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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)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

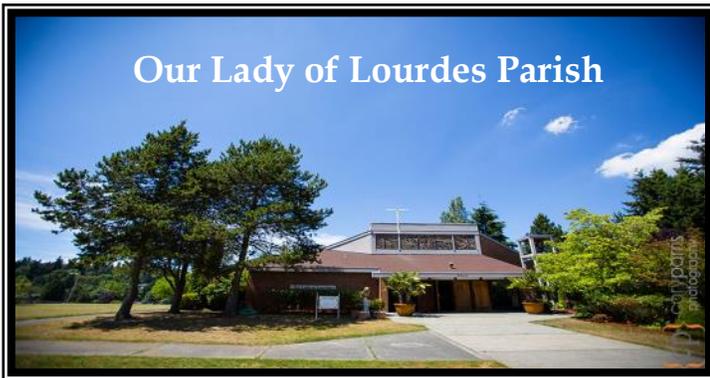
ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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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.

~ CELEBRATE THE JOY OF EASTER SEASON! ~
archseattle.org/easter

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$8,470.00
Donation Online	\$2,117.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$10,592.00

RICE BOWL COLLECTED (as of 5/09/21) \$6,646.94



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

2021 Appeal Goal: \$23,246

Received as of 5/06/21: \$4,240

PRAY A NOVENA TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT
 MAY 14-22
 For the renewal and
 spread of the faith



The Archbishop invites Catholics to pray a novena to the Holy Spirit leading up to Pentecost (May 14-22), for the intention of "the renewal and spread of the faith." The novena is a translation of the traditional Pentecost hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus*.

Come, Creator Spirit,
 visit the minds of those who are
 yours;
 fill with heavenly grace
 the hearts that you have made.

You who are named Paraclete,
 gift of God most high,
 living fountain, fire, love
 and anointing for the soul.

You are sevenfold in your gifts,
 you are finger of God's right
 hand,
 you, the Father's solemn promise
 putting words upon our lips.

Kindle a light in our senses,
 pour love into our hearts,
 infirmities of this body of ours
 overcoming with strength secure.

The enemy drive from us away,
 peace then give without delay;
 with you as guide to lead the way
 we avoid all cause of harm.

Grant we may know the Father
 through you,
 and come to know the Son as well,
 and may we always cling in faith to
 you,
 The Spirit of them both.

Amen.

Sunday Readings

7th Sunday of Easter –The Ascension

Acts 1: 1-11, 58; Ephesians 4: 1-13

Mark 16: 15-20



**So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to
 them, was taken up into Heaven, and
 took his seat at the right hand of God.**

Mark 16: 19

This World Is not Our Home

"The world" gets a bad rap in today's Gospel passage.

- Christ says that he and his followers do not belong to the world, because they have been "consecrated," or "set apart."
- He states that the world "hated" Christ and his followers, and continues to do so.
- And yet, earlier in John's Gospel he explained that "God so loved the world" that he gave his only Son to save it (John 3:16).

What's going on here? Is the world an enemy to be resisted, or a victim to be saved?

The answer is simple: it's both.

- On the one hand, the "world" refers to the created universe, which came forth from God's hand as something "very good" (Genesis 1:31).
- But on the other hand, the "world" also refers to the forces of human society that have been corrupted by sin.
- It refers to the tendency of many social and cultural norms to lure us away from Christ's meaningful but demanding friendship.
- In this sense, the world is one of a Christian's traditional enemies.
- It is the kingdom of the devil, as opposed to the Kingdom of God, the city of fallen humanity as opposed to the city of redeemed humanity.

As St Augustine described them,

- the city of fallen humanity is ruled by love for self to the point of rejecting God,
- but the city of redeemed humanity is ruled by love for God to the point of self-sacrifice,
- and in this life these two loves are always fighting it out in our hearts.

The lesson here is that we can never be completely at home in this fallen world, never completely happy or comfortable. We are pilgrims traversing a dangerous route to heaven, soldiers marching from battle to battle in defense of our King. It's when we forget that simple truth that we get into trouble.

Lightening Our Load of Sufferings

This is an especially important lesson to think about during the Easter season, which is now coming to an end.

If we keep this in mind, it can give us strength to endure the inevitable hardships and sufferings that come to us here on earth. And it can also give us the wisdom and strength to help others endure them.

This was how St Paul endured them - and he had to endure a lot of them.

- Not only was he martyred because he refused to compromise his faith in Jesus Christ.
- But long before his martyrdom, his faith caused him to suffer shipwreck, scourging, imprisonment, stoning, slander, rejection - and many of those things he had to undergo more than once.
- And still he persevered, growing in wisdom and holiness, and helping hundreds, if not thousands, of his fellow men and women to do the same.
- His secret was remembering that this world is not our final home.
- As he wrote in his Letter to the Romans:
- "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18).
- Being a follower of Jesus Christ is like being an athlete competing in a race: we push ourselves forward, faithfully fulfilling God's will, even when it's hard, because our eyes are on the finish line.
- Being a follower of Jesus Christ is like being a pioneer: we resist temptation and exhaustion as we make our way through the wilderness, because we know that the Promised Land lies ahead.

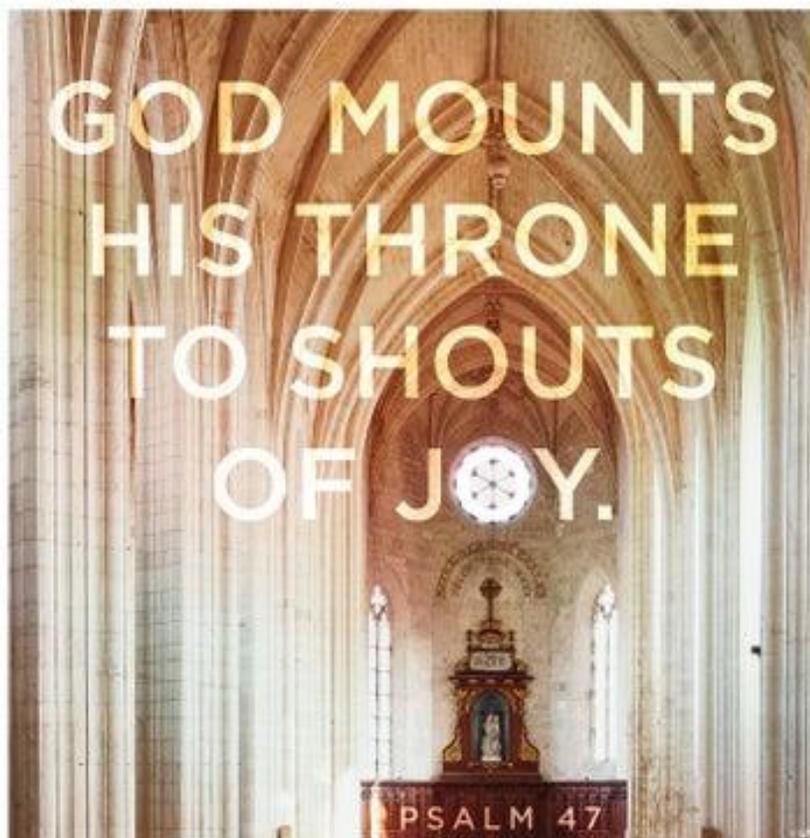
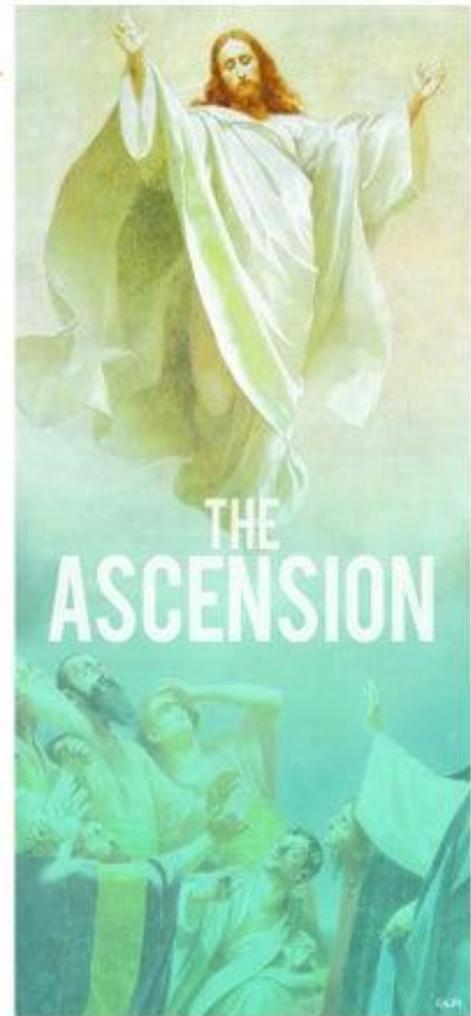
As we continue with this Mass, let's thank the Lord for revealing the bigger picture to us, and let's ask him to help us live this coming week with that bigger picture always in mind.

WEEKLY PRAYER

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The one who came from heaven now returns to heaven. Today celebrates the completion of the Divine-human story. When God became one like us, humanity was divinely kissed. The message was clear: mortal human beings, once seen as insignificant and expendable, radiated with the presence of God and revealed the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The poor were raised up and given dignity, the sick healed, and justice proclaimed. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all created beings and things and their Creator. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. While we are still moaning and expressing sighs of incompleteness as we continue our journey, we see and know the glory that awaits us and the inheritance that will one day satisfy the longing of our souls. This feast of the Ascension is truly a celebration that can bolster our faith, deepen our love and renew our hope.



*They went
forth and
preached
everywhere*

- MARK 16:20 -