

# 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

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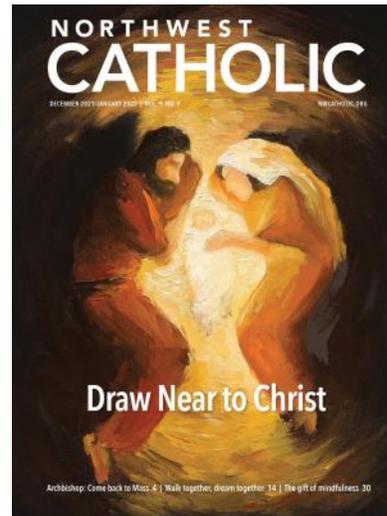
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JAN. 15-16)

Donation	\$5,256.00
Donation Online	\$1,650.00
Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$6,946.00</b>



#### Upcoming Special Collection:

**Northwest Catholic Collection—January 29th & 30th, 2022**

The **NORTHWEST CATHOLIC** Collection will be taken up next week at all Masses. Through **NORTHWEST CATHOLIC** magazine, **NWCatholic.org** and social media, the

Church is able to enter every home with a message of hope that the world so desperately needs, especially in this time of social separation. For this reason, **NORTHWEST CATHOLIC** is sent free of charge to every registered Catholic household in Western Washington. Your donation is a great way to share the gift of faith with others. Thank you for your past and continued support of this annual collection.

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

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## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C

### Homily by Father Peter Doan

Every single Inaugural Address from George Washington's to Joseph Biden's has been preserved. In these speeches, presidents have laid out for the country their dreams, goals, and aspirations.

Here is a part of the speech given by our first president, George Washington (April 30, 1789). He said, "It would be improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being Who rules over the universe, Who presides in the councils of nations, and Whose providential aids can supply every human defect."

Franklin Roosevelt said on March 4, 1933, "This is preeminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly."

President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address (January 20, 1961), "... And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

Ronald Reagan's American Song theme in 1985: "hopeful, big-hearted, idealistic – daring, decent and fair. That's our heritage, that's our song... we raise our voices to the God who is the author of this most tender music."

No doubt you were able to identify several of the presidents by the historical references or by the famous lines, and while all of these Inaugural Addresses are important, some are moving, inspiring and worthy of remembrance. Today in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, we have listened to an "inaugural address" delivered not to a Nation but to a synagogue congregation; not in an American city but in a small town, Nazareth, in Galilee; and not by a man elected by the power of the people but by God, anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit; Jesus outlines his mission, vision and dreams in this famous reflection and teaching. He said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Are you poor in spirit so that you need to hear God's good news?

Are you oppressed and blind spiritually?

Do you need God's grace and favor?

If you say "yes" to anyone of these questions, Jesus' inaugural address is meant to be for you.

Indeed, we are all poor in spirit so that we all need to hear God's good news. We all have sinned against God; we don't see God in our neighbors and we have sinned against them as well. We need God's forgiveness to set us free from the powers of darkness and to open our eyes to be able to see God in everyone. Christ has come to free us from the blindness and oppression of sin, which is slavery imposed on us by the devil.

The fathers of the Church see this address as a reference to the three persons of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit (the Holy Spirit) of the Lord (the Father) is upon me (the Son). The Holy Spirit dwelt in Christ's soul from the very moment of the Incarnation and descended visibly upon him in the form of a dove when he was baptized by John. And this address also describes the reason why God has sent his Son into the world – to redeem men from sin, to liberate them from slavery to the devil and from eternal death. It is true that in the course of his public ministry, Christ, in his mercy, worked many cures, cast out devils, etc.

The inaugural address of Jesus is different from John the Baptist. John said: "I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire" (Mt 3:11-12). John was the preacher of doom and those who heard his message must have shuddered with terror. However, it was a gospel – good news – which Jesus brought to us. Jesus, too, knew the wrath of God but it was always the wrath of love, of forgiveness.

We are now Christ's body and, individually, we comprise the parts that make the whole. The different parts have different roles and functions, as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading. There is not to be division between the parts, for we are one body. We must recognize that together we form the body of Christ. We are the feet, hands and eyes of Christ present in our world today: bringing God to others because God has come into our lives.

We should not underestimate a congregation's appreciation of the lector who thoroughly prepares his or her reading for Mass. Can you imagine Jesus reading aloud in the Synagogue from the Prophet Isaiah—and then telling the people that this Scripture passage is fulfilled in their hearing. Surely the people must have been touched by his delivery and his message!

We can see from these scriptural passages that readers and proclaimers of the word are integral to the Body of Christ's Church. In whichever capacity we encounter the Word, as an ear, or a mouth, or hands, or feet, let the Word live in us and move us and others toward salvation.

# SPIRIT



*The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me...*

LUKE 4:18

*El espíritu del Señor  
está sobre mí, porque  
me ha ungido...*

LUCAS 4, 18

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I cannot do all the good  
that the world needs.  
But the world needs  
all the good that I can do.

JANA STANFIELD

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.