

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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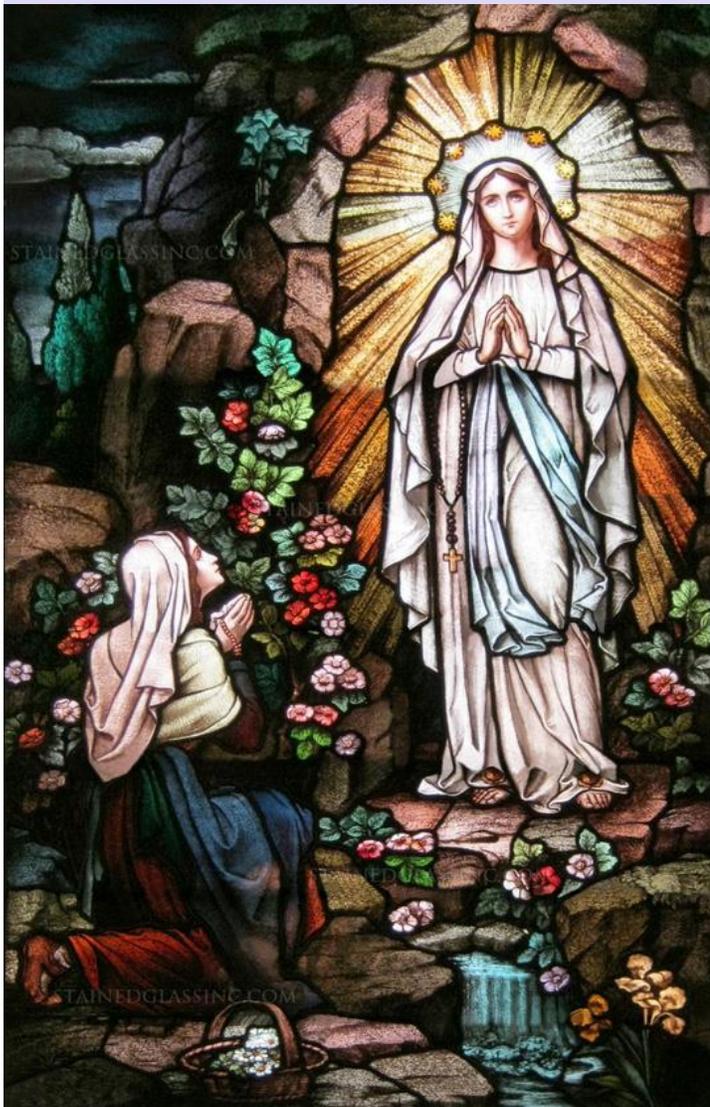
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WELCOME!

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)

~ SPECIAL MASSES ~

Christmas Eve 12/24 - 5:00 pm Bilingual | 8:00 pm Vietnamese

Christmas Day 12/25 - 8:30 am English | 10:30 am Vietnamese

New Year's Eve 12/31 - 7:00 pm Vietnamese

New Year's Day 1/1 - 8:30 am English | 10:30 am Vietnamese

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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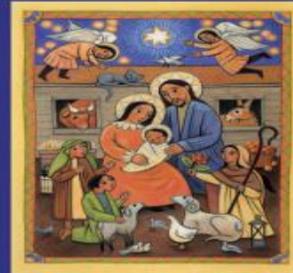
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Donation	\$4,309.00
Donation Online	\$2,225.00
Maintenance Fund	\$105.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,639.00



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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED Catholic Community Services of Western Washington: CCS Appeal for the Poor

COLLECTED \$3,202

Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services (CCS/CHS) are our Catholic Charities in Western Washington. Through more than 170 programs, CCS/CHS serves over 100,000 poor and vulnerable men, women, and children in Western Washington each year. This collection is used to support programs and services in your local area, and 92 cents of every dollar goes directly to serving those in need.



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3rd Sunday of Advent - C

Homily by Father Peter Doan

The third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete Sunday.” “Gaudete” means “Rejoice!” This is the theme expressed by St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians: “Rejoice in the Lord always! I shall say it again: rejoice!” This is a command. The word that’s puzzling me here is always. We many times rejoice over an accomplishment, a victory or things brought us happiness. But here St. Paul commands us rejoice always. How could you possibly rejoice when you are unhealthy, unwealthy, when you just got a terrible news from your doctor, when you just lose your job or when you are spiritually down? It is true that the emotional state cannot be commanded. They depend on the factors out of our control. But this is not what our spiritual master, St. Paul, is talking about. We must remember this St. Paul wrote this Letter to the Philippians while he was in a dark Roman prison and without any certainty that he can still come out alive.

Definitely, there was nothing to rejoice about in that situation. But joy is a virtue and a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not dependent on any external condition. Rather, it all depends on one’s intimate relationship with God. Rightly, then, that St. Paul said: “Rejoice in the Lord always. Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near” (4:4-5).

A person who knows the Lord is with him at all times, that the Lord is near, always has the reason to rejoice, that is, to be filled with joy. And that spirit leads him to be more kind and understanding towards others. We see Christmas decorations all around. We hear Christmas songs and carols in the air. We go to Christmas parties and gatherings here and there. But are we really rejoicing? Are we filled with joy? Far from making us happy, the busy season leaves most of us physically tired and financially drained. We often hear people complaining about the economic crisis. Many are jobless, homeless and still many others are sick. The variants of Covid 19 are multiply and spreading everywhere. The recent series of calamities and tragedies have left many families and communities devastated. There is so much bad news every day. What is there to rejoice about?

God is not anymore present in our Christmas celebration. The greeting “Merry Christmas” is replaced with “Happy Holidays!” The image of the Holy Family in Bethlehem is stolen and replaced by Christmas Tree. Jesus Christ is totally overshadowed by Santa Claus. Many people don’t even bother to go to Mass on these days. So, when Christ is taken away from Christmas, when God is absent from our gatherings and celebrations, what is there left to rejoice about?

Five years ago, a friend of mine was diagnosed stage IV lung cancer. He was a priest and only 41 years old. We all were devastated hearing this news. However, he did not show us a sign that he was really very sick. He ate, played, worked and prayed as usual. Especially, he never missed any liturgy of the hours in his religious community. Moreover, his sense of humor brought us a lot of laugh and joy. We thought he was miraculously cured. One day during the morning prayer, he was collapsing and passed away a few minutes later.

Through this story, I think rejoicing in the Lord is not just a matter of thanking and praising God. Rather, it means two things. First, it is an attitude of trust in the midst of life’s difficulties and troubles. Worries and anxieties have no part in the life of a Christian. Instead, St. Paul said: “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God” (Phil 4:6).

Secondly, rejoicing should manifest itself in acts of kindness. Again, St. Paul said: “Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.” St. John the Baptist, therefore, calls us to action. When asked by his listeners what they ought to do, John the Baptist mentioned examples of acts of kindness: giving clothes to those who have none, avoiding extortion and cheating and being of better service to others.

Christmas is always the busiest season of the year. While others are stressed and anxious about so many things, we are reminded to focus our attention on Jesus, the center of this joyous season, the cause of our rejoicing. There is no reason for worries and anxieties. Whatever problems and difficulties we may encounter, we take them all up to the Lord in prayer. Let’s turn worries into prayers.

“Rejoice in the Lord always! I shall say it again: rejoice!”



Third week of Advent: Rejoice in the Lord

“Rejoice in the Lord always,” St. Paul exhorts us on this rose-colored Gaudete Sunday. He continues with words of deep consolation: “The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

As we prepare for the great (and rapidly approaching) feast of the Lord’s Nativity, we ask God to enable us “to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing”.

Amid the celebration, the ever-bracing John the Baptist reminds us, in this Sunday’s Gospel, to remember the poor: “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” If you are looking for ways to help those in need,” consider donating to [Catholic Community Services of Western Washington](#).

