

# 1st Sunday in Lent • February 14, 2016

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	Feb.	14	Sunday Masses
Mon.	Feb.	15	No Morning Mass
Tues.	Feb.	16	Thomas & Agnes Grigsby
Wed.	Feb.	17	Russel & Rosalea Flint+
Thurs.	Feb.	18	Harry Ness+
Fri.	Feb.	19	Dolores Ridge+
Sat.	Feb.	20	Kelly Ramaekers+
Sun.	Feb.	21	Sunday Masses
Mon.	Feb.	22	No Morning Mass
Tues.	Feb.	23	Maria & Enrico Crisafulli+
Wed.	Feb.	24	Danny Sarunich+
Thurs.	Feb.	25	Ljubica Georgevic+
Fri.	Feb.	26	Victoria & Filemon Loyola+
Sat.	Feb.	27	Aaron James Leyva+

## HOSPITALITY IN SULLIVAN HALL

February 14—'Tis the day that the Scouts will come marching in. Maybe if we are lucky, there will be some Valentine's Day donuts!

February 21—Today the Knights will serve you donuts: next Saturday, February 27, they will serve you a crab dinner. These guys have certainly taking "serving" to heart. Thank you.

## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

**Boy Scouts:** Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971

**Knights of Columbus:** Jim O'Sullivan (206) 832-7231

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Mary Kay Snedden (206) 364-7900

**Heaven Guild:** Barbara Arnesen (206) 940-5010

**Funeral Reception Volunteers:** Gini Harmon  
(206) 364-6834

**Marriage Help:** Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608

**Seniors & Friends:** Judy Parsons (206) 367-1714

**Holyrood Cemetery:** (206) 363-8404

**Beck's Funeral Home:** (425) 771-1234

**Harvey Funeral Home:** (206) 632-0100

**Marian Caskets:** (206) 463-6245; mariancaskets.com/

## STEWARDSHIP 2015-16 The Sunday Collection through 2/7/2016

Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection	Needed Year to Date	Actual Given Year to Date	Surplus Year to Date
\$ 15,137	\$ 23,435	\$ 484,384	\$ 510,986	\$ 26,602
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b># Online Givers</b>	<b>Amount Collected Online:</b>		
	<b>All Funds: 63</b>	<b>\$ 4,963</b>		

## CALENDAR

Sun.	2/14/16	Third Order of Mary, 1 pm, Parish Center
Mon.	2/15/16	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
		Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	2/16/16	School Registration Mtg., 7 pm, Gym
		Confirmation, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Wed.	2/17/16	1st Communion Class, 6:15 pm, School
		RCIA, 6:30 pm, Sullivan Hall
		St. Gianna Molla Women's Group, 7 pm, Parish Center
Thurs.	2/18/16	Bible Study, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Fri.	2/19/16	Soup Supper, 6 pm Cafeteria
		Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
Sun.	2/21/16	Religious Ed, 10:10 am, School
Mon.	2/22/16	Family Rosary, 6:30 pm, Church
		Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Cafeteria
		Light Weigh, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Tues.	2/23/16	KofC Officer Meeting, 7 pm
		St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, Library
Wed.	2/24/16	1st Communion Class, 6:15 pm, School
		RCIA, 6:30 pm, Sullivan Hall
		St. Gianna Molla Women's Group, 7 pm, Parish Center
Thurs.	2/25/16	Bible Study, 7 pm, Sullivan Hall
Fri.	2/26/16	Soup Supper, 6 pm Cafeteria
		Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
Sat.	2/27/16	KofC Crab Feed after 5 pm Mass



# Pastor's Letter:

Jubilee of Mercy



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Remember the Ash Wednesday homily? Attitude is everything. The success of this season of Lent and how prayer, fasting and almsgiving changes you depends largely upon your attitude. Here is the standard:

“Even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart . . .  
Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God.”

- Joel 2:12

Your attitude is the key at giving yourself over to this conversion (rending your hearts) and not simply checking off a box that a Lenten practice is complete (rending your garments). Today and all days of Lent, seek to listen to the voice of Jesus as He draws you close to Him. He desires to cultivate an attitude of openness and joy. At the same time, ignore the voice of the enemy, who tells you to give up; that you are worthless and no good and nothing good will happen to you. For the enemy desires to cultivate an attitude of despair and discouragement. Renounce that voice in the name of Jesus. Send him away and quiet his voice! Welcome to the battle! Happy Lent!

Blessings,

*Fr. David Mulholland*



## A SIMPLE METHOD OF PRAYER

*“remember, the spiritual life is simple”*

1. In your own words, tell Jesus what’s on your heart . . . .
2. Ask Jesus to reveal to you what you need to know about \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Ask Jesus for the ability to receive what you need to know.

Amen.

**Helpful Hint:** Spend a sufficient amount of time in silence, listening to the Lord, as He desires to lead you and guide you, because He loves you!

*Be still and know that I am God – Psalm 46:10*

## **A TIME TO HEAL...physically, emotionally, or spiritually**

**Erik Wyss**, son-in-law of Margaret and James Acheson  
**Dean Daniels; Patty James**, friend of Philip Grandaw; **Vernon Bergstrom**, brother-in-law of Philip Grandaw  
**Carol Bettinger**, mother of Rebecca Anderson; **Barbara Arnesen**  
**Karen Connell**, sister of Michael Connell; **Hugo Draye; John Burdett**  
**Noah Lovett**, grandson of Cindy Schneider; **Margaret Dotsch**, mother of Michelle Dotsch  
**Bill Buckley; Armand Foz**

## **A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY**

**SN Alexander Thorne, USN**, son of John and AnnaLise Thorne  
**1st Lt. Owen Stratton, USA**, son of Tom and Cory Stratton  
**Andrew T. Kerrick, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class USAF**, grandson of Connie Hanson  
**Ensign Dylan Thomas Jessum, USN**, grandson of Tom and Mary Pat Lord  
**LCPL Isaiah Thorne, USMC**, son of John and AnnaLise Thorne  
**David Leitzen, SPC, US Army**, nephew of Teresa and Elenor K. Schoen  
**Annika Jensen, IT3, USN**, daughter of Paul and Maryjane Jensen  
**Taylor Amundsen, USAF**, grandson of Mary Amundsen; **John E. Eaton, S/Sgt USMC**, grandson of Evelyn Combe  
**Bryant McDaniel, USAF**, nephew of James and Lynn Ronald; **Michael Angelo Silang, USN**  
**Mark Anthony Silang, USMC; Matthew Johnson, USAF**, grandson of Helen Bradley  
**Christopher Abele, ITC (SW/IDW) USN**, son of Steven and Janet Abele  
**Nathan Keiffer, Airman 1st Class, USAF**, son of Nigel and Cheryl Keiffer  
**Zachary Sharp, USAR**, grandson of Nigel and Cheryl

## **A TIME TO MOURN...**

"May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last."

J. H. Cardinal Newman

## **CHANGES IN THE PRAYER LIST**

We have a Prayer Intention book in our parish. It can be found in the church on the podium to the left of the Pieta statue (which is just to the left of the main exit doors). This will be a place where you can write down the concerns of your heart, either for your loved ones or for the world at large. We will continue to have the prayer sheet in the bulletin, but the names will appear for a shorter time. If there is an immediate need for prayer that you want in the bulletin, please continue to call or email your request. Even if you do not have a prayer request, please stop by and see what prayers are needed by your parish family.

## GOT LIFE?

The parish Respect Life Committee will meet Tuesday, February 16 in the Parish Center at 7 pm. Please join us as we discuss and plan activities to help our parish and community support a culture of life. All are welcome to attend.

## MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY

Join us in the church at St. Mark from 6:30-7:05 to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the next seven Monday evenings. We join our prayers together for your intentions, for our Families, for our Marriages, for our Pastor Fr. Mulholland, for Pope Francis, for an end to abortion, and for the end to violence in our World.

Mark your calendar for February 15,22,29 and March 7, 14, and 21. I look forward to your joining us.

Thank you, John Thorne

## GABRIEL PROJECT

Please continue praying for our parish's Gabriel Project. This four-year-old apostolate ministers to women facing crisis pregnancies. We are all called to be Christ to others. Pregnant women can request assistance by calling 888-926-2643.

## RACHEL'S CORNER: Hope and Healing After Abortion

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) We can help you on a Rachel's Vineyard™ retreat.

The next retreats: March 4-6, 2016 Seabeck WA or April 15-17, 2016 Stanwood WA

*You are loved with an everlasting Love! Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*

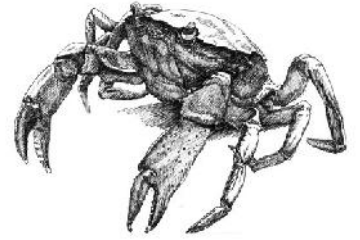
## YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS!

The Spring campaign of 40 Days for Life just started on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday). Can't commit to a whole hour every week? Please stop by when you can. Join St Mark parish every Wednesday during the campaign, by spending time in prayer at Everett Planned Parenthood (1509 32<sup>nd</sup> St.). Sign up for your prayer time by contacting Judy Zawacki at [jazy66ster@outlook.com](mailto:jazy66ster@outlook.com), or at [40daysforlife.com/everett](http://40daysforlife.com/everett) or on the 40 Days for Life poster in Sullivan Hall.

*"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." -*

## SAVE THE DATE...

**Knights of Columbus  
Crab dinner on  
February 27!**



**Tickets are on sale after all  
Masses.**

- ◆ **\$5 tickets for 50/50 raffle!**
- ◆ **Tickets are \$35 before the event/\$40 at the door!**

## CALLING ALL CHEFS & CAN OPENERS!

The Lenten Soup Suppers are upon us, and we need volunteers to bring a crock pot of meatless soup one or more Fridays during Lent! The amount of soup should be able to serve around 10 people, cannot have any meat products, and needs to be brought to the Cafeteria no later than 5:30 pm.

If you are interested in signing up to provide soup, please contact Veronica Olson in the parish office at [veronica@stmarkshoreline.org](mailto:veronica@stmarkshoreline.org) or 206-364-7900. There are spots available on each Friday and we need *you* to help make Soup Suppers a success!

## Parish Mission Statement

**“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20**

## Parish Vision Statement

**“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles... they ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” - Acts 2:42**



# Lent 2016

## Parish Mission

On **March 10, 11, & 12** there will be a Parish Mission led by Fr. Paul Heric of the Diocese of Spokane. The Mission will be after morning Masses on Thursday and Friday and Saturday. On Thursday and Friday there will night sessions at 6:30 pm. The topic will be:

**“His Mercy Endures Forever”**

## Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Mass is at 8 am; Friday and Saturday Mass is at 9 am

## Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, so please join us for a simple Soup Supper at 6 pm in the Cafeteria, immediately followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 pm.

## Stations at the School

On February 19 & 26 and March 4 the school will present Stations of the Cross at 2 pm. On March 25 the Parish School 8th Grade class will put on their Annual Passion Play at 11 am.

## Confessions

Confessions are on every Saturday from 8 am - 8:45 am & 3:30 - 4:30 pm

There will be a special confession opportunity on **Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 pm**. Several priests will be available.

## Special Evening Confessions

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## Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

**Fast:** On a day of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal the other full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk & juices, are permitted. All Catholics who are 18, but not 59 years old are bound by the law of fast. We are also encouraged to keep the ancient Paschal Fast, which includes Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, ending after the Easter Vigil.

**Abstinence:** On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. All Catholics who are 14 and older are bound by the law of abstinence. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige



## Auction News!

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## AUCTION NEWS!

Congratulations to the Garma family who won the first Procurement Contest! They won \$50 worth of scrip!! Another contest is underway right now, open to those that turn in \$400 worth of items by the end of February. Details are included in this week's bulletin insert. The prize is another \$50 worth of scrip, so get those items in!! Please note that we have a complete Keurig set, so we aren't accepting any more of these types of items. A great place to turn items in is at Soup Nights during Lent!

In this week's bulletin is an Auction newsletter with some specific information regarding this year's event. Please make sure you read it and take note of important information!

Invites will be going out at the end of February. We'd love to include your extended family and friends on the invite list so we can expand the group of people supporting St. Mark Parish School. Please take a few moments with your address book and email [auction@stmss.org](mailto:auction@stmss.org) with any and all local folks that you would like us to send a formal invite to. If you don't want to share addresses, but are able to fill a table of 8 or 10, consider signing up to be a table captain! If 6 or more of your guests are not current school parents, your ticket is free! Ask [auction@stmss.org](mailto:auction@stmss.org) for more details, or visit the auction page online at [stmss.org](http://stmss.org).

Important upcoming dates for the Auction: Feb. 29 - end of 2nd Procurement Contest. March 25 - Procurement Deadline. April 16 - Auction!

Blessings to you during this Lenten Season!

Maggie Hemmen and Robin Rayfield, your 2016 Parish Auction Chairs







January, 2016

Dear friends in Christ,

We owe an enormous debt to the Catholic clergy, religious and laypeople who established our local church 165 years ago, and to all those who succeeded them in faith and service. Often with few resources, the Church has grown over the years in a way that the native peoples and settlers of the territory could have scarcely imagined.

We now have 174 parishes and missions serving more than 600,000 Catholic people. With growth has come the need for planning: planning for parishes and missions where the Eucharist will continue to be celebrated, the faith will be passed on and the poor loved. Our planning must include the need for vocations to the priesthood, Catholic schools and pastoral ministries that will serve the diverse needs of our people now and in the future.

Populations shift, needs change and vocations must always be encouraged and nurtured. As a result, each succeeding generation of Catholics in Western Washington has engaged in some form of planning. All of us have benefited from their foresight, and especially from their trust in the Lord. We not only stand on their shoulders, we literally worship in the churches they built, learn in the schools they established, find healing in the hospitals they opened and on and on and on. Now it is our time to plan for the future of this archdiocese with the same faith, hope and trust in the Lord that marked our earliest years.

Like the good stewards about whom Jesus spoke in his parables, we are called now to look at the mission of the Church — our mission — and along with it, the current and projected population trends in Western Washington. As a result, we are undertaking a pastoral planning process and beginning to ask questions about the needs of our people and parishes: Where do our people live, and where will they live in the next 50 years? Do we have adequate parishes, missions and facilities to serve them and to give them a place to live their call as baptized Catholics? Considering the shortage of priests, how can we best ensure that Masses will be available to all without having to travel many miles?

In the days and months ahead, we will be asking Catholic parishioners to participate in pastoral planning. We will look at the current situation of our clergy, and how they would be best distributed. We also will look at ways we can join together as an archdiocese to create a spiritual culture where vocations are naturally and enthusiastically prayed for and encouraged — especially vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We also are strengthening our Deacon Formation Program and the way we form the laity for the important ministry they undertake.

Those who went before us planned well and handed on to us a Church that is strong and filled with faith and love. We also must exercise stewardship to bless future generations. As this process goes forward, I will keep you informed.

The most important thing to remember is that we will trust in the providence of God. God in his goodness will lead us precisely where he wants us to be, just as he has always done.

Sincerely in Christ,

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J. Peter Sartain

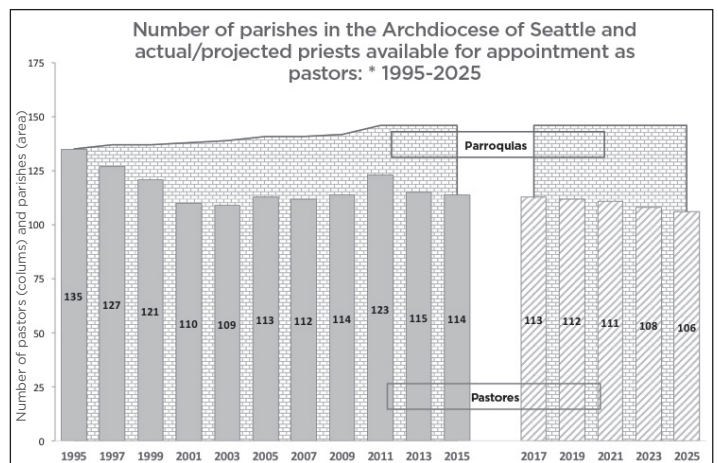
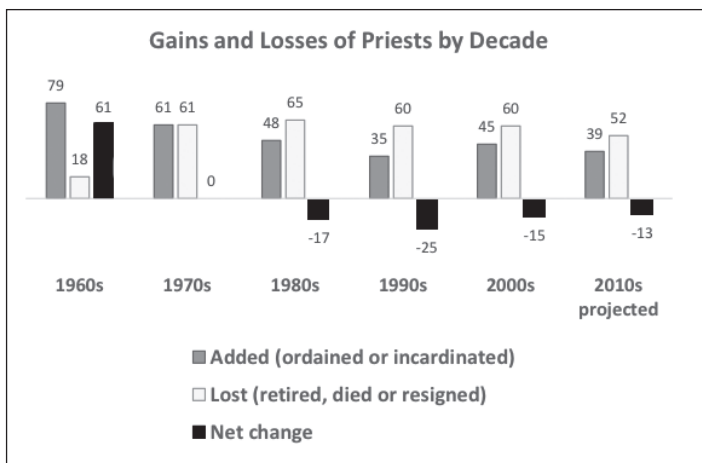
# Pastoral Planning in the Archdiocese of Seattle

For Catholics the parish is a unique spiritual home. Consequently, Archbishop Sartain, priests and parish leaders are considering how best to ensure that the Word of God is heard and preached, Christ Jesus is received in holy Communion and the people of God are sent forth to live out our Catholic faith in service and love. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy every Catholic is called to greater witness and sharing of the saving love of Jesus Christ. The Archdiocese of Seattle has initiated a planning process to ensure that the people of God have access to pastoral and spiritual care in order to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

## Current Challenges

To live out the church’s mission—our mission—we must effectively address some very real challenges. Our population is growing and there are a limited number of priests. The Archdiocese of Seattle currently has more parishes and fewer priests than it did 35 years ago.

- In 1980 there were 130 parishes and 35 missions in the Archdiocese served by 130 pastors and assisted by 74 parochial vicars (a total of 204 parish priests).
- In 2015 there are 146 parishes and 27 missions served by only 111 pastors assisted by 49 parochial vicars (a total of 160 parish priests).



\*Includes diocesan, religious order and extern pastors and priest administrators but not priest ministers.

## The Planning Process

The planning process must look at priests assigned to parishes, Mass schedules and the diverse needs for pastoral care. We must look beyond the one-pastor-one-parish model of leadership for our parish communities. In the coming months pastoral leaders will be looking at new models to better align priestly leadership with current realities. One concern that must be addressed is that many priests are currently stretched too thin. One opportunity is maximizing lay leadership in service to the Catholic faith community and our parishes. Another possible model would involve parishes working more closely together under one pastor or a pastoral team (priest and lay leaders) serving multiple parishes.

In coming weeks and months you will learn more and be invited to give your thoughts on ways to best serve all Catholics. With prayer and open hearts, with wisdom and thoughtful analysis, we will confront these challenges together and live out our call to be missionary disciples.

**As Pope Francis writes:** “The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community.... It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.” (*Joy of the Gospel*, #28)



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