





## From the Pastor's Desk



### One Of My Favorite Things - Funerals

I have a rule about funerals, a rule that is so important when it comes to celebrating the lives and deaths of parishioners and families not connected to our community. I always meet directly with the family to determine with them what is the best form of funeral celebration. I always begin this meeting by saying *"Funerals are my favorite part of parish ministry"*. By this, I mean that celebrating the life and death of anyone is meaningful because in death, the truth of our lives is revealed and our need to celebrate the mercy of Easter is never more evident.

Today's second reading forms the central message I share with families who have lost a loved one. John proclaims, yes, we are God's own right now, but there is more to the story and we can't even conceive of what it will be. John, in his writing to the early Christian community, tells that we will see God as God really is and become like God. Wow! When I help families celebrate the life and death of their loved one, I remind them that the best of their deceased points to the best of God, because we are all made in God's image. St. John tells us that if the image of God is a little blurred when we die, God's mercy will heal us. What a thought from St. John, *"We will become like the one we will see."* What a vision of hope for us and our loved ones.

I want to express my gratitude for all who make celebrating funerals to meaningful. Our Funeral Committee volunteers who support grieving families by putting on the receptions following the funerals, what a work of mercy you are. Thank you.

One work of mercy, I recommend is to attend funerals even of persons you may not know. To pray for the dead and their families is a magnificent way to express your Easter faith.

Fr. Jack

# Prayer & Liturgy

## Let Us Pray For

Bertha Okrusch, John Goold, Carsten Maes, Aaron Hubert, Judith Hull, Barbara Duchscherer, Karen Kinner, Pete Baum, Daniel Hansen, Robert Mollerus, Marge Zielaskowski, Frank Coccia, Alfred Cruz, Ken Casey, Jake Steiner, Vonnie Lawrance, Pattie Quinn, Eveyln Soros, Pat Middelton, Lou and Sis Blumer, Nelly Villasenor, Sandy Warren, Justin Shaw, Rocco Marrese, Sharon Schellong, Andre Sasonoff, Stella Casey, Velda Handler, Jeanette Denfeld, Kay Kukowski, Tanya Wright, Jennifer Wong, Brianna Nelson, Marianne Carroll, Ann Toth, Delores Chapman, Craig Kaplan, Joan Lewis, Matthew Benoit, Lennie Tague, Richard Brodrick, Sr. Bea LaFramboise, Robert Hedgcock, Patricia Calhoun, John Sisson, Pat McCarthy, Chris Hackett, Jacquie Fitzwater, Janice Stannard, Sinead Anne Cadde, Essie Weinberger, Carole Maes, Dene Napolitan, Craig Duncan and Dominic Marrese.



## Scripture Readings

*This Week*

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12**

**Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-2**

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

*Next Week*

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31**

**Reading 2: 1 John 3:18-24**

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

## Calling All Parishioners ~ We Need You

To Be on our Vacation Bible Camp Prayer Team

Our Lady of Guadalupe parish is thrilled to be hosting our second VBC on June 22nd through June 26th. There will be many opportunities for our parishioners, school families, youth, young and old alike, to participate and one ministry that we want to introduce to you this year will be our OLG—VBC Prayer Team! As we are beginning to build our VBC team, we wanted to first offer opportunities for those who will hold our volunteers and the children who will participate in our program in intentional prayer. We are putting our faith in the fact that God knows each person in our church. We are asking God to open the eyes, hearts and minds of those who will be just the right fit for our program and that each person attending will be blessed by their experience. To be a prayer team member, **contact Marion Kari at 206-935-0358, ext. 113 or marionk@olgseattle.org.**

## Images Of Mary For May

The Liturgy Commission will be creating a Marian shrine in our church during the month of May that reflects the variety of ethnic cultures within our parish. If you have a special statue of Mary that represents your culture, please bring it to the Parish Office with your name and a brief description of its meaning for your particular culture. The members of the commission will then create a place of prayer, using many of these statues. Please note, we might not use every statue if there is duplication. For more information, contact Helen at 206-935-0358 - [heleno@olgseattle.org](mailto:heleno@olgseattle.org).

## First Communion Celebration

The First Communion Celebration is next Saturday, May 2nd at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we welcome these young people to the Eucharistic Table of the Lord.

## In Search Of Mary

During the month of May, we invite you to reflect upon who the Blessed Virgin Mary is in your prayers, your experience, your life. You will be invited to share a reflection, in writing, through an interactive display in the northwest corner of the church during the coming month. We hope to help each other to discover the richness and beauty of the many facets of Mary's love and her work in and for us, and the entire Church.

- Liturgy Commission

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"Grow In Faith" tab.**



# Faith Formation

## **Come And Join The Fun On Family Faith Sunday May 3rd!**

All families are welcome to our Family Faith Sunday program to learn more about our faith through fun activities and shared discussions. As we continue to journey in the Easter Season, we will be discussing how God always hears us when we pray with our Bible Lesson: *"I am the vine, and my Father is the vine grower"* from the Gospel of John 15:1-5. Together we will explore in our bible lesson: Who is the vine and who are the branches? What happens when the branches are not connected to the vine? And, what kinds of things do we need in order to stay connected to Jesus, the "True Vine"?

Also, in preparation for Pentecost Sunday on May 24th, we will continue our bible lesson with the Gospel of John 16:12-14 when Jesus said to His disciples. *"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when He comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you at all truth. He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify Me, because He will take from it what is mine and declare it to you"*. We will continue our discussion on what Pentecost means to us today and how we all can share the *"Fruits of the Spirit"* with each other.

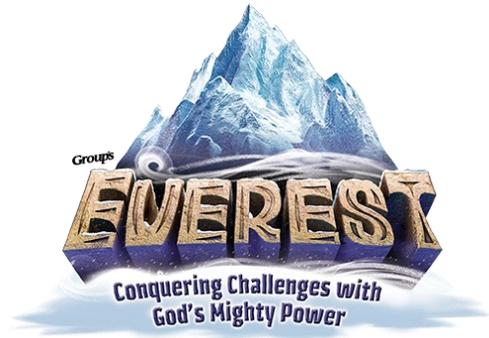
We will gather in the Walmesley Center Gym starting at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 10:45 a.m. We will all process to the 11:00 a.m. Mass to continue the celebration of our faith together. We hope to see you there!

## **Would You Like To Learn More About The Catholic Christian Faith?**

Are you curious about Pope Francis and his message of joy and mercy? You are invited to come to an ongoing inquiry group that meets on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to ask questions and learn more about Catholicism (no strings attached!) For more information, please contact Helen Oesterle at 206-935-0358, Ext. 108 or [heleno@olgseattle.org](mailto:heleno@olgseattle.org). You can also find more information at our parish website.

## **Registration For Vacation Bible Camp After All The Masses On April 25th and 26th**

In-person registration will be available after all of the Masses on April 25th and 26th! You can also go on our website and register on-line! We are very excited to offer our Everest Vacation Bible Camp where kids will learn to conquer challenges with God's mighty power again this year at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. In addition to the fun activities kids will experience every day as part of our vacation bible camp, they will also participate in a wonderful "Kid-to-Kid" project collecting money for purchasing colorful, kid-friendly, Thai-language *The New Testaments* to be given to children in Thailand through Biblica, one of the largest bible and christian literature ministries around the world.



Looking for ways to help with our Vacation Bible Camp this year? Please help us with donations, items to be borrowed and scholarships for children who want to go to camp this summer! It truly takes an entire community to evangelize our faith to our children and the children in our neighboring communities in the form of our Vacation Bible Camp.

In the narthex of our church, we have tags that represent items that we need to borrow. We also have tags of items that we would appreciate being donated, to help us keep our Vacation Bible Camp cost low. This enables more children in our parish community, and neighboring community, to participate in our Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power.

### **Here's How You Can Help**

1. Take a tag of an item that we can borrow. Fill the tag out and return it, along with the item that you are lending us, to the Pastoral Center by June 8th.
2. Take a tag of an item that you want to donate, fill the tag out and return it, along with the item your are donating, to the Pastoral Center by June 8th.
3. Take a scholarship tag indicating your desire to sponsor one child for our Vacation Bible Camp, fill it out and return the tag and payment to the Pastoral Center by June 8th.

**Thank you for your support!**



# Outreach Ministry

## **Recycling Roundup**

Most of us have things lying around the house that we need to get rid of in a safe, sustainable way. On April 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., you have the chance to recycle many of those items at Fauntleroy UCC's "Recycling Roundup". Simply bring them down to the church (9140 California Ave SW) and 1 Green Planet will recycle them for FREE! There's an extensive list of items that can be recycled, including cell phones, computer parts, office supplies, home appliances, and more. For more information, go to [www.fauntleroyucc.org/Recycle.pdf](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org/Recycle.pdf).

## **Ongoing Advocacy Opportunities**

Many OLG parishioners took part in our Legislative Forum and/or Catholic Advocacy Day this year. Both provided us with great opportunities to put our faith into action through advocacy. If you'd like to get more involved with advocacy efforts, consider signing up for two great action alert networks: WSCC and CCGP. The Washington State Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the bishops of Washington State, sends out periodic updates and action alerts about issues facing our state ([thewscc.org](http://thewscc.org)). Catholics Confront Global Poverty is an advocacy initiative of Catholic Relief Services that works on international poverty issues (<http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/get-involved/>).

## **Youth Migrant Project - July 19th-24th**

St. Mary's-Seattle would like to invite high school youth to join their week-long summer mission trip. Every year, 20 youth travel to the farms in the Skagit Valley to help migrant farm workers who are living in poverty, struggling and marginalized. Youth ages 14 to 18 are welcome to apply. Adults are welcome to come help lead. Applications are available online. [http://www.stmarysseattle.org/?page\\_id=280](http://www.stmarysseattle.org/?page_id=280)

## **A Rice Bowl Thank You!**

Our community changed lives this Lent and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!!! Remember, if you haven't yet turned in your CRS Rice Bowl, it's not too late. You can give online at [www.olgseattle.org](http://www.olgseattle.org) (click on the "Donate" button) or drop a check in the Sunday collection (make sure to write "Rice Bowl" on the memo line). Thank you for your incredible generosity!

## **Homeless Care Packets - Donations Needed**

Our Housing Committee is working on a project to bring a little warmth into people's lives. The group is assembling care packets to hand out to people on the streets. The packets will include a variety of little supplies and gifts, and will be made available to parishioners, free-of-charge. You can help with this effort by donating small items that can be included in the packets. Some suggested items include: socks, toiletries, feminine supplies, snacks and prayer cards or encouraging notes. Donations can be dropped off in the marked box in the church entryway or at the parish office. Packets are periodically distributed after mass as they become available and can also be picked up in the parish office. **The Housing Committee meets the last Tuesday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center (parish offices). All are welcome to join. Come on April 28th to help assemble packets and discuss other ideas. Information: Robert at [rgalindo@consejocounseling.org](mailto:rgalindo@consejocounseling.org).**

## **Saturday Drivers Wanted For Food Delivery**

One of our popular local restaurants is willing to donate leftover food to Catholic Community Services' St. Martin de Porres homeless shelter on Saturdays. Drivers are needed to be part of a team to pick up the food in West Seattle and take it to St. Martin's on Alaskan Way S. around 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evenings. This is an activity started by our 50+ Funsters and they need some new blood to carry it on. Please contact Joan Bateman at 206-938-0851 if you are interested. It takes about an hour, and all the loading and unloading is done by staff. The food smells sooooo good and you feel good too!

## **Adopt A Garden Bed**

The growing season is here and the OLG Peace Garden has ten raised garden beds that are ready for individuals, families, scout troops, groups of friends, classrooms and more to adopt! Each growing season we grow produce for Lettuce Pray, a local program that donates fresh produce to the White Center and West Seattle Food Banks.

The beds are connected to an automatic irrigation system to make things as easy as possible. It's a great way to get involved and build community. Please contact Laura Vanderpool at [lauraawvanderpool@gmail.com](mailto:lauraawvanderpool@gmail.com) for more information, to be added to our email list, or to sign up for a planting bed. The Peach Garden is located at the NE end of the OLG campus, behind the Pastoral Center. Come check it out!

## **Making A Difference In West Seattle Tutor Children In Need!**

Catholic Community Services' Youth Tutoring Program (YTP) is seeking volunteer tutors for their High Point site. The program serves students in grades 1—12 and provides high quality tutoring twice a week in a safe and loving community space. Students are matched one-on-one with a volunteer tutor. Orientation and training are provided so volunteers have the tools to make a difference in a student's life! All sites are managed by on-site supervisors, so volunteers always have the guidance they need. Volunteers sign up for two hours per week, and are asked to commit to volunteering for six months. The minimum volunteer age is 14. High School students are encouraged to volunteer! To learn more about our program, or to get started, please visit <http://www.ccsww.org/ytp> and click on "Learn More About Volunteering." For question, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [VolunteerYTP@ccsww.org](mailto:VolunteerYTP@ccsww.org) or call 206-328-5659.



# Pastoral Care

## Home Ministries

If you or anyone you know is in need of the **Sacrament of the Eucharist**, the **Sacrament of Anointing**, or other Home Ministries, let us know by calling Marion Kari at 935-0358, ext. 113.

## NEW Grief Group

**Tuesday Afternoons from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
In The Pastoral Center**

Facilitated by John Baumann, M. Div. LMHC  
Samaritan Center Staff Therapist

Participation is open to any person who has suffered loss and is struggling with the impact of this experience. This could be the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job or profession. It might be the result of becoming a full time caregiver.

For information: **Marion Kari at 935-0358, Ext. 113**

John Baumann, M. Div. LMHC  
Counseling & Psychotherapy Services  
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425- 830-9614 (cell)

## Prayers And Squares Ministry

Prayers and Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. The purpose of Prayers and Squares is not to make and distribute quilts, but to promote prayer through the use of quilts.

If you would like a family member, friend or relative who is struggling with a challenge or illness and would benefit from prayers to help them, please contact Marion Kari at 206-935-0358, Ext. 113 or email at [marionkari@olgseattle.org](mailto:marionkari@olgseattle.org).

## Pastoral Care Ministers Needed

We are looking for Cabrini Ministers, Pastoral Care Ministers serving the homebound, or anyone who feels God is calling them to service with our senior community. We are currently looking to build our Pastoral Care Ministry Team serving The Kenney and Elizabeth House on a weekly basis. Ministers are currently leading a Word and Communion service weekly at these locations and would love to invite you to join the team. If you feel God calling you, please call our office at 206-935-0358 or email [manionk@olgseattle.org](mailto:manionk@olgseattle.org).

## Mayor's Office For Senior Citizens Upcoming Events!

Senior Coffee Hours bring age 50+ adults closer to City Officials, providing them an opportunity to learn more about city programs and services that impact the senior community. Please mark your calendars for Coffee Hour in May and June.

### May, 2015 Coffee Hour

David Keyes, Seattle Department of Information Technology  
Thursday, May 21, 2015  
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
The Central Building, 1st Floor Conference Room  
810 3rd Avenue

### June, 2015 Coffee Hour

Jessica Brand, Department of Planning and Development  
Thursday, June 18, 2015  
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
The Central Building, 1st Floor Conference Room  
810 3rd Avenue  
(between Columbia and Marion Streets in downtown Seattle)

# OLG Community



## Women's Spiritual Book Group

During the next several weeks, the Women's Spiritual Book Group will be reading and discussing selected biblical psalms. We will read and study how they came to be written, how they expressed the covenant relationship of God with Israel, their references in the New Testament and how they apply to us in our lives today.

Our group meets on the first and third Thursday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Pastoral Center. All women are welcome to attend with drop-ins welcome. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 206-935-0358.

## BINGO Night

Saturday, April 25, 2015

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

\*Food is available for purchase\*

\*BINGO games are \$1 per card\*

(BINGO cards are purchased per individual game)

### Volunteers are needed

Please email Rita Rich at [ritad1979@yahoo.com](mailto:ritad1979@yahoo.com) or on the [volunteerspot](#). Parents, this is a great way to get your last minute volunteer hours for this year. Volunteers are needed for set up, during and clean up. Please come to support the OLG Parent Organization and our fantastic school.

## A Big Thank You From Catholic Community Services!

With your generous support, our annual CCS Week Campaign has raised **over \$1.5 million** - **THANK YOU!** Your gifts are critical in making it possible for us to provide the programs and services that help more than **108,000** people transform their lives each year. You help individuals and families move beyond despair into lives filled with hope and a brighter future. **THANK YOU** doesn't even begin to express our gratefulness for your strong support and participation! For more information, please contact us at 1-800-499-5979 Ext. 5707 or [development@ccsww.org](mailto:development@ccsww.org).

## OLG CYO Golf Tournament

Please save the date for the 8th Annual OLG CYO Golf Tournament benefitting CYO Athletics and the In-Parish Help Fund.

Saturday, May 16th at West Seattle Golf Course.

7:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start

## St. Vincent de Paul

On Saturday, March 19th, St. Vincent de Paul Council celebrated the Vincentians of the Archdiocese of Seattle at a huge dinner at Campion Hall on Seattle University Campus. Vincentians from seven of the parish conferences were honored with "Least of My Brethren Awards," including our own Norene Saldana for the South Seattle region.

Norene said:

*"First of all, I would like to give credit and thanks to my husband and fellow Vincentian for taking on most of our household duties which allowed me to put in so many hours doing St. Vincent de Paul business. As Fr. Jack said in his Easter homily, 'God is always looking to resurrect somebody.' We have definitely seen Him doing that in our Conference. Over the last two years, we have tripled in membership and have been blessed with great support from our Parish Community.*

*Last month, OLG conference decided to merge with Holy Family conference to better serve the poor clients in our combined neighborhoods. As one conference, we look forward to continued growth and even better service.*

*I especially want to thank my fellow conference members. It has been a privilege to be able to share the joys and sorrows we face as we serve our neighbors."*

## New On Our Parish Website

Check out our photos of the Holy Week and Confirmation celebrations. [www.olgseattle.org](http://www.olgseattle.org)

**For "Community Events",  
Please visit our website.**





**Vacation Bible Camp  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
\$50/child (scholarships available)  
On-line or In-person Registration now available**

We are very excited to offer Vacation Bible Camp here at OLG this summer! It truly takes an entire community to evangelize our faith to our children and children in our neighboring communities in the form of our vacation bible camp!

We need your time, talents, and skills to spread God's Mighty Word in the following areas:

- Steering Committee to help plan and staff daily events
- Senior High Students to be "Crew Leaders" for our elementary campers
- Junior High Students to be "Crew Leaders" for our pre-k campers
- Musicians to lead songs
- People who love to act, be dramatic, and tell stories
- Carpenters and other volunteers good with set design
- Kitchen crew leaders to help provide snacks each day
- Daily volunteers to help staff the stations as "Station Leaders"
- Prayer Team members to keep our entire week of camp in prayer
- Registration volunteers to help with "sign in" and "sign out" daily

Our Lady of Guadalupe parish wants to make this vacation bible camp a very special week for all who participate and we need your help! For more information, please contact Marion at 206 935-0358 or [marionk@olgseattle.org](mailto:marionk@olgseattle.org) or Helen at 205 935-0358 or [heleno@olgseattle.org](mailto:heleno@olgseattle.org)

# From The Pastoral Center



## Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign supports over 60 ministries and services in the Archdiocese. We recognize that through our generosity to the Appeal, 28 seminarians are provided support, over 108,000 individuals who seek help through Catholic Community Services will be cared for, as well as our 11 high schools and 63 elementary schools serving over 22,253 students. Please join me in saying 'YES' to supporting the many faithful servants throughout our Archdiocese who continue to provide the services and ministries needed to provide a Future Full of Hope for all! Thank you if you have already made your gift to the Appeal! If not, please fill out a pledge envelope today or go online to donate: [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate).

## Stewardship Giving Made Easy Visit [www.olgseattle.org](http://www.olgseattle.org)

If you are looking for a more convenient way to make planned or additional financial contributions to support our parish ministries and programs, we encourage you to look at our electronic giving options. Visit our parish website to learn more. Go to [www.olgseattle.org](http://www.olgseattle.org) and click on the "Online Giving" button. Renewal of Financial Stewardship - your pledge - can be done on-line.



## OLG School Happenings

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**Jog-a-Thon, May 1st** - The theme this year - Top It! Challenging each student to dig deep, find their inner strength and TOP the amount of laps they ran last year. To help motivate students and show them how far they can go if they are determined enough, special guest 2001 OLG graduate James McGrath came to the kick-off assembly. These days, James is known as "The Beast" McGrath, 6-time competitor on the TV show called *American Ninja Warrior*. James shared with the students that he was voted most artistic as an OLG 8th grader not most athletic. But, by setting goals, learning from his defeats and continuing to try his hardest, he is achieving his dream!

**"Not One More" Presentation** - The organization, Not One More, recently came to our school to speak with the 7th and 8th grade classes about the dangers of drugs. Thank you, 8th grader, Michael Dove for bringing this group to our school. Michael has been working with this organization as part of his Juan Diego Project.

**Have you heard of the novel *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*?** *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* is one of the required reading books for 7th graders. It covers the life of a Chinese American boy living in Seattle during WWII. The 7th grade was fortunate to have author Jamie Ford skype with them to answer questions about the book as well as what it is like being an author.

**"Loop the 'Lupe!': It's Time to Plan a FUN RUN!!!** - Greetings! It's that time of year when OLG families start really thinking about running and fundraising with our Jog-a-thon, and the School Commission is considering a whole new concept - what about holding a fall fun run (working title: "Loop the 'Lupe!") for kids, adults, seniors, and everyone who wants to participate, from West Seattle and beyond? The idea is just in its beginning stages, but it could turn into a great fundraiser for the school by involving not just OLG families, but also a much larger community of runners, major sponsors, and businesses. With all the fun comes plenty of work - event planning, sponsor identification, runner recruitment, setup, cleanup, and much more! If you're interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact Brian Callanan and get ready to lace 'em up for a cause we all believe in. Thanks!