

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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Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 20 & 21, 2024

Donation	\$4,097.00
Donation Online	\$1,137.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,239.00



**2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal
\$43,706**

One mission, one family – together in Christ is the theme of this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal, and this weekend kicks off the 2024 campaign! The Annual Catholic Appeal funds ministries and services for your local Catholic community across Western Washington. This combined effort of parishes and the Archdiocese of Seattle ensures the availability of outreach ministries, education, faith formation, administrative services for parishes and much more! Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in helping our parish be a light to others.



NO HEALING MASS ON FRIDAY, MAY 5th at St. Thomas Parish.
Next Mass June 3, 2024
St. Thomas Parish - 4415 S 140th St, Tukwila, WA 98168



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

St. Thomas Social Hall
4415 S 140th St, Tukwila, WA 98168

Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 AM

**Children 5 and under \$2.00,
All Others \$8.00**



St. Thomas Council 11253
Tukwila, Washington



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOMILY BY FATHER PAUL THANH VU
Abide In Me – John 15: 1-8

I wonder if you heard or read today's Gospel before, paying attention to What one of the main verbs is? The word "abide". The word abide was repeated by Jesus up to 7 times. Jesus invites us to abide in grace, in His love. In theology, people call that abide an intimate union with God. And that is also the purpose for which God created us humans. It is so that we can abide in God, be united with God, be one with God, and share God's life and glory. Staying with God is so important and necessary that Jesus affirmed: Without me you can do nothing. As long as God takes away our breath, we will immediately die.

That intimate union was described by Jesus as like a vine and branches. The branch that is attached to the tree will live and bear fruit, and the branch that is not attached to the tree will not bear fruit and will die. The parable of the merciful father or the prodigal son helps us better understand today's parable. The younger son did not want to stay in the house with his father and his brother. He wanted to have a free and comfortable life, do whatever he wanted, so he asked his father to divide the inheritance with him and then he left. In just a short time, after squandering all the money his father gave him, he fell into poverty and hunger, so much so that he had to ask to work as a swineherd. He was so hungry that even if he wanted to eat pig bran, people wouldn't let him. It's humiliating, it's heartbreaking. The result of a life lived far away from a father's love is something like that. That second son is an image for each of us. If we want to live freely and do not want to depend on God, our life will be miserable.

Staying with God is like the parable of the man searching for a precious pearl. When he found it, he sold everything he had to buy that precious pearl. He is willing to risk everything to achieve his goal, that goal is the precious pearl. That precious gem is God, that purpose is to stay in God's grace and love, to be closely united with God, to be one with God. There is no moment when we are more closely united with God than when we receive Jesus into our souls. When we receive Holy Communion, God abides in us and we abide in God. And God promises: When you abide in me, ask whatever you want, and it will be given to you. There was a priest who was tempted with a girl and wanted to give up his priestly vocation. Before deciding to leave, he went to celebrate Mass for the students at the Catholic school he was in charge of. He asked the kids to pray for him. Strangely enough, after that mass, he gave up his intention of withdrawing, and stayed to be a good priest.

One more detail in today's vine parable is pruning to bear more fruits. When we hear about pruning, we immediately think of pain, suffering, sweat, tears, and sacrifices. God is the vine-dresser, He knows which branch is wormy and weak, He will cut it off, so that other branches have more vitality to bear more fruits. God's commandments are the pruning of our greed, anger, ignorance, our unjust desires, so that we can remain in God's grace and love and bear many fruits. Today, let us sincerely consider our spiritual life, to review our relationship with God. Are we living in a close relationship with God? Or we have been worried about life, worldly desires that weaken or kill our spiritual life? Sincerely return to God if we are apart from God. Return to the relationship with God so that we can find peace, joy, and happiness in this life and next life. May God bless you all for a new week. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

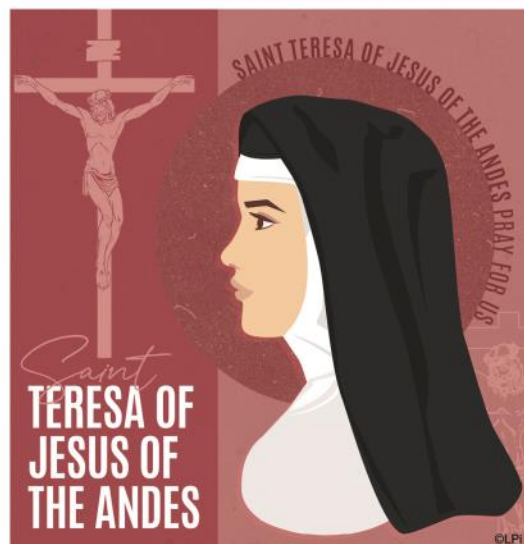
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes was a teenage Chilean Carmelite novitiate. Although she died of typhoid when she was 19, she proved that one's life doesn't have to be particularly long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of the love of Christ.

Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,
Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!
Amen.