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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.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$3232.00
Donation Online	\$1,012.00
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$4,264.00



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

2021 Appeal Goal: \$23,246

Received as of 7/22/21: \$35,195
*please note this total includes cash, pledges received & pledges still to be collected)
Actual Collected: \$32,960

Get to Know Saint John

Many of our Gospel lessons are from the Gospel of John. Here is some information about the young man who is credited with both the Gospel of John and Revelation.

John was the son of Zebedee and the brother of James the Greater. They received from Christ the title of "sons of thunder" (Mark, iii, 17). They were called by Christ from the circle of John's followers, together with Peter and Andrew, to become His disciples (John, i, 35-42). Peter, James, and John were the only witnesses of the raising of Jairus's daughter, of the Transfiguration, and of the Agony in Gethsemani. John alone remained near Jesus at the foot of the Cross on Calvary with the Mother of Jesus, and took her into his care as the last legacy of Christ. After Christ's Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Spirit, John took a prominent part in the founding and guidance of the Church. John lived in Asia Minor in the last decades of the first century and from Ephesus had guided the Churches of that province. According to Tertullian's testimony John was thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil at Rome without suffering injury. After Domitian's death the Apostle returned to Ephesus during the reign of Trajan, and at Ephesus he died about A.D. 100 at a great age. He constantly repeated these words of exhortation at the end of his life, "Little children, love one another."

St. John is commemorated on December 27. .

From catholic.com/encyclopedia/john

Sunday Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 4: 1-6
John 6: 1-15



**"There is a boy here who has five
barley loaves and two fish."**

John 6: 8

God Can Work Wonders from Our Poor Efforts

Five loaves and two fish cannot feed a crowd of five thousand men (plus at least as many women and children).

- It is impossible.
- Not even a year's salary (the equivalent of two hundred denarii) could buy enough for such a feast, as Philip nervously points out.
- And yet, when the Apostles hand over their paltry resources to the Lord, they become more than enough to do the job.

The same goes for every Christian, including ourselves.

The mission we have received,

- the mission of becoming saints,
- the mission of using our gifts and talents to help others lead fulfilled and fulfilling lives,
- the mission of being bright torches in this dark world, torches that guide searching souls towards the hope of heaven - this mission is beyond our natural capacities.

It's too much for us, which may be one reason we tend not to think about it too much.

- Whose natural talents and wisdom are sufficient to defeat the forces of evil that seem to hold the world in tow?
- Whose innate strength is sufficient to put an end to the selfishness, lust, and greed that rage within the human heart?
- How can the meager resources of a single parish or diocese suffice to do battle with media moguls, corrupt politicians, international banking cartels, and other agents of the culture of death?
- We only have five loaves and two fish; by ourselves we can do nothing.

Only if we put all we have and all we are into Christ's hands, confiding in him and not ourselves, can we hope to fulfill our life mission and make a real difference for the good of the Kingdom - in our hearts and in society at large.

What we could never achieve on our own, we can immeasurably surpass with God.

As Jesus himself put it, "For God, everything is possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Handing Over Time, Talent, and Talk

Jesus asked his apostles to hand over the little that they had, and he worked wonders with it.

- Could he perhaps be asking us to do the same?
- Which loaves and fish is God asking us to entrust to his care today, right now?
- What do we have so little of that we are afraid to give it to God?

Maybe it's time.

- Maybe God has been whispering to us for a while, asking us to spend some more time with him each day in prayer, in reading a good spiritual book, in reflecting on the Bible, in serving the parish, in building up our family.
- But we are so busy, we have so little time!
- God will work wonders with whatever little bit we give him.

Maybe it's talent.

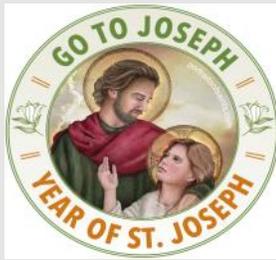
- Maybe God has put a desire in our heart to do something for him or for our neighbors, to start something new, to reach out to those in need, but we have been afraid of trying, because we are afraid of failing.
- God will multiply whatever little talent we have, if we put it sincerely and obediently into his hands.

Maybe it's talk.

- Maybe there is someone in our life that we need to speak a word of forgiveness to, or apologize to, or invite back to Mass, or encourage to walk away from some destructive, sinful habit.
- But how will we know the right thing to say?
- God will turn our poor words into seeds of grace, if only we place them in his hands.

As Jesus performs the miracle of the Eucharist in this Mass, let's renew our confidence in him, and hand over whatever loaves and fish he is asking for.

I'll guarantee one thing if you do: you won't regret it.



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.

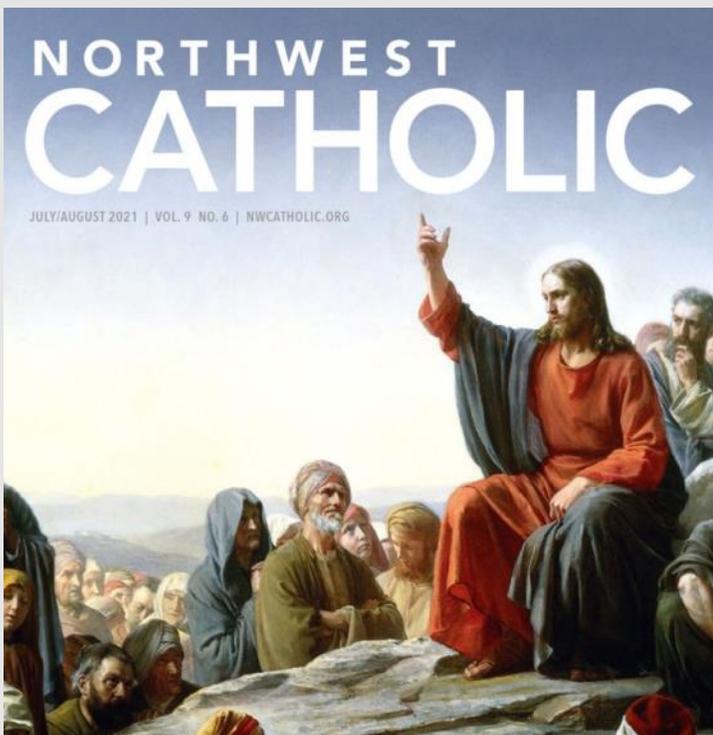
We entrust all of God's family, especially the church in Western Washington, into your immaculate hands. With your son Jesus' gentle power you can *undo any knot* in our church, and in the lives of believers who entrust themselves to your care.

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.

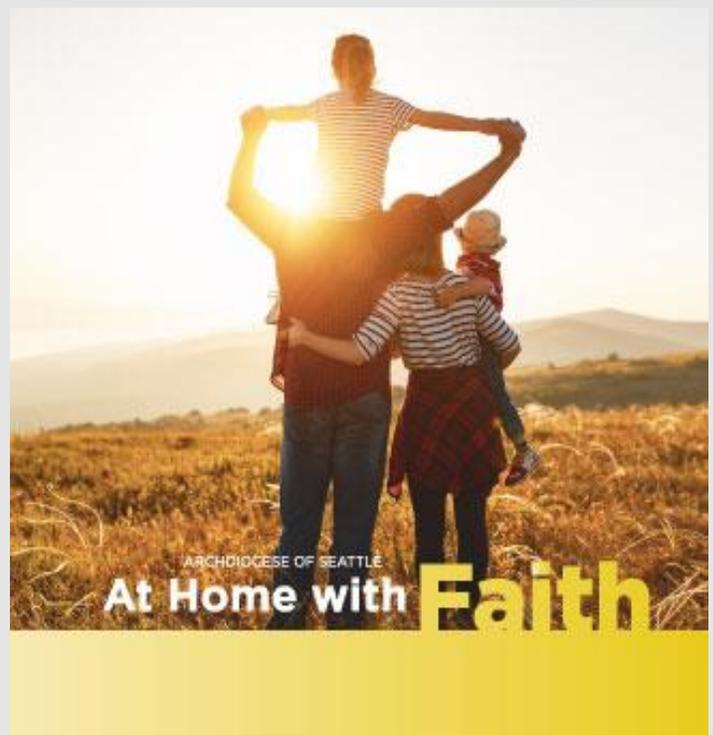
Our Lady of Seattle, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

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