13:3, "He who guards his mouth protects his life, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin."

Colossians 4:6, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you know how you should respond to each person."

~ Deacon Ray

Today is the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town.”

St. Luke, beginning the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus
Luke 19:1

Holy Rosary Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord God,
You alone are the source
of every good gift
and the mystery
of each human life.
We thank you for your creation
And for your tender, faithful
love.
Fill our minds with the Gospel
of your son Jesus
and fill our hearts with his
compassion.
Send your Spirit to grant us
wisdom, that our gratitude
may bind us together into a
community of faith
and a caring people.
Give us the courage to express
our gratitude first
as we discern how to
be good stewards of
the gifts entrusted to us
that we may do the work
for your Kingdom.
In your son's name we pray,
Amen!

But he did not pass through the town. He is greeted by a crowd, and as he goes along, he spies a little man in a tree and recognizes him as Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, and, as St Luke tells us, a wealthy man, which, given the time and place, is redundant. Jesus immediately invites himself to stay at Zacchaeus' house, which overwhelms Zacchaeus and causes great indignation among the crowd. Zacchaeus, overwhelmed by the mercy of God, promises to give half his wealth to the poor and somewhat innocently proclaims that “if” he has extorted anything from anyone, he will repay them four-fold. Both Zacchaeus and Jesus know that extortion was the source of his wealth.

The crowd, however, does not recognize the mercy of God. They are quite indignant; undoubtedly many were the victims of Zacchaeus' extortions. In fact, their indignation may have been the motivator of his generous offer. The Lord works in mysterious ways.

A couple of our parishioners have made the news lately while doing God's work in the world. The *Northwest Catholic* has a story on Marie Tran, who teaches business at Edmonds Community College and raises funds for the Vinh Son Orphanage in Viet Nam. My Edmonds News noted Jerry Karnofski's election to the Edmonds-Woodway sports hall of fame after a long career as a mentor and coach. Links to both articles are on www.holyrosaryedmonds.org.

The stewardship follow-up letter was mailed last Wednesday. If you have already turned in your Stewardship commitments, please disregard the pledge form. Our annual stewardship drive is an opportunity to reflect on our gratitude for this parish as it strives to be a welcoming servant community. Please consider making a pledge. Evaluating your gifts to your parish and other charities in the context of your budget is an important spiritual exercise. Please do something similar with your service to your parish and other nonprofit activities. Spend some time praying over your giving and ministering.

Holy Rosary is hosting a Wills and Estates seminar on November 10th. Everyone needs a will just to make it easy on your survivors when the Lord calls you home. Please respond using the form at the bottom of the bulletin insert or contact me using the phone number or email address below.

The Pastoral Center is available for rental to parishioners at a discount. Rates are available on the website under the About Us tab.

John Russell, Pastoral Associate for Stewardship
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STEWARDSHIP PROGRESS

**Our goal for the Stewardship drive
is 400 pledges.**

**Through October 26th, we have
received 195 pledges totaling
\$381,500.**

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Holy Rosary hosted the “Living in Love” mini-retreat workshop for married couples on October 8-9 and it received great reviews! Father Vincent has chosen this as the primary marriage enrichment and marriage preparation program for our parish. If you missed this workshop, the next opportunity in Snohomish County will be on **March 4-5, 2017 at St. Thomas More**, Lynnwood. The next one at Holy Rosary will be on **October 14-15, 2017**. Participate in Father's vision for strengthening marriage by reserving a place on your calendar to attend one of them!

PRAYER SUPPORT... *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”*

-Matthew 11:28-29

A Time to Heal — Vanessa O’Berg, Joe Sackmann, , Tom Olson, Heather Postyeni, Margaret Eichenberger, Brian Butler, Tom McCarthy and Jim LeFevre.

A Time to Mourn — Job Hoin Antonio Kang, Gabriella Deibler (granddaughter of Gil and Niña Martelino) and Lowell Messman.

“Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but fullness of peace and joy.”

-Catholic Blessings & Prayers

Please contact **Roberta Tassani** at 425-778-3122 or robertat@holynosaryedmonds.org if you have a prayer request.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry: The fall schedule for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, including high school Confirmation classes, special events and Archdiocesan activities, is now on the Holy Rosary website, under “Serving You”. Check out the activities and events, and contact Angus with any questions.

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“The Lord is kind and merciful!”

MATT TALBOT THANKSGIVING DINNER—A parish tradition: this is the 31st edition of The Knights of Columbus Fred Chomos Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Matt Talbot Center. Our parish will serve dinner to more than 600 homeless and needy people on **Saturday, November 19th, 2016**. We need your support.

We will need sliced, cooked turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, pies and all the other trimmings. There are 3 sign-up weekends: **Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6 and Nov. 12-13**.

Knights will be in the back of the church after all masses on these weekends with sign-up sheets for you to specify your donation selections. Detailed information will be available from the Knights at the sign-up table.

Walk the Way of St. James through Spain with Fr. John Madigan, September 12-22, 2017!

Pilgrimage has a long tradition in many religious traditions. The Camino or “The Way” across Northern Spain to the Cathedral and burial spot of Santiago or Saint James has almost a 1000 year tradition in the Catholic/Christian faith. As a walking pilgrimage it is a grace-filled and joy-filled journey. Making it with friends or with a community of companions in faith makes the pilgrimage even more enjoyable and fruitful. Pilgrims may start out with certain hopes and goals and discover other graces and blessings totally unexpected. Sharing the journey in a faith-filled retreat and Eucharistic context enhances the depth and power of the experience. Join Dr. Timothy Mullner, Faith Journeys, at **Holy Rosary Church, Edmonds, Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7PM** in the Pastoral Center to learn about the pilgrimage of a lifetime, the Camino de Santiago. As portrayed in the movie, “The Way,” this pilgrimage includes a daily walk of 10-12 miles with full motor coach service and a dedicated Tour Manager. For more information contact Virginia Radel at 206-658-3680 or Faith Journeys: 877-732-4845, Ext. 200, or visit our resource site: www.myfaithjourneys.com.

Cold Weather Shelter: Holy Rosary’s Justice & Peace Commission is forming a team of volunteers to help staff the South Snohomish Cold Weather Shelter, which provides life-saving overnight shelter to homeless people when the temperature drops below 34 degrees. For details, please contact Dianne Botta at di037@comcast.net.

LIFE CHAIN holds a Silent Prayer Vigil for the unborn on the first Sunday of each month, at Hwy 99 & 220th St. SW, 2-3:30PM. All are welcome. More information at www.nationallifechain.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank: SVDP needs more of the following for the Thanksgiving food baskets—canned pineapple, turkey gravy (jars/pkg.), canned sweet potatoes, apple juice/sparkling cider. For the every day needs we could use more chili, pancake syrup, Swiss Miss cocoa mix, canned ham, individual pudding cups, shampoo. If you have any left over Halloween candy that is individually wrapped we would love to have it to include in the food baskets.



Thank you for all of your donations.

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY FAIR—NOV. 19TH—20TH: We will resume collecting items on **Monday, Oct. 31st**. We will continue on Mondays and Fridays, 10AM to Noon. The last day we will be accepting donations is **Monday, Nov. 14th.**



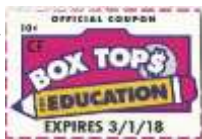
RAFFLE ITEMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY and tickets sold after the masses on Sunday, Oct. 30th, Saturday, Nov. 5th, Sunday, Nov. 6th, Saturday, Nov. 12th and Sunday, Nov. 13th. Tickets will also be sold during the Holiday Fair, Nov. 19-20th. The drawing will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 20th.**

The Women’s Association will meet this Friday, November 4th, after the 8AM mass. We will be finalizing Holiday Fair particulars. All women of the parish are welcome. A work party will follow the meeting. Please join us in the Pastoral Center, Room 206.

Senior Moments book group will meet on Wednesday, Nov 2nd, in the Pastoral Center Conference Room at 1PM to share the books we have been reading. Everyone welcome!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION for Holy Rosary School! The school is collecting Box Tops to help support fundraising efforts. Please help by cutting and saving all of your Box Tops. Turn them in at the school office, where there's a box waiting to be filled. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more information.



A Psychologist is available to treat concerns such as depression, anxiety, grief and loss, and family problems. This service is offered for adults and children of the community. If you need assistance, please call **Dr. Jeff Baird** at 425-977-4534 to leave a message (your call is confidential and will be returned within 24 hrs.)

***Rachel’s Corner
Hope and Healing After Abortion***

“The despair and worry about my babies are gone. I am filled with peace of knowing that they are with God.”

-Testimonial after Retreat

God yearns to help you see who you really are in Him and walk the path of healing with you to a joy you have never known before. Come on a Rachel’s Vineyard™ Retreat. He will be there!

November 11-13, 2015

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

*You are loved with an everlasting Love!
Project Rachel is a program of Catholic
Community Services.*

ACC Calendars: A limited number of the Association for Catholic Childhood calendars for 2017 are now available in the Parish Office. Suggested donation is \$3.00 ea. You may also order them directly from the Association—email acc@ccsww.org or phone 206-328-5973.

SAVE THE DATE: Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries will host a seminar with **Greg Simard, Parish Team Leader**, to discuss pre-planning of Catholic funeral and burial arrangements. Plan to join us on **Wednesday, November 9th at 7PM** in the Pastoral Center for “Understanding and Planning our Catholic Funeral and Burial.” Attendees will receive a pre-planning booklet and valuable information to assist in this process.

 ☆ **ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:** We thank the ☆
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 ☆ make our bulletin available at *no cost to us!* This ☆
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SCHOOL NEWS



October 29 and October 30, 2016

Upcoming Events:

- **October 24-November 7th**—Magazine Sale
- **Monday, October 31st, 8:45AM**—Halloween Parade—Students wear costumes
- **Tuesday, November 1st, 9AM**—All Saints Day Mass
- **Tuesday, November 1st, 10-11AM**—4th Grade Saints Museum in School Hall
- **Tuesday, November 1st, 12-2PM**—2nd and 3rd grades at Edmonds Center for the Arts
- **Thursday, November 3rd, 8:30AM-12 Noon**—7th Grade at Interfaith Family Shelter.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

All young adults age 18-35 are invited to join Fr. Patrick Sherrard for a multi-week exploration of the Gospel of John beginning next Sunday, November 6th, after the 4:30PM Mass at St. Mary Magdalen, in the John Paul II portable in the lower parking lot behind the church. The evening will include food and socializing as well as reading and discussion about the fourth Gospel led by Fr. Patrick. We hope to see you there.

Upcoming Retreats at Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center:

Nov. 7-9th—Weekday Silent Self-Directed Retreat—a chance to pray, read, and rest at your leisure. A priest will be available for confessions.

Dec. 2-4th—Women's Advent Retreat with Sr. Gabriella Yi, OP—Growing in Beauty, Truth and Goodness.

Dec. 9-11th—Young Adult Retreat with the Monks of St. Martin's—Building a Practice of Contemplative Reading, on the ancient monastic art of *Lectio Divina*.

O'DEA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE is on Thursday, November 3rd, 6-9PM. 802 Terry Ave., Seattle. Call 206-622-1308 if questions.

St. Pius X Holiday Bazaar: featuring handcrafted items for sale, including a Bake Sale, used Book Sale, Raffles and a Café. Crafters will be offering home and holiday décor, jewelry, candles, accessories and much more. Saturday, Nov. 12th from 10AM-5:30PM and Sunday, Nov. 13th from 10AM-3PM. Free admission and lots of parking. St. Pius X School Gym, 22105 58th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace.

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM.

THE ANSWERING SERVICE WILL RELAY MESSAGES WHEN THE OFFICE IS CLOSED.

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

7:30AM TO 4PM MONDAY-FRIDAY

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM - Parents attend two sessions to prepare to celebrate this sacrament. We encourage parents to attend before the birth or adoption of their child. Baptisms are normally celebrated at a weekend liturgy on the first weekend of the month. Please call the Parish Office six weeks prior to the desired Baptism date to register your child. Next preparation classes are on Monday evenings, January 9th and 23rd, 2017, from 7-8:30PM in the Parish Office. Please call to register. Upcoming baptisms are on January 8th, 2017 at 11AM, February 4th, 2017 at 5PM, and Easter Sunday, April 16th, 2017 at 11AM.

MARRIAGE - Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the desired date. Preparation for celebrating and living the sacrament is required. Contact Deacon Ray Biersbach for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - is celebrated any time there is a serious illness or health crisis. Contact the parish office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also celebrated periodically at a Sunday liturgy and on weekdays.

FUNERALS - Please contact the parish after a death, and before making arrangements with a funeral home.

CONFIRMATION - The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated yearly for those who are age 16 or older. Attendance at preparation sessions is required. Contact Angus McDonell, Youth Minister.

Adults who have not been confirmed may also celebrate the sacrament. Contact Robert King, Associate for Adult Faith Formation

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST - Children are prepared for these sacraments after completing a year of remote preparation in either the school or a religious education program. This is a two-year program; the first year is a general introduction, and the second year being specific preparation. Parents attend preparation sessions for each sacrament. Contact Mary Hupf, Director for Elementary Faith Formation, for more information.

ADULT INITIATION - Adults who wish to join the Catholic Faith participate in sessions of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) Contact Robert King, Associate for Adult Faith Formation, for further information.

WE CAN SERVE YOU BETTER IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH. PLEASE CALL US FOR A REGISTRATION FORM OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR AN ON LINE FORM.