

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass


## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm


FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 6 & 7, 2024

Donation	\$4,421.00
Donation Online	\$1,982.00
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$6,438.00</b>





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Our Lady of Lourdes, Seattle

Vanco online donation system will be ending by April 30th of 2024, and Pushpay system with mobile friendly features is now active and ready to be utilized. The parish have instruction and support session as well as personal support specialists for parishioners. After Masses this weekend 4/13/24 — 4/14/24 Parish Council Leadership Team and Eucharist Youth Leaders will be available to support parishioners with Pushpay system. Please have a mobile phone number, an email address, a credit or debit card to deposit your donation or bring a bank check. We appreciate and thank you for all your support in making online donation possible.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Sacrament of Anointing the Sick: Ext. 1  
Parish Staff: Ext. 2  
Administrative Support: Ext. 3

Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.



**To OLLP Former Pastor**

*May God comfort your grieving heart on the loss of your father, Father Peter Duc Cong Nguyen. Prayers: May Mr. Peter' Chinh Cong Nguyen, who has fulfilled his baptismal commitment as a Faithful Christian, find everlasting peace and joy in your presence, O Lord. May the Lord grant Father Peter, his mother, family strength and peace during this difficult time.*

WITH  
DEEPEST  
SYMPATHY



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER HOMILY BY FATHER PAUL THANH VU

### Resurrection of the Lord - Year B - Luke 24: 35-48

Today's Gospel recounts the appearance of Jesus to the apostles and disciples. The Lord continued to strengthen their faith in His resurrection. Because the resurrection of Jesus and our resurrection are closely related: one cannot exist without the other. Jesus once told Martha: *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live. And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."* We believe in God's promises, we declare our faith through the Creed every Sunday: I believe that the human body will be resurrected one day. I believe in life everlasting. Amen. Based on that belief, we often pray for our loved ones who have passed away before us.

The resurrection of Jesus had a solid basis when He appeared to witnesses and let them see and touch His resurrected body. They also witnessed with their own eyes the resurrected Jesus eating grilled fish and honey in front of them. Demons and ghosts certainly cannot eat and drink like a normal person. We see that Buddhists often make offerings to the dead with incense, materials, money, and even servants by votive papers. Foods such as roasted pig, boiled chicken, or fruit are also offered, but there are no dead people coming to eat, it's just a few people near by quietly taking offerings to eat. As soon as they bowed their head and raised their head, the chicken was gone.

The resurrection of Jesus is also the foundation for the salvation of all of us who believe in God. If God is not resurrected, then everything He has ever taught and announced, including the suffering and sacrifices He has endured, will be in vain. Because Jesus repeatedly predicted that He would suffer and die, but after three days He would rise again. If Jesus is not resurrected, then He is just a liar to deceive people. But no, Jesus was 100% resurrected. By believing in the Lord's resurrection from the dead, we can trust and rely on our salvation. Jesus died to save us, Jesus rose to give us life again.

After all, the resurrection of Jesus is the foundation for the Gospel that the apostles preached. More than anyone else, the apostles and disciples were the first to witness the Good News of the Resurrection. That is the truth, and they cannot hide that truth and joy. Along with the command of the resurrected Lord: *You must preach repentance and repentance in the name of the resurrected Lord to receive forgiveness of sins to all nations, starting from Jerusalem. As for you, you will be witnesses of these things.* In the old days, in the early days of the Church, joining the Church was very quick and easy, just believing that Jesus was the One sent by God the Father to the world to redeem sinful mankind, and was resurrected from the dead. Learning catechism was very quickly and would be baptized immediately.

Nowadays, we people often believe in miracles, even non-Catholics. Whenever they hear about a priest coming to pray and lay hands on people to heal, they will come and find it. No matter how far away, it doesn't matter, as long as they can be cured. That's very good, nothing to blame. But the important thing is that the purpose of miracles is to help people believe in Jesus, believe in God, to have eternal life. We see saints who perform miracles and then die. Those who received healing grace lived for a while and then died. Even Lazarus, who was resurrected by Jesus, also died. That's just a natural law. The key point is to firmly believe in Jesus who can resurrect us on the last day. Amen.

# Liturgical Life

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

*“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

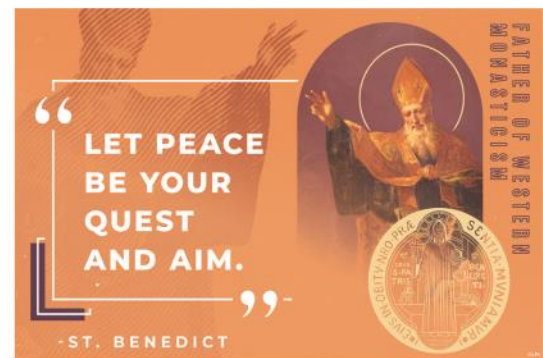
### Question:

I’ve heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

### Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God’s image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.



## Third Sunday of Easter

### Reading 1 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

R. (7a) Lord, let your face shine on us., O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. R. Lord, let your face shine on us. or: R. Alleluia.

### Reading 2 1 Jn 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.


### Alleluia Cf. Lk 24:32

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.** Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



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**Annual Catholic Appeal**  
"Give and it will be given to you." — Luke 6:38

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seattle**  
**ACA Goal for 2024: \$43,706**

The Annual Catholic Appeal funds ministries and services for your local Catholic community – including your neighbors and your parish. Your donation supports outreach ministries, education, faith formation, administration services for parishes and much more.

Your ACA donation also funds shared services directly supporting your parish, including human resources, parish finance, liturgy guidance, communications and more.

**REQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS:**

\* What is the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)?

The ACA is an annual campaign of the Archdiocese of Seattle that runs from April to April each year. This campaign supports the programs and ministries serving our brothers and sisters throughout Western Washington, from Vancouver to Blaine, Forks to Snoqualmie. It also funds Archdiocesan services and programs that directly support our 170 parishes and missions so they can carry out their mission in their local community.

\* How does the ACA support my parish?

The Annual Catholic Appeal benefits parishes in several ways. First, parishes are direct recipients of the ministries and services supported by the ACA. For example, the ACA funds all human resources support for parishes as well as leadership training and guidance for liturgical ministers, youth ministers, pastoral coordinators and even your pastor. Other departments that provide direct parish support include Financial Services, Communications, Building and Construction, and Stewardship and Development!

Additionally, parishes that collect more than their target goal receive that overage as a rebate toward a parish project. Parishes have used their rebates for a variety of projects including new playground equipment, a kitchen remodel, organ pipe restoration and more.

\* How much should I give?

God graces each one of us with gifts, talents and abilities that we share responsibly and gratefully with others. We each have the opportunity to prayerfully discern the gift we will share as we come together with our brothers and sisters to support the mission of the Church through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Last year's average donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal was \$503. Please consider a contribution of 1% or more of your annual income to support this annual campaign.



**PARTNERS  
IN THE GOSPEL**

Planning for the future

Partners in the Gospel is a strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church.

**Final parish families announced**

After more than a year of careful planning and consultation, the final parish families for the Archdiocese of Seattle were announced February 3, 2024. The parish families will go into effect on July 1st under the leadership of a pastor and one or more parochial vicars.

**OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS**

The Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, having carefully assessed the needs of the People of God in the Archdiocese of Seattle and after careful consultation with the Christian Faithful and the Priest Personnel Board, makes the following pastoral appointments in accord with the 1983 Code of Canon Law effective July 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted. Additional appointments will be forthcoming.



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**Family #21** Our Lady of Lourdes (Seattle), St. Bernadette (Seattle), St. Francis of Assisi (Burien).



**Rev. Khanh D. Nguyen**, appointed Pastor for parish family 21.



**Rev. Dwight P. Lewis**, appointed Parochial Vicar for parish family 21.



**Rev. Paul Thanh Duc Vu, S.D.D.**, appointed Parochial Vicar for parish family 21.



**Rev. John J. Ludvik**, in residence at parish family 21, senior priest.



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