

# 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

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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	\$3,782.00
Donation Online	\$1,282.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$5,069.00</b>



#### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

2021 Appeal Goal: \$23,246

Received as of 7/29/21: \$35,995  
\*please note this total includes cash, pledges received & pledges still to be collected)



Golf Week – Drive, Chip, Putt, Pray and Donate to support seminarian education

Golf at your favorite course enjoy an outing at a nearby course, the player with the lowest score donate to Seminarian Education. Enjoy mini-golf with the family or putt across the living room floor. Play, Pray and Donate to support Seminarian Education

All proceeds raised from Golf week are directed to the Seminarian Foundation Fund to offset the costs associated with study for the priesthood.

<https://golf-fore-seminarians.perfectgolfevent.com/>

### Sunday Readings

#### 18th Sunday in

Exodus 16: 2-15; Ephesians 4: 14-24

John 6: 24-35



**“This is the work of God, that you believe in the one He sent.”**

**John 6: 29**

**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - B**  
**Homily by Father Peter Doan**

The first reading is from the Book of Exodus and reflects the grumbling against Moses and Aaron, which is a way of grumbling against God. The people demanded something and God actually gave them something. But later on they grumbled against what God had given them, because it was not what they want. We are like that, also. We have so much but we want more. We have one thing, but we want another. We have things that others want, and others want the things that we have. Can we be content with what we have and still look for God? There is never anything that satisfies the people completely, neither the people in the Old Testament nor the people of our own time. It is always the same arguments: “We are in a bad situation and you, O God, do nothing! Is there really a God at all?” Probably not. Most likely it is just people wanting to believe in crazy things that deceived us into believing that there is a God. We are better off with the goods of this world, rather than wanting something that isn’t even for sure.

The Gospel today is from the Gospel of Saint John. People are looking for Jesus. People want to follow Jesus. What they really want is not so much what Jesus is saying, but what Jesus can give them in this life. Jesus reminds them that although He can give them bread in this life, what they really should want is life eternal. The account ends here today but we know that eventually the people reject Jesus because they want miracles and food and power in this life—not the hard work of fulfilling the word of God, seeking the will of God and sacrificing themselves for the good of others. Their minds were still on the feeding of the crowd, and that turned their thoughts to the manna in the wilderness. They could hardly help connecting the two things. The manna had always been regarded as the bread of God (Exodus 16:15, Psalm 78:24); and they believe that when the Messiah came, he would again give the manna. The giving of the manna was held to be the supreme work in the life of Moses, and the Messiah was bound to surpass it. In other words, the Jews were challenging Jesus to produce bread from God in order to substantiate his claims. They did not regard the bread which had fed the 5,000 as bread from God.

Jesus answered them: “Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

Jesus’ answer was twofold. First, he reminded them that it was not Moses who had given them the manna; it was God. Second, he told them that the manna was not really the bread of God; it was only the symbol of the bread of God. The bread of God was he who came down from heaven and gave men and women not simply satisfaction from physical hunger but life. Jesus was claiming that the only real satisfaction was in him. The bread of life is ours for the taking. The only way to that new relationship is through Jesus. Without him, it would never have been possible; and apart from him, it is still impossible. No searching of the human mind or longing of the human heart can fully find God apart from Jesus.

What do I want? What do we want? Are we willing to be formed by Jesus through Holy Scriptures and sacraments, especially sacrament of Holy Eucharist? The offer of Christ is life in time and life in eternity. When we refuse his invitation, we separate ourselves from the source of life, and only through which we have redemption.



# FORMING DISCIPLES FOR LIFE & JUSTICE

OCTOBER 30, 2021  
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Please join us on October 30, 2021 for the Cornerstone Catholic Conference, a Life and Justice Initiative of the five bishops of WA State, sponsored by the WA State Catholic conference—WSSC.

Keynote Speakers:

Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ: A Case for the Inalienable Rights of the Pre-Born

Gloria Purvis: What do the Racial Justice and Pro-Life Movements Have in Common?

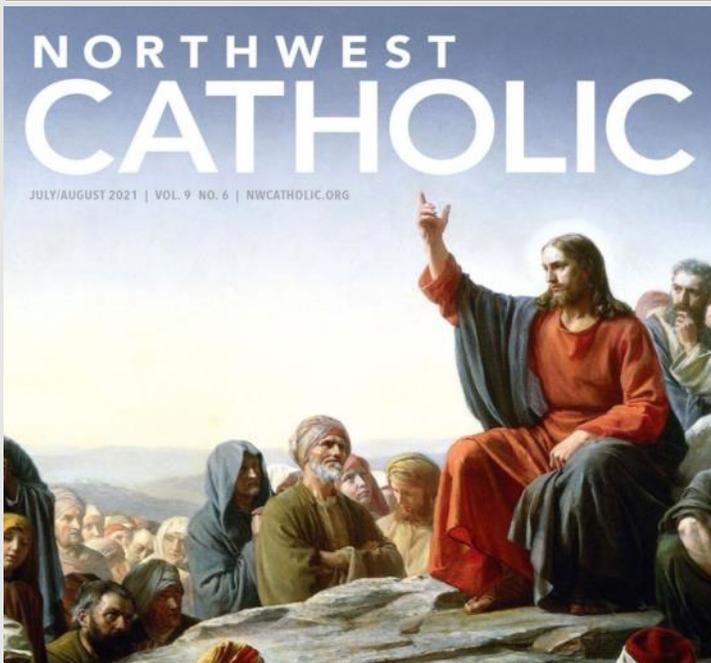
Fr. Augustino Torres: Maintaining Christian Joy in Times of Darkness (Workshop in English)

Brenda Noriega: Amarás al Prójimo como a ti mismo! "Y quién es mi prójimo?" (Presenting in Spanish)

There is no charge for this virtual conference, though donations are welcome. Register today.

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