

HOLY ROSARY

CATHOLIC PARISH

MASS TIMES

August 26, 2018

Weekend Masses in the Church

Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Weekday Masses

- *Daily Mass in the Church:*
7:45am Tue, Thu, Fri;
8:35am on Wed and Sat
- On the *First Saturday* of the month at 8:35am in the Church, we pray in a special way for those who are sick and offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those in need.
- *Communion Service:* Monday at 7:45am in the Church.

OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation is available in the Church:

Tuesdays: 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Saturdays: 3:30pm to 4:30pm
or by appointment during office hours.

Pray the Rosary Monday nights at 7pm in the Chapel.

The **Parish Nursery** is available for both the Sunday 8:30 and 10:30am Masses.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30am Mass.

Download our Parish App at myparishapp.com.

Submit a prayer request:
prayers@holyrosaryseattle.org.

Request a homebound visit:
homebound@holyrosaryseattle.org.

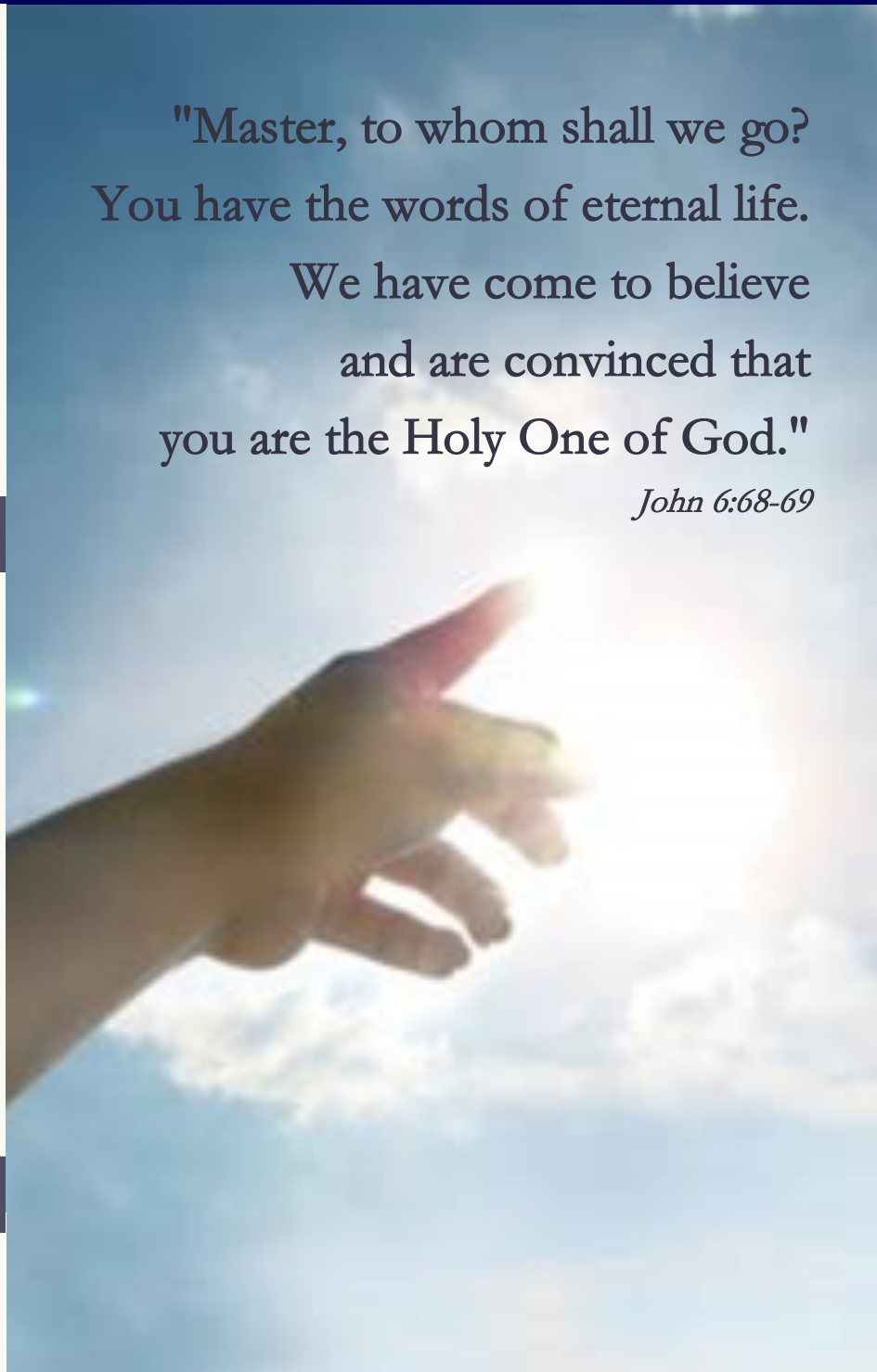
FELLOWSHIP—all are welcome!

- Sunday in the School Hall after the morning Masses.
- Tuesday morning in the Parish Center Reception Room after Mass.

"Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe
and are convinced that
you are the Holy One of God."

John 6:68-69



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Matthew Oakland



My first real exploration of the teachings of the Catholic Church on a more adult level came in the beginning of high school as I debated theological points with my friend, Jason, a devout Lutheran. It was a conversation he usually initiated, and he would even bring me printouts—pre-highlighted for my convenience. So I delved into the Scriptures and the early church writings to prove I was right and he was wrong. In the end, this was pivotal in my own life of faith, as I eventually began to encounter the person I could cite and speak so freely of, and yet didn't speak nearly enough too, Jesus Christ our Lord.

In college, I majored in Theology, and then again in seminary, spent five years earning my Masters in Divinity. With all of that, though, there is still much that I don't know or can't explain. And I am okay with that. Not because I lack a desire to know or be able to explain. Not that I don't attempt to either, as I continue to read and explore. But long ago I had a pivotal realization, and it is the same one we heard in the Gospel today.

Jesus has just taught the multitudes about the Eucharist- that He is the Bread of Life, that unless they eat His Body and Drink His Blood they will have no life within them. Just to make sure they understand, He repeats Himself again and again. To set the stage and make sure they are paying attention, and to meet the real need of their hunger, he opens with the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. But it is too hard to believe, and many start to leave. The Apostles, seeing this, start to panic. They turn to Jesus. 'Say something else. Take it back. Say they misunderstood!' "This teaching is hard—who can accept it?"

Jesus turns to the Apostles. "Do you also want to leave?" The question stings. Less than a year ago they gave up their livelihoods, and have now spent much time away from their families. They have endured public ridicule and rejection. Some are likely still questioning. Simon Peter speaks up first: **"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."**

Not "we understand." Not "after reflection we see now how you laid the foundation of this gift and teaching throughout the Old Testament." Not "can you explain it again?" Not "we will stick with you because you are a miracle worker." But "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Our faith is first and foremost in Christ Jesus, not in His teachings or special powers. It is He who is the head of the Body, the Church, as we heard today in the Letter to the Ephesians. And if we believe in Him, if we believe that He is our Savior, then we remain with Him—even when we don't understand. That is true of His teachings, and it is true in the midst of the storms.

A similar conversation happened in Matthew 16. Jesus asks the apostles, "Who do people say that I am?" "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But who do you say that I am?" Peter, responding on behalf of the others once more, saying, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus replies, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the Netherworld will not prevail against it." You might be feeling right now as if the 'gates of the Netherworld' have triumphed over the Church, as recent news stories speak of the sins of priests, religious and bishops. But they haven't. There is no question that evil is at work, even within the Church. But evil has not triumphed, nor is it the head of the Church. Because Jesus has said so, and He is either the Lord, or a Liar, in which case the Devil is more powerful than He is. The failures of the shepherds started rather early—as Peter fled and then denied Jesus, as Judas handed Him over, as the others were nowhere to be seen. Sin always has both a personal and social dimension, effecting our relationships with God and with others. Some sins are more grievous, so their effects all the more devastating. And so the sins of shepherds are all the more scandalous and devastating. But Jesus is still God, the Good Shepherd.

I am not Catholic because I know and understand all of Jesus' teachings as handed on by the Apostles and the Church. I am not Catholic because after careful study it is the religion that most closely matches my beliefs. I am Catholic because Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. And so I follow Him. He has given us the Church as the Body of Christ, that gathering here on this earth who share together the journey to Heaven, His Bride whom He calls to Himself for all eternity in love. He gave us the Church as a treasury of grace and surety of His teachings, hence He sent the Spirit to fill and lead and guide the Church. And He gave us shepherds, who are supposed to live in His image, and most do; who are supposed to help sanctify the Church, the Bride, helping her members to become "holy and without blemish" as St. Paul says.

As we struggle with this current storm, and as we seek our path forward, let us remember those words of Peter: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."



Happy Summer! Holy Rosary will be back to school on Tuesday, September 4th.

Students - fight the summer slide! One way is to take up the Summer Reading Challenge or Math Challenge, both can be found on the school homepage. challenges earn prizes when completed by K-8 Holy Rosary students.

New for 2018-19, we will be bulk buying school supplies and passing on the savings to parents. School supplies per student is dependent on grade and will be communicated in August.

CYO Soccer sign-ups are open and can be found at go.teamsnapcom/forms/119124. Soccer is open to students Kindergarten through 8th grade. Cross Country sign-ups will open in mid-August (also open to Kindergarten – 8th grade.)

At Holy Rosary School, tradition and innovation converge to provide a leading-edge education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Students are engaged by enthusiastic teachers who provide hands-on curricula designed to spark creativity and encourage critical thinking. Each child is given room to discover and develop their own unique gifts. At every grade level, faith meets action through service and the teaching of compassion and social justice. Holy Rosary’s tight-knit community of passionate teachers and engaged parents creates a safe place where students become leaders from the inside out.

For more information, contact the School Office: 206-937-7255 or admissions@holyroaryws.org

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS



A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home

Visit how2recycle.info for ideas on how to recycle items that you can’t put in your curbside bin. For example, you will find that Safeway accepts all plastic bags, and Target accepts plastic bags as well as plastic overwrap from products such as bathroom tissue and even plastic envelopes from online shopping deliveries.



WestFest Fall Carnival

Friday, 9/14 • 6PM - 10PM

Saturday, 9/15 • 10AM - 10PM

Come be a part of West Seattle’s Carnival of Community brought to you by Holy Rosary School! Come experience great music, eat delicious food, and crazy fun kid rides! There is so much to do and see, including BINGO, a classic cake walk with scrumptious prizes, a kids’ talent show and carnival-style games galore. There’s a beer garden for adults too—there is truly something for everyone at WestFest!

CONTACTS:

Mike Curran (WestFest Chair), General Questions: jmcurr@gmail.com

Jodi Sherwood, Volunteer Questions: jodi.sherwood@comcast.net



Opportunities for Adults!

Join us as we grow together in our faith!

- **Adult Catechists Wanted!** Do you want to help others grow in their faith? We are seeking volunteer catechists to help with our RCIA, Inquiry, Bible Study, and Confirmation programs. Safe Environment Certification, including background check, will be required. If you are interested, please contact Robert King
- **Monday Rosary** – Join us every Monday evening to pray the Rosary in the Chapel from 7 to 7:30. For more information, contact Deyette Swegle.
- **Inquiry** is an open-ended discussion of life, the universe, and everything from a Catholic point of view! A perfect preparation for RCIA or Adult Confirmation, or a chance to deepen your understanding of Christ and the Church. All are welcome, and no topic is off limits! We meet every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Parish Office Basement Meeting Room, and our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 28.
- **Bishop Robert Barron’s “Catholicism”** – Join our Wednesday Morning Study Group for a viewing of “Catholicism”, the award-winning series by Bishop Robert Barron. We’ll meet in the Reception Room of the Parish Center after the normal morning Mass, usually starting around 9:30am. All are welcome! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12.
- **Men’s Group** - Men from the parish gather every Saturday morning at 7am in the Parish Center for community building and spiritual growth. We are currently reading and discussing the book *Heaven Starts Now* by Fr. John Riccardo. All are welcome - you don't need the book to attend a meeting!

If you would like more information, or if you have any suggestions to make, please contact Robert King (206-937-1488 x203 or evangelization@holyroaryseattle.org).

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next year, Holy Rosary Parish will offer preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation to all High School students. If you have a child who will be in grades 9-12 and who has not yet received Confirmation – or if you have not been Confirmed yourself – please visit holyroaryseattle.org/confirmation or contact Robert King for more information and early registration.

Children’s Ministries Corner

We welcome your child to a Life with Christ!



- **RCIA** –Holy Rosary Church welcomes children who are age 7 thru Teens and have never been baptized to prepare for their initiation into the Catholic community. If interested in RCIA for children and for TEENS, please contact Sr. Stella.
- **First Reconciliation and First Communion** – **Registration is open** for your child to prepare and receive next year First Reconciliation and First Communion. Register at www.holyrosaryseattle.org/FamilyFaithFormation. Children who have been baptized Catholic and will be in grade 2 or older next year are welcome register. For those children who are not Baptized and are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Sr. Stella.
- **Children’s Faith Formation/Sunday School**— **Registration is open** for Fall Children’s Faith Formation on Sundays. Visit holyroaryseattle.org and click on Family Faith Formation. Classes are offered for children age 4-Teens. Save the date for our *Open House on September 9, 9:30am* in the Parish Center. Please contact Sr. Stella for questions.
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** Your child (preschool through grade 4) is welcome to join CLOW during the 10:30AM Mass to learn about the readings of the day. Children start Mass with you and are dismissed after opening prayer and return before Celebrating Communion. Free and no registration required.

Altar Server Training

Boys and girls in grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and High School can serve the holy people of God during Mass. Servers are trained after school or in the evening. Current altar servers receive follow-up training. Older altar servers can become acolytes, or head altar servers, and lead the younger servers at Mass! We will train all altar servers together-- new and old. This helps the new servers learn quicker and helps refresh older servers. We'll sign up 10 servers per session, but can expand if necessary. Sign up at: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949aead29a4ff2-holy1 or contact Paul Dolejsi.



Discipleship Invitation

Soon, Archbishop Sartain will be sending a letter to all parishioners. He will ask us to reflect on the role the Catholic faith plays in our lives, the

spiritual growth required to become a better disciple of Christ and the steps we need to take to get there. He will pose a number of requests for us to consider as we take those next steps in our spiritual development and bringing others to know Christ's love. Those requests are:

- Spend time in quiet prayer each day welcoming Jesus more fully into your life. Ask yourself daily: To whom is Christ calling me to bring his love, mercy, forgiveness and hope? Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to guide your actions.
- Join your parish community each Sunday for Mass, and consider preparing for Mass by reflecting on the Sunday readings. Families could do this together. You can find the Mass readings at the U. S. Catholic Bishops website (www.usccb.org).
- Be a missionary disciple of Jesus in your own family, workplace, neighborhood, and parish community.
- Thank God for all the blessings in your life. Ask yourself: How am I being called to serve as Christ served? And where can I find Christ in each person I encounter today?

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

As a society, we've become more aware of mental health, mental illness, and suicide, through the news, social media, and our own families. How can we help someone who may be considering suicide? St. Thomas Episcopal Church is hosting a workshop **SUICIDE: WARNING SIGNS and HOW TO RESPOND** on **Saturday, September 15**, 9am-11am. The workshop will be facilitated by Renee Balodis-Cox, LMHC, MA, MS and will include the warning signs and symptoms of suicidal thinking and actions; risk groups for suicide and suicidal behaviors; how to talk to the person that you suspect is feeling this way; and how to most appropriately respond and intervene. **St. Thomas Episcopal Church**-8398 NE 12th St Medina, WA 98039. Sign starts at 8:30am To register go to: <http://bit.ly/ecww-SuicideWarningSigns20180915> Cost is \$10.

An Invitation to SING!

The Holy Rosary Sanctuary Choir invites you to sing with us. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 6, 7:30-9:00 pm, church loft. All are welcome. No audition necessary - just a generous heart and love of singing. The choir sings weekly at the 8:30am Sunday Mass, September through mid-June. Contact Mary Ann Lee, Sanctuary Choir Director: 206-325-2477 or maryannlee619@msn.com

Online Giving

Thank you for using Online Giving. Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. This is a perfect tool for anyone who shops online! By using Online Giving you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency. Visit our parish website at www.holyrosaryseattle.org and select Online Giving.

Save the date for Scripture Alive, A Day of Biblical Inspiration & Spiritual Encounter

Sunday, October 21, 9:30am - 5pm

Presenters: Fr. John Madigan, Tricia Whitman-Todd, Curtis Leighton, and Robert & Lori Fontana.

Location: Peace & Spirituality Center, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004

The presenters will speak about a favorite Scripture verse that inspired them to encounter God more deeply and transform their lives. You will be inspired to turn to Scripture as a primary place to encounter Jesus in a more personal way. Fr. John will also preside at the closing Mass. This retreat is presented by Lori & Robert Fontana and Catholic Life Ministries (CLM).

Cost: \$50 single / \$90 couple (scholarships available)

To Register: Send name, email, phone, payment, to CLM, 1827 NE 58th St. # B, Seattle, WA 98105 OR register online at catholiclifeministries.org. Info? Contact Robert: 509-731-6012 or Robert@catholiclifeministries.org.

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico

December 8 – 13, 2018 to be there for the beautiful Mass of Roses on the feast day December 12th. \$2,449.00 per person including air from Seattle. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass everyday. For more information call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Sunday, August 26, 2018

- Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Center after Masses today
- Community Meal at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, August 27	
7:45 AM	Word & Communion Service Chapel
6:30 PM	HR & OLG Green Team Reception Rm
7:00 PM	Pray the Rosary Chapel
Tuesday, August 28	
7:45 AM	Daily Mass Church
8:30 AM	Tues AM Breakfast Reception Rm
5:30 PM	Confession Church
6:30 PM	Adult Inquiry Parish Office Basement
Wednesday, August 29	
8:35 AM	Daily Mass Church
3:00 PM	Altar Server Training Church
6:00 PM	Women's Spirituality Group Parish Office Basement
6:30 PM	Altar Server Training Church
Thursday, August 30	
7:45 AM	Daily Mass Church
3:00 PM	Altar Server Training Church
6:30 PM	Altar Server Training Church
Friday, August 31	
7:45 AM	Daily Mass Church
7:00 PM	Friday Night Men's AA Reception Rm
Saturday, September 1	
7:00 AM	Men's Group Reception Rm
8:30 AM	Daily Mass Church
2:00 PM	Wedding Music Practice Church
3:30 PM	Confession Church
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass Church

Up Next

August

Beginning August 28, Daily Mass moves back to the Church

September

- 3 Labor Day (Parish Office Closed)**
- 7 First Friday Adoration in Church
- 9 WestFest Pancake Breakfast
Children's Faith Formation Open House
- 12 Safe Environment Class
- 14/15 WestFest Weekend



Congratulations to
Megan Limos & Ryan Hammond
 who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony
 at Holy Rosary this weekend

Congratulations to the children baptized on August 18 at Holy Rosary! We welcome you to a life with Christ.

Mackenzie Lyn Jones

Rylee Elizabeth Jones

Donations made in the honor of the Baptism of

Noah John Apostol

Mackenzie Lyn Jones

Rylee Elizabeth Jones

Mass Intentions for Next Week:

August 28: John Lusti, RIP

September 1: Taylor Fehlen, RIP (5pm)

September 2: Gordon Bill, RIP (8:30am)

Holy Rosary Community (10:30am)

Last Week's Collection:

Last week's collection: \$15,698

Weekly budgeted collection: \$23,534

Please contact us if we can be of service to you. Just dial 206-937-1488 and enter the extension

Baptism: Contact Deyette Swegle at least two months in advance of your requested baptism date.

Marriage: Contact Sherry Smith six months in advance of your requested wedding date.

Funerals: Contact the Parish Office

Becoming Catholic: Contact the Parish Office

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