FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 2018

MONDAY:

- NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.
- Catecismo, 6:30 p.m.
- Grupo de Evangelizacion, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

- NO LITTLE ROCK Scripture Study. The next class is February 13.
- ❖ Ultreya, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

❖ FAITH FORMATION CLASSES, 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:

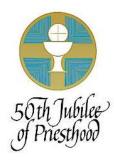
- ❖ Hora Santa, 6:00 p.m.
- RCIA/RICA 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

CLASE DE CONFIRMACIÓN, 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
- ❖ Vigil masses at 5:00 p.m. (en español) and 7:00 p.m. (English)



CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. ALVARO, ON HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION (JANUARY 14). Somehow it slipped by most of us without acknowledging it, other than an applause at Mass with our "weekly regulars". THIS IS NOT A WEEKLY REGULAR! I don't think we caught on that it was his 50TH! He (like Fr. Mario when he celebrated his 50th), shrugs it off as not a big deal – but it is! It is quite an achievement and many, many people have benefited from his years of serving God in His ministry. Fr. Alvaro, you have been inspiring, fruitful, and pleasing to Him. Thank you for answering his call, thank you for giving of yourself so unselfishly, and thank you for sharing your gifts with us! May God continue to bless

you. We should be celebrating, but since you are leaving Tuesday, just know we appreciate you so much.

John 15:16 - You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last...

Rachel's Vineyard If you are ready to begin healing from abortion, the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held April 27 – 29 at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. You must be registered by April 6 to attend. Call confidentially (509) 994-4355 or email healing@rvspokane.org See http://www.rvspokane.org/retreats.asp for more information.

Viñedo de Raquel Si ya está usted lista para empezar a sanar de un aborto, el siguiente Retiro del Viñedo de Raquel se llevará a cabo Abril 27 – 29 en el Centrp de Retiro Inmaculado Corazón en Spokane. Debe registrarse a más tardar Abril 6 para asistír. Llame confidencialmente al (509) 994-4355 ó al email healing@rvspokane.org Vea http://www.rvspokane.org/retreats.asp para más información.



CURSO DE PREPARACIÓN PARA EL MATRIMONIO, EL 23 DE FEBRERO Y EL 3 DE MARZO. SOLICITAR LAS INSCRIPCIONES AL P. MARIO O AL TELÉFONO DE LA PARROQUIA (787-2622).

MASSES FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, First Responders and Legal professionals: In order to recognize, thank and uplift the above important personnel in our communities & parishes, our Bishop, the Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson, D.D has scheduled three separate Masses, followed by a reception:

- † White Mass: For all doctors, medical professionals & those serving in the Health Profession on Tuesday evening, February 20th at 5:30PM in the Cathedral Chapel.
- † <u>Blue Mass</u>: For all first responders: Fire, Police, Emergency Vehicle responders on Tuesday evening, February 27th at 5:30PM in the Cathedral Chapel.
- † Red Mass: For all in the legal profession and government service on Tuesday March 6th at 5:30PM in the Cathedral Chapel.

The "colors" associated with each group are not reflections of vestment colors of the celebrant but of the usual colors of clothing of each profession, with the "red" for legal professionals referring to the academic hood for degrees in law. All are invited to attend.

CURSILLISTAS - - REKINDLE THE FIRE Let us rekindle the Cursillo canon "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring a Friend to Christ". The Yakima Diocese Cursillo Movement strives to renew its vibrant, evangelical culture to all within the Diocese. Let's make 2018 an exciting year for Cursillistas to bring Christ to



their family members, friends, co-workers – to all they are in contact with. Talk to your friends and share with them what your Cursillo Weekend experience meant to you. If your friend seems to want to grow closer to Christ and grow in his/her Catholic faith suggest that you would like to sponsor them for the upcoming English/bilingual Cursillo Weekends to be held in E. Wenatchee at Holy Apostles parish on April 19-22, 2018 for women and April 26-29, 2018 for men. Information about the scheduled English and Bilingual speaking Cursillo Weekends is available from: Carl Zeamer: Lay Director – English; carwinzeam@charter.net; 509-943-9991

ORTHWEST CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE February 23-24 at the Pendleton Convention Center. Registration forms and information is available at: nwcmg.com, or call St. Mary's Parish (541) 276-3615.



COMING UP:

- February 14 Ash Wednesday
- February 18 RICA Rite of Election in Yakima
- March 1 Quinceanera Classes start
- **April 14 Confirmation (4:30 p.m. Spanish; 7:00 p.m.** English)

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday - Lectors: Katherine Ryf; Eucharistic Ministers: Bernie Ovenell and Nancy Tax

Sunday - Lectors: Thomas Garcia and Rita Keene; Eucharistic Ministers: Pat and Kathy Tobin, Tina Gonzalez,

Baldemar and Gloria Garces.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION, January 28: \$4127.00

SCOTT HAHN'S REFLECTION ON THE READINGS: In today's First Reading, Job describes

the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17-19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek

for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41-42). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We, too, have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1-2). Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His Gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

