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SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

PARISH INFORMATION



Week of July 24

Sunday, July 24 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Drive-by Drop-Off Event for Christmas in July for the Carmelites, Outside Church

8:30 am, Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)

10:30 am, Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

11:40 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

Monday, July 25

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Vilma, "Willy" Klein, RIP)

2:00 pm, Prayer Team, Church

6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria

6:30 pm, Family Rosary, Church

Tuesday, July 26

No Morning Mass

7:00 pm, St. Gianna Molla Reading Group, Sullivan Hall

7:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Library

Wednesday, July 27

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Mary Cleaveland)

5:00 pm, Confessions, Church

Thursday, July 28

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Sabino Garcia, RIP)

Friday, July 29

No 9:30 am Mass

2:00 pm, Wedding Mass of Monica Ortman & Austin Cassayre

Saturday, July 30

7:30 am, Lion's Den Fellowship for Men, Sullivan Hall

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Perry Miller, RIP)

10:00 am, Board Game Saturday, Sullivan Hall

3:00 pm, Confessions, Church

5:00 pm, Vigil Mass, Church (*St. Mark Parish & School Faculty & Staff*)

Sunday, July 31 *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am, Holy Mass, Church (*Pro Populo*)

10:30 am, Holy Mass, Church (*Archbishop Etienne & all Clergy*)

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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

The account of Abraham's boldness in **interceding for Sodom** is striking. Not once or twice, but six times he appeals to the mercy of the Lord. Each time he asks God to offer lenience for the sake of the few, finally stopping at a threshold of ten good people. One might wonder if Abraham was afraid to push his luck by dropping the number further.

And yet, it is probable that the Lord was trying to encourage Abraham to do just that!



Though Abraham approaches timidly, speaking fearfully, the Lord never once rebukes Abraham's appeals. He responds in the affirmative, easily offering greater and greater mercy.

There is a lesson here about how Sodom was so completely corrupted (not even ten good people lived there!), but a more powerful lesson about God's goodness and His desire for us to fearless ask Him for gifts.

How often are we reluctant to even approach God, much less press upon Him for the mercies that we so desperately need and the good things we so deeply desire!

What would change in our relationship with God if we saw Him not as a reluctant quartermaster but as a joyful giver, as delighted to show us His goodness?

July 25 is **the feast of Saint James the Greater**. 'The Greater' was to distinguish him from the other James among the Apostles and refers to his age or height (not necessarily importance!).

Cf. Ps 68 (67): 6-7, 36



In addition to being an important figure in the life of the Church, Saint James the Greater is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Seattle, with both the proto-cathedral in Vancouver and the cathedral in Seattle named after him.

In the liturgical practice of the Church, **Masses may be offered for particular intentions**. By Church law, every pastor is required to offer a Sunday Mass for the intention of the people of the parish or *pro populo* (this is always our 8:30 am Sunday Mass). At Saint Mark parish, we dedicate one Mass for the intention of parish & school faculty & staff (the Saturday vigil Mass) and one Mass for Archbishop Etienne and the clergy of the archdiocese (the 10:30 am Sunday Mass).

If you'd like to have a Mass offered for a special intention or loved one, call the parish office for details.



PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Daily Mass & Confession Cancellations

- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Friday, July 29
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Thursday, August 18
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Friday, August 19
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Saturday, August 20
- † Confessions at 5:00 pm are canceled Wednesday, August 3
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Thursday, August 18
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Friday, August 19
- † Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Saturday, August 20

Board Game Saturdays for Young Adults

Board Game Saturdays are for the young (18-years-old and up) and the young at heart!

Why? Connect with peers and make new friends while playing fun game and enjoying free snacks.

Saturday 10:00 am until noon in Sullivan Hall, Board Game Saturdays have an open-house style - drop in whenever you like and stay as long as you like.

This special summer event meets every Saturday (when Sullivan Hall is available) until August 27.

Feel free to bring your own games as well.

If you have any questions please contact Gina or Michael at stmarkboardgames@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Please, if you can, donate shelf-stable food items, household cleaning supplies or personal hygiene necessities for our St. Vincent de Paul Society's pantry. Donations can be dropped in the basket in the vestibule or at the parish office any time. Thank you for your help in supporting the most vulnerable in our community.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Jim Miller, Sherrill Dungan, Maxine Dion,
Claudio Bermundo, Ron McDonald, Amanda Waggoner,
David Cook

For the deceased...

2022 Christmas in July for the Carmelites

The drive-by event is today Sunday, July 24, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm (closed briefly for after 10:30 Mass coffee and donuts) outside the church.

At this drive-by event feel free to include fresh produce (store bought or home grown) with your donations! The sisters always appreciate fresh produce.

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary

A very happy 65th wedding anniversary to Elaine & Dick Keller!

May God bless you and grant you joy. May He deepen your love for each other. May He bless you, your family and friends, and lead you to unending happiness in Heaven.

May Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Bless us all, and keep us in His love for ever and ever.

Amen.

"This love is eminently human. This love the Lord has judged worthy of special gifts, healing, perfecting and exalting gifts of grace and charity."

~Second Vatican Council on marriage

Next Step Gala, 2022

Next Step Pregnancy Services is dedicated to serving the immediate and long-term needs of those facing unplanned pregnancies with compassion and dignity. Next Step provides an empathetic and loving atmosphere.

Their goal to empower those they serve to make healthy lifestyle choices both now and in the future.

Save the date! The 2022 Next Step Gala, including a virtual silent auction, dinner and a special guest speaker, will be Saturday, September 24.

Doors open at 6:00 pm at Holy Rosary Church located at 630 Seventh Avenue North in Edmonds.

Reservations can be made now at nssupport.org/gala2022 or by phone at (425) 329-4569.

"God, help me not to lean on my own understanding, but in everything acknowledge You, so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen"

~Catholic.org

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Lion's Den Fellowship for Men

The Lion's Den Fellowship for Men is off to a roaring start!

Meetings are every Saturday morning at 7:30 am (please note new, later start time) in Sullivan Hall. Does that sound a little early? That's why they have coffee! The Lion's Den invites all parish men to attend, journey together and grow deeper in faith. Come now, early in the reformation of the fellowship, and help shape The Lion's Den to meet the needs of the men of St. Mark parish.

Seminar on Aid and Attendance for VA Benefits

On Tuesday, July 26 at 2:00 pm our neighbors at Laurel Cove are hosting a complimentary educational seminar for veterans and their surviving spouses, especially those 65+ years old, to help them learn how to access the funds needed to receive the services and benefits they deserve from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The VA maze can be hard to navigate and sometimes accessing adequate care is difficult. This free seminar will be presented by Marvin London, CEO of Veteran Service Group. More information about VSG can be found at <https://www.veteranservicegroup.com/> Laurel Cove is located just down the street at 17201 15th Avenue NE here in Shoreline.

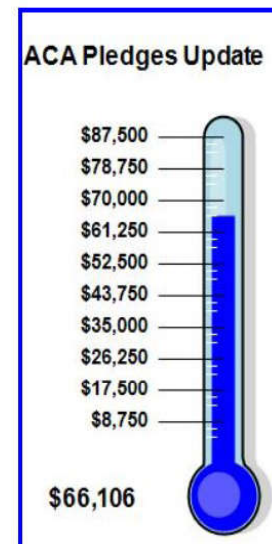
Please RSVP to (206) 364-9336.

Frequently Requested Numbers
Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971
Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599
St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449
Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115
Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608
Holyrood Cemetary: (206) 363-8404
Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234
Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

If you received Father Maurer's follow up letter please prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. In addition to the ministries that support those in need, this campaign also supports St. Mark! At this time we have heard from 169 families, about 23% of our parish. Our goal is \$87,500 and current pledges equal about \$66,106 or about 76% of our goal. Thank you to all who made a gift by pledging over several months; this helps us to reach our goal quickly.

Pledge using the QR code below, the envelope mailed to your home, or the pew envelope by either mailing it in or dropping it in the collection basket.



If your family has already made a pledge, thank you very much!!!

July 17, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2022-June 2023) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
Income							
Last Week	\$15,660	\$9,071	(6,589)	\$3,736.50	106	77	183
Year to Date	\$46,980	\$40,216	(6,764)				



Learning Intercessory Prayer

~By Deacon Richard Labrecque

Prayer is dialogue, a true communion with the God who is our benefactor and lover. One important aspect of prayer is intercessory prayer - asking not for what we want or need but joining in fellowship with the needs of others.

Intercessory prayer is one task that God has placed on my heart. It is a charism that I did not ask for, but something deep inside told me this is what I personally am called to participate in. How did it begin? I don't remember exactly.

Maybe someone asked for my prayer and because it was instilled within me through my upbringing to fulfill a promise, I knew that if I committed to pray for them, I needed to fulfill that as an obligation not to be neglected. But once this process got really going, the generation of interior satisfaction added to a sense of mere "obligation," and I found intercessory prayer one of my better gifts. Isn't it amazing how we are guided by the Holy Spirit, even when we are least aware of his leading, how he is connecting the dots?

Over the years my technique has evolved and expanded. It had to, because, as one can easily imagine, these "obligations" tend to grow and expand over many years of intercessory prayer. In some cases the intentions are held for only a short period of time. The Spirit will let you know when it is OK to let them slide away. But if you are listening and faithful to the Spirit, this letting go does not happen unless he gives you permission - something you just feel inside. His discipline alone is also part of your training, your perfection.

Here is an example of how the Holy Spirit teaches me to pray. In praying for the situation in Ukraine - my first inclination was to invoke St. Michael in warrior fashion and think of the many ways the aggressor could be defeated - I spent too many nights and days dreaming about this. Then I got the message/correction that this is now how I was to pray. The physical battle is God's, not mine. My duty was to pray for the situation and be in solidarity with God's plans. When I began to pray this way, then my peace returned, and my prayers were for God's activity, not mine or the armies engaged.

Learning Intercessory Prayer, Continued

Remember Christ's words that we pray daily - "Thy will be done" - be in solidarity with God, not our ways or our plans. It's a hard lesson, but there is where truth lies.

So, I don't try to provide God my plans, I simply lift these folks or situations up to God in worship and say in my spirit, "your will be done!" My offering to God is to be engaged in this prayer - "my will" is the offering - the result is God's, and in that there is peace.

Deacon Richard Labrecque is a parishioner at St. Joseph parish in Sequim and this article was first published in the July/August issue of Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal's *Gleanings*.

Prayer at Home & With Our Families

When asked by his disciples how to pray, Jesus taught them the Our Father. The words in this prayer lead us to a special intimacy with God. Each element approaches God to ask for what we need. Just as importantly, each element can help to shape our hearts to desire what we truly need and prepare us to receive it from God, who loves us.

The Archdiocese of Seattle's office of At Home With Faith provides us with helpful information and videos on praying as a family.

For more information, or to access the videos, please go to <https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

Upcoming Ladies Guild Meetings Queen of Heaven Guild

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 3 at 11:30 am in Sullivan Hall. We will begin with the Rosary and then enjoy our brown bag lunches and share in fellowship. Sylvia can address your questions at (206) 419-3115.

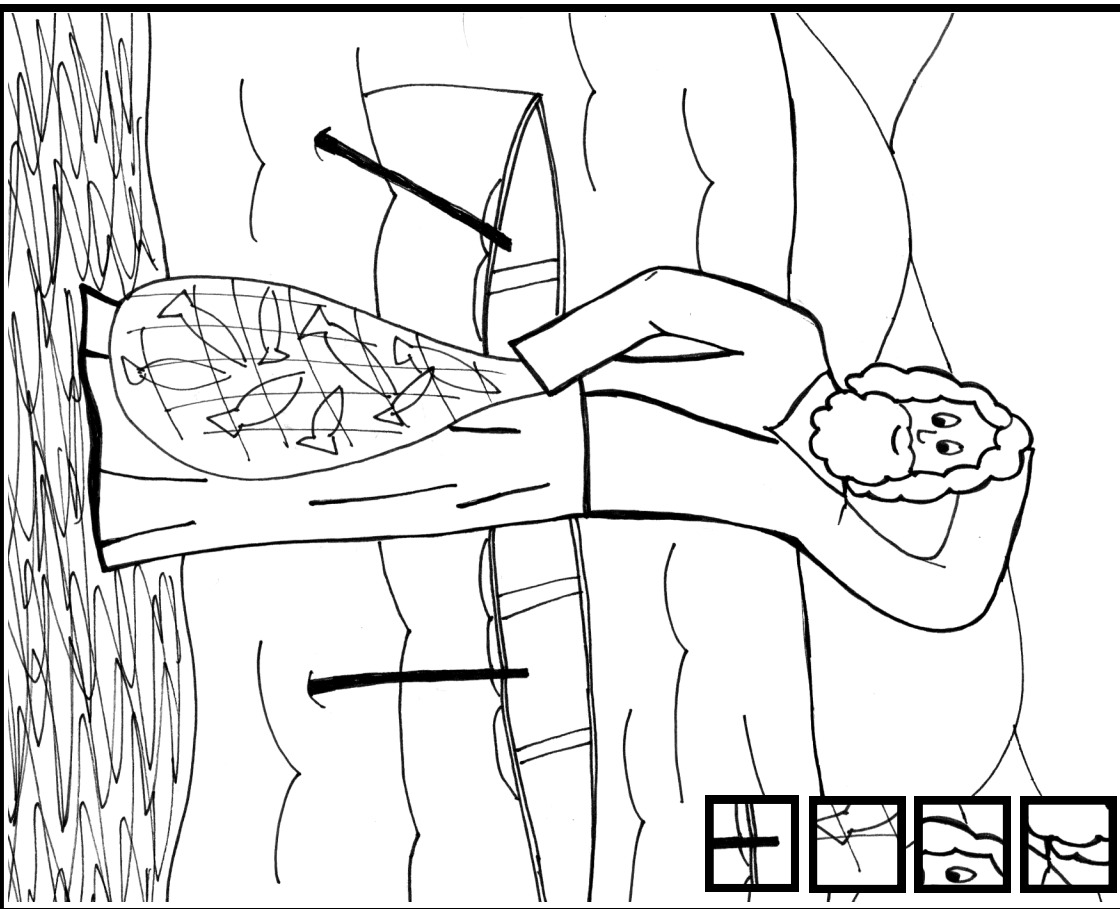
Princess Angeline

Please come to our Sunday, August 7 meeting in the portable library just north of the school.

Bring your rosary, enjoy planning for the future with us and stay for snacks and conversation after the meeting. Esther can answer your questions at (206) 417-3995.

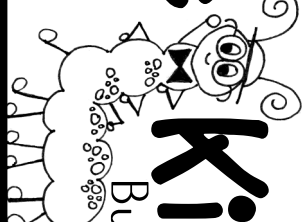
Saint James

Saint James loved being a fisherman but when Jesus asked him to leave his boat and become a "Fisher of Men," Saint James said, "Yes!" He followed Jesus and taught people about God.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

July 24, 2022
Ordinary Time
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Lord, on the
day I called
for help, you
answered me.

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Look at the artwork in
your church. Are there
any pictures of heaven?

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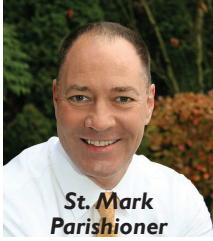
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