

# 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

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
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Please Call for Appointment

**PARISH OFFICE 206-735-7598**

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.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH)

Donation	\$4,494.00
Donation Online	\$1,225.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,724.00

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 GOAL \$36,577  
As of 9.28.23, Gifts Received \$50,377



## Annual Catholic Appeal

"Give and it will be given to you." — Luke 6:38

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT  
toward Annual Catholic Appeal of 2023.**



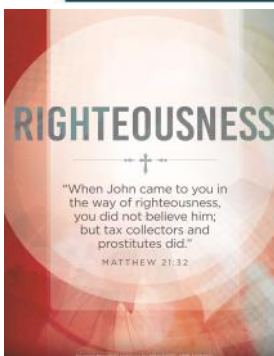
**PARTNERS  
IN THE GOSPEL**

If we were unable to attend a Parish input session, please visit: [archseattle.org/partners](http://archseattle.org/partners) to provide and submit your concerns, challenges, hopes and recommendations about our proposed family grouping online.

**Last day to submit your feedback is  
Saturday, October 14th!**

### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God invites each of us to work in His vineyard, but it's our choice whether we "clock in" or stay home. Let's never fail to show up. It's the most important job we will ever have.



First Friday Healing Mass

**October 6, 2023**

8 AM Adoration, 8:30 AM Rosary, 8:50 AM Litany of the Sacred Heart, 9 AM Anointing of the Sick Mass

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

St. Thomas Parish - 4415 S 140th ST, Tukwila, WA 98168

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

### Real Faith Requires Real Action

It is common in today's world to find Catholics who openly disagree with core Catholic teaching. We all know people who say that they are Catholic, but who don't come to Mass on Sunday - they only come on Christmas and Easter, if they come at all.

We all have heard or read about politicians who say that they are ardent and practicing Catholics, but who publicly support laws that go directly against some of the most basic tenets of morality as taught by the Catholic Church.

And if we are honest with ourselves, we even recognize in our own lives this same tendency.

- We call ourselves practicing Catholics,
  - and yet we spend more time working on our favorite hobbies than on our prayer life,
  - and we spend more time becoming an expert in our profession than in our faith,
- and we tolerate in our own lives hidden habits of selfishness and sin while we criticize other people for their more visible faults.

If we think about it a little bit, we see very clearly that this contradiction between what we believe and how we live is not a good thing.

- It is like the second son in today's parable.
  - He impressed his dad with fancy words and a good show of healthy obedience,
- but underneath the surface he was still living for his own self-centered gratification, not for the greater good of his mission in the Father's kingdom.

When we fall into that contradiction,

- it is no wonder that we don't grow in our experience of Christ's love and grace,
- and it is no wonder that we don't grow in wisdom, interior peace, and the deep Christian joy that we thirst for.
- Faith, if it's real, makes a real impact on our lives.

When it doesn't, our spiritual growth is stunted.

### Undoing Discouragement

This honest look at our tendency to be hypocritical, like the second son in today's parable, can make us feel discouraged.

But discouragement never comes from God.

- He is all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing, and all-merciful.
- And since he is on our side - as the crucifix proves to us - everything is possible for us, nothing is out of our reach.
- Discouragement is a temptation.
- It is a feeling that comes when we recognize how weak we are, and how little we can really do when we rely on our own strength.
- And the devil wants us to give into that feeling - as if we really did have to rely on our own strength.

But we don't.

The whole point of today's beautiful readings is that what we cannot do with our own strength, we can do by turning to Christ.

- That's what the prostitutes and the tax collectors discovered, and so they were able to repent and change the direction of their lives.
- That's what the first son in the parable discovered - he repented from his selfishness and found strength to fulfill his duties.
- That's what the First Reading teaches us so clearly: if we turn away from our sins and turn towards Christ, we shall surely live!

That's even what today's Psalm tells us: God is our Savior, he overflows with mercy and "shows sinners the way."



# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Vineyard

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does the *work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

*"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

### Answer:

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person who is sick or dying may only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.