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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)

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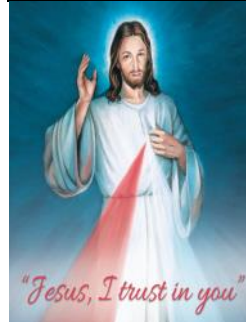
1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

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 - MARCH 30 & 31, 2024

Donation	\$6,569.00
Donation Online	\$1,122.00
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$7,721.00



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT
toward
Catholic Relief Services.
3/30-3/31/24 2nd Collection:
\$6,064.**

Divine Mercy Sunday



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 the Masses of the first and second weekends of the month of April, 4/6/24-4/7/24 and 4/13/24-4/14/24, Eucharist Youth Leaders and Parish Council Leadership Team 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.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes visiting: Sunday 4/7/24 5-6PM
 Evergreen Funeral Home 4504 Broadway, Everett
Mass of Christian Burial: Monday 4/8/24 10AM
 Saint Mary Magdalen Church 8517 7th Ave SE, Everett



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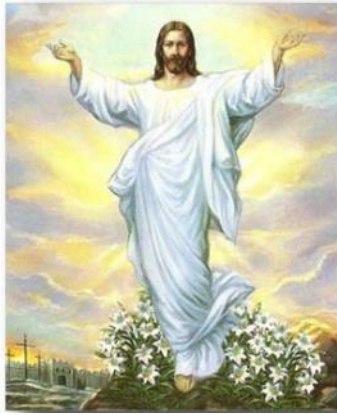
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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.



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
HOMILY BY FATHER PAUL THANH VU
Blessings of the resurrected Lord (John 20: 19-31)

“If I do not see the mark of the nails in His hands, unless I put my finger into the hole of the nails, unless I put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” That was Thomas' statement before the other apostles' announcements of the Good News of the Resurrection. And even that is the challenge of atheists, those who rely on science: everything must be weighed, touched, measured, counted, verified through the senses. But we don't need to believe what we have seen. Because that's natural. In life there are many things we believe without seeing. We don't see wind, electricity, love... But we believe that there is wind, electricity, and love.

How we believe is how we live. If people do not believe in the resurrected Jesus, do not believe in the resurrection, they will only know how to live according to the values in this life. And death is the end of our life. Because they only believe in the present life, people will find ways to have a lot of money, have positions of power, and have a happy and enjoyable life, even if they have to use deceitful or cruel tricks. At that time, people only think about themselves, and no longer think about the benefits, honor, and dignity of others. Today, through news on social media, we know that many people for profit are willing to manufacture fake or poor quality products. For example, using chemicals to preserve fruits and vegetables and food for a long time, but is very toxic.

Today's readings show the importance of belief in the resurrection of Jesus. If we believe in the Lord's resurrection, we will live according to the values He taught. In the first reading, faith in the resurrected Lord helped the early believers unite and love each other. They gave up everything and shared it with each other so that no one would lack anything. Communism also dreams of this ideal: everything is common, everyone is equal, regardless of class, creating an earthly Paradise. But over many centuries, they have failed miserably, because people are greedy, have the habit of looting, taking common property as their own, taking bribes... For them, death is the end. So they think: why do we have to sacrifice and suffer for what?

Faith in the resurrection also helps us overcome the suffering and challenges of life, giving us hope in what God promises. Believing in the resurrection also helps us not to be too attached to material possessions, but to know how to live a good and holy life to have a peaceful life, to create merit, and to achieve eternal happiness after. The feelings of joy, sadness, happiness, and suffering of life always give us a feeling of fear and loss of peace. Like the apostles who were saddened by the Lord's death. God knew that, so God appeared to them, strengthening their faith in the resurrected Lord. As a result, they were happy and found peace in their hearts.

Today is also the day to remember God's Mercy. If love is God's nature, then mercy is God's way of expressing love, a sign of His steadfast love. Mercy looks at sinners, does not hold grudges, does not take revenge with anger or punishment, but feels sorry for them because they have gone astray, feels sorry for them because they are going to the pit of destruction. Forgiving love is the greatest sign of God's mercy. God did not just die to pay for our sins, but also forgives all the sins we commit, just like God forgave Peter, the adulterous woman, the good thief on the cross... Diligently approaching the sacrament of Reconciliation means to express our gratitude and our respect to God's mercy that God loves best. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

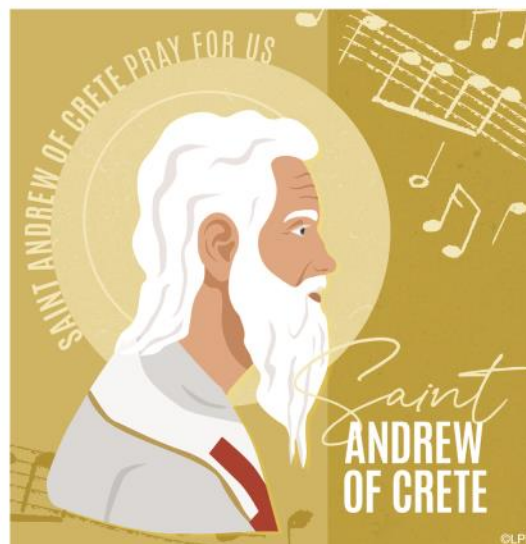
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ — even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side. We just have to call his name.

Observances for the week April 7, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Andrew of Crete was born in Damascus and was mute until he received his First Communion at age 7. He went on to be an influential archbishop and hymnist in Crete. His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is chanted during Lent in Eastern Orthodox churches.

Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Dear Jesus,
As you greeted your disciples after you rose, fill us, too, with your peace.
As you breathed your spirit on them, breathe on us, too.
As your presence was known to Thomas, make it known to us, too.
Help us to live in your peace, power, and presence.
Amen.

Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

Reading 1 Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. (1) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reading 2 1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Alleluia Jn 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia. You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



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Annual Catholic Appeal

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

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. Pastors and parochial vicars will be announced this spring.

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St. Francis of Assisi (Burien), St. Bernadette (Seattle), Our Lady of Lourdes (Seattle)

What people are saying

We heard these expressions of hope from all around the Archdiocese of Seattle last year throughout the input and consultation process.

"As a church we could do great things if we could become one and work together."

-School Principals consultation

"I hope that we can come together with a new purpose and a soft heart towards one another."

-Parish consultation

"I'm hopeful that Partners in the Gospel will give us an opportunity to reset and renew. From a church perspective, and from a faith perspective, that has been needed for a long time."

-Chancery consultation

"I am excited. It takes change to make growth. It takes Jesus to make change."

-Parish consultation

Letter from Archbishop Etienne

Letter will be read after

Saturday Mass 5:00pm 4/6/2024,

Sunday Mass 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30am

And will be posted on Bulletin Board and Church's website at ducemeloducseattle.org after 7pm on Sunday 4/7/2024



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