

# 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)

### 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

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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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	\$4,037.00
Donation Online	\$1032.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,074.00

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

2021 Appeal Goal: \$23,246

Received as of 7/08/21: \$34,025

\*please note this total includes cash, pledges received & pledges still to be collected)

Actual Collected: \$31,620



We need YOUR HELP to carry out  
the mission of the Church  
Please support the Annual Catholic Appeal  
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PLEASE WELCOME  
FATHER PETER DOAN  
TO  
OUR LADY  
OF  
LOURDES PARISH!

#### Sunday Readings

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7: 12-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Mark 6: 7-13



He summoned the twelve and began  
to send them out two by two.

Mark 6: 7

# Trust and Perseverance: Key Characteristics for Every Christian

Every Christian shares in Christ's mission.

- When we were baptized, we became members of his body, that same body that reaches out to men and women in every age in order to lead them to God.
- That's the mission Jesus gave his apostles in today's Gospel: he sent them to reach out to others with Christ's good news of salvation.
- In fact, the very word "apostle" comes from the Greek word meaning: "to be sent." Every Christian shares in this "apostolate."
- Every Christian is sent out to bear witness to Christ, to bring his wisdom and his healing touch to those who are in need, spiritually and physically.
- Under the supervision of our bishops (the successors to these first Twelve Apostles), we are all called to spread the Kingdom, to be agents of evangelization.

Therefore, the missionary instructions that Christ gives to his first followers apply, in analogous ways, to all his followers, us included.

These instructions can be summed up in two words: trust and perseverance.

- Besides the clothes on their backs, the Apostles are only supposed to bring a walking stick and their sandals.
- Every need they have along the way will be met, but it will be met by God's providence, not by their own self-sufficiency: they are to trust in God to sustain their efforts.
- The walking stick and the sandals symbolize a determination to continue moving forward, to persevere in their efforts to fulfill God's will.
- They must not give up.
- Even when they face opposition, persecution, and a cold welcome (which they will - Christ leaves no room for doubt about that), they are not to be deterred; they are to persevere.

Trust and perseverance - two key qualities of the Christian missionary (and we are all Christian missionaries, in one way or another) whose relevance will never run out.

## Two Steps to Renewed Trust

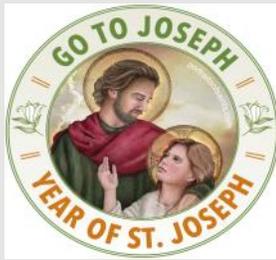
We have all failed to trust in God at times - that's when we have fallen into sin, given into our selfish tendencies, let our fears override our faith. Today Jesus is inviting us to renew that trust, to make a fresh start, and to reaffirm our commitment to follow him no matter what. If we accept this invitation, we will give him more room to work in us and through us, and we will experience his wisdom, joy, courage, and peace more deeply. There are two steps we need to take in order to do so. First, we have to humbly and sincerely ask God to forgive us for the times we haven't trusted him.

- Nothing hurts him more than when we trust the seductive voice of temptation more than the loving voice of the Lord.
- And he has made it so easy for us to ask his forgiveness: all we have to do is come to the sacrament of confession.
- God invented confession because he wants to be available to shower his mercy and grace on our needy souls any day, any time.
- One reason that the Holy Father declared the Year for Priests is because he wants to encourage the whole Church to rediscover this powerful and beautiful sacrament.

The second step to renewing our trust is choosing our friends well - a good Christian friend is like a shield against temptation.

- Friends are like elevators:
- they can either take us up towards a better and better friendship with Christ,
- or take us down towards a life built on self-indulgence, doubts, fears, and the slippery slope of sin.

In this Mass, Jesus will be renewing his commitment to us - a commitment that never weakens, no matter what. Let's thank him for that, and as we reaffirm our trust in him, let's ask him to give us the strength we need to follow him faithfully every day of our lives, no matter what.



December 8, 2020 –December 8, 2021  
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### A DAILY PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father and  
guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.



### Prayer to Our Lady of Seattle

**O** Holy Mary, we come before you as spiritual  
children in great need, seeking your  
intercession, and asking that your mantle of love  
surround us to console, protect, and lead us to your  
son Jesus.

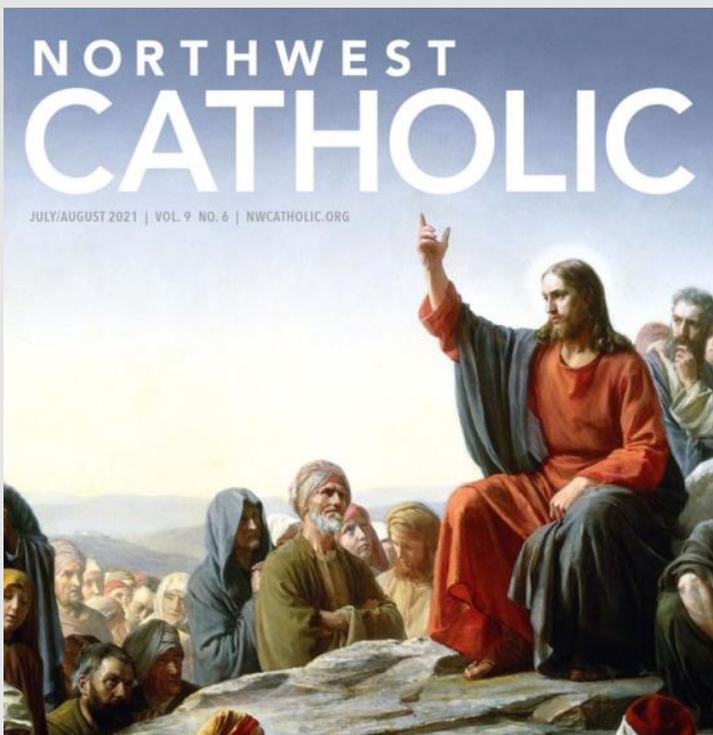
We entrust all of God's family, especially the church  
in Western Washington, into your immaculate hands.  
With your son Jesus' gentle power you can *undo any  
knot* in our church, and in the lives of believers who  
entrust themselves to your care.

Today I especially entrust to you *[mention request/  
Coronavirus here]*, and I ask that — through your  
intercession, and that of St. James, our guardian  
angels, and the faithful in our archdiocese — we may  
be free from every spiritual and temporal ill, and be  
safely led to encounter your son's merciful, sacred  
heart.

Our Lady of Seattle, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

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