



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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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 (NOVEMBER 5TH – 6TH)

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| Donation | \$5,551.00 |
| Donation Online | \$2,372.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$5.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$0 |
| Total Donation | \$7,928.00 |

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL \$24,876

GIFTS RECEIVED \$42,772.50 as of 11.01.22

 **Annual Catholic Appeal**

**TOGETHER WE CAN
be Christ to Others**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SEATTLE, WA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021, TO JUNE 30, 2022

| Revenues/Income | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Ordinary Offertory Collections | \$ 332,784.82 |
| Interest & Other Income | \$ 200,384.93 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 533,169.75 |

| Expenses | |
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| Salaries & Benefits | \$ 106,041.47 |
| Parish Supplies | \$ 32,471.63 |
| Programs & Education Expenses | \$ 37,952.61 |
| Operations & Maintenance | \$ 43,171.01 |
| Contracted Services | \$ 50,478.49 |
| Business Expenses | \$ 18,657.67 |
| Utilities | \$ 32,460.70 |
| General, Admin & Other Expenses | \$ 4,309.20 |
| Parish Assessments | \$ 42,338.85 |
| Depreciation | \$ 31,730.91 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 399,612.54 |
| | \$ 133,557.21 |
| Excess Operations Revenue Over Expense | |

33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - C
Homily by Father Joseph Vu



Why God Lets Us Suffer

The conversation occurs during the last week of Jesus' earthly life.

He and his followers had gone to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover.

- Each day between that first Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday, Jesus went with his Twelve Apostles to the Temple, to teach and preach, trying to convince the leaders and the people that he was the Messiah.
- At the end of the day, Jesus and his disciples would walk back to the town of Bethany, just east of Jerusalem, where they were staying.
- On this occasion, they stopped and sat down to rest on the Mount of Olives, looking down upon mighty Jerusalem, with its magnificent marble Temple and stone palaces glittering in the afternoon sun.

Jesus then told his disciples about the future.

- He describes the coming destruction of this ancient city, and of the Temple - a destruction which in 70 AD, just forty years later, occurred just as he described.
- But the destruction of Jerusalem, the symbolic end of the Old Covenant, was also a foreshadowing of the end of history itself, when this fallen world will be destroyed and replaced by a fully redeemed world.
- That is Judgment Day, the second coming of Christ.

Between Christ's conversation with his disciples and the destruction of Jerusalem, the Twelve Apostles experienced persecution, hardship and martyrdom - just as Jesus predicted.

Between the time of the Apostles and Judgment Day, his Church will experience the same thing.

And so, what Jesus tells them is meant for us too: tough times are part of his plan, because they will "lead us to give our testimony."

In other words, our Christian response to the hardships of life in this fallen world will serve as advertisements for Christ and bring others to salvation.

Speaking Well of Others

Jesus is reminding us today that amid life's difficulties and storms, we have a mission.

Our mission is to "give testimony," to spread the Good News of Christ's Kingdom, to help other people find and grow in Christ's friendship.

We can carry out that mission in many ways.

One concrete way is by speaking well of others.

- Jesus taught us that his true followers should love their neighbor as themselves.
- There is nothing more painful to us than when other people speak badly about us behind our backs.
- Even when the criticism is true, it hurts. Because we know that although we have faults, we also have good points, and even our faults we are trying to overcome.
- So when other people focus on the bad, or, even worse, exaggerate or lie in order to make us look bad, the wound goes deep.

But even so, almost every day we are tempted to do the same thing to others.

- Criticizing others behind their back, whether with true criticisms (detraction) or lies (calumny), gives us a sense of power: when we put someone else down, we feel lifted up.
- But that kind of power is not Christian, it's diabolical. And in the end, it poisons both other people's minds, and also our own hearts.

But when we focus our attention on other people's good points, and speak well of them, we become true ambassadors of Christ, whose mercy and goodness was strong enough to unite what the devil had divided.

In a few minutes, when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, let's promise that this week we will use all of life's situations, the pleasant and the painful, as chances to "give testimony" and win others into his friendship.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

But for you who fear my name, there will arise
the sun of justice with its healing rays.
(Mal 3:20)



PSALM

The Lord comes to rule the earth with
justice. (Ps 98)



SECOND READING

We instructed you that if anyone was
unwilling to work,
neither should that one eat. (2 Thes 3:10)



GOSPEL

"You will be hated by all because of my
name,
but not a hair on your head will be
destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure
your lives." (Lk 12:17-19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour.