

# Our Lady of Guadalupe

7000 35th Avenue SW , Seattle, Washington, 98126

December 13, 2015



***“...Do not be afraid. Jesus is the Light who brightened the darkness.” ...Pope Francis***

## Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil** - 5:30 PM

**Sunday Mornings** - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**Weekday Mass** - Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9:00 AM

**Holy Day Masses** - 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Saturdays - 4:15 to 5:00 PM (or by appointment through the Parish Office)

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

### **It Is Not Just About Money - Retirement In America**

Recently, I was invited to participate in a pre-retirement workshop at St. Meinrad's Abbey in Southern Indiana. I was invited to attend because I am part of a group looking at retirement issues with priests. I found it to be one of the best adult education experiences. The presenter was Richard Johnson, PhD.

There are 15 areas we looked at to prepare for a successful retirement. Dr. Johnson had us look at our attitudes about each of the 15 issues and then look at our current behavior to see how well our current behavior will support success during retirement. Upon my return from the workshop, I have been sharing the experience with parishioners who are retired or pre-retirement age. Parishioner reaction has been surprising because so many do not pay attention to all the factors and only focus on financial security.

After Christmas, I am being encouraged to share the other 14 indicators for success in retirement.

### **Pre-Christmas Surgery For Fr. Jack**

On December 16th, I will have my tenth skin cancer surgery, this time on my ear. I asked the surgeon if I would qualify for a frequent surgery bonus like a trip to Iceland? I have not heard back about whether or not this is possible. I should be back to the parish the next day. Use your sunscreen and wear brimmed hats.

Fr. Jack

# Prayer & Liturgy



## Let Us Pray For...

We will hold our brothers and sisters, listed below, in prayer for a month. If you would like to have us pray beyond this month for anyone, please notify our parish office and we will keep their name on the list for the time that you have requested.

Pete Baum	Velda Handler	Georgette Sankey
Paulina Beard	Daniel Hansen	Andre Sasonoff
Matthew Benoit	Aaron Hubert	Sharon Schellong
Lou & Sis Blumer	Karen Kinner	Justin Shaw
Thelma Bowman	James & Stacia Kratzer	Dennis Simonson
Richard Brodrick	Joan Lewis	Donna Simonson
Mike Burris	Carsten Maes	John Sisson
Sinead Anne Cadde	Dominic Marrese	Evelyn Soros
Patricia Calhoun	Rocco Marrese	Jake Steiner
Rosie Caton	Jenny Mattingly	Lennie Tague
Delores Chapmen	Pat McCarthy	Leon Vielle
Frank Coccia	Robert Mollerus	Nelly Villasenor
Alfred Cruz	Dene Napolitan	Ed Wagon
Mary Jane Daniels	Brianna Nelson	Doug Walker
Jeanette Denfeld	Rae Nicklas	Sandy Warren
Barbara Duchscher	Bertha Okrusch	Essie Weingerger
Craig Duncan	John Plummer	Tanya Wright
Jacque Fitzwater	Remedios Ponce	Marge Zielaskowski
Chris Hackett	Pattie Quinn	
David Handler	Joey Quiñones	

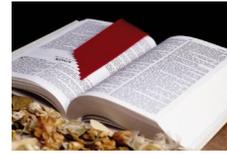
Let us also pray for those who have recently passed.  
Donald J. Cronin

## Prayer Quilt Ministry

For the month of December, we continue to hold in prayer the following recipients who have received prayer quilts: Ana Maria Gil Karl and for the family of Konner House who recently passed.

## The Making Of Our Jubilee Doors

It started out as a "Wouldn't it be cool if..." and it ended up as a work of art thanks to the creativity and hard work of Dave Fitton, Kelley McKenzie, and Mia Sazon. The images on the panels are replicas of the actual panels on the holy doors of St. Peter's Basilica! We are very grateful for their gifts and energy to help us celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. These doors will remain open throughout the year in a special place of prayer until the end of the Jubilee on November 20, 2016.



## Scripture Readings

*This Week*

### Third Sunday Of Advent

**Reading 1:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a

**Reading 2:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18

*Next Week*

### Fourth Sunday Of Advent

**Reading 1:** Micah 5:1-4a

**Reading 2:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45



## Cultivating A Jubilee Year Of Mercy

**This Week's Focus:** OLG's Jubilee Doors

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we blessed our Jubilee Doors as we begin our pilgrimage journey during this Holy Year of Mercy. As Fr. Jack prayed during the blessing, "Brothers and sisters, let us begin this journey together - as a parish community, as families, and as people in the world, asking for God's grace and guidance. He is the way that leads us in the year of grace and mercy." You can learn more about the Jubilee Year and the many activities taking place at OLG by visiting our website.

## What Is A Jubilee Year And Why Does It Matter?

Sunday, December 20th between the masses (9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.) in the Walmesley Center. Come learn more about this holy year of mercy and the opportunities it offers for individuals, families and our parish to grow in faith and holiness. Hospitality will be provided.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

**THERESE BIANCHI**

*A Move In The Right Direction*

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For more information about "Prayer and Liturgy" go to [www.olgseattle.org](http://www.olgseattle.org) and click on the "Grow In Faith" tab.

# Faith Formation



## Christmas Eve Gospel Pageant

**Welcome all Shepherds, Angels and Stable Animals  
to our Christmas Eve children's Mass!**

Our Lady of Guadalupe has a wonderful tradition of inviting all children who want to participate in our Christmas Eve Children's Mass, Thursday, December 24th at 3:00 p.m. Please note that this Mass has been moved up one hour from previous years so that we can accommodate all of the families and friends who want to attend. If your child wants to be part of this special tradition in our community, here is what they need to do:

1. Attend a mandatory rehearsal on Monday, December 21st at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church. Costume assignments will be made at the rehearsal to give time to make sure children have what they want in terms of costume fittings and to help the children become familiar with the pageant format. Parents and guardians who want to volunteer to help organize the children on the 24th as well as sign up for snacks will be able to sign up on the 21st.
2. We will have a second rehearsal on December 24th at 2:00 p.m., which is also mandatory, so that we can give as much support to the children, enabling them to tell the greatest story every told in a prayerful and meaningful way. This is where we will need parent and guardian help. Please bring your children to the DeMazenod Room, lower level of the church.
3. Please note that any additional children who may come during the Christmas Eve Gospel Pageant Mass, and have not participated in the two required rehearsals, will have an opportunity to process into the church and be part of that experience only. They will not be part of this year's pageant program, as costumes and parts will have been assigned, but they would be welcome to participate in the Gospel pageant the following year. Often friends and relatives come to this event and it is our desire to welcome all children in our procession to the Crèche to share in the joy and excitement of this wonderful tradition.

If you should have any questions about our Christmas Eve Gospel Pageant Mass, please call Marion Kari at 206-935-0358, Ext. 113 or email [marionk@olgseattle.org](mailto:marionk@olgseattle.org).

## Advent Activity

During the Advent season, here is a fun activity that you can do as a family which will help young children grasp the concept that Advent is a time of waiting. Here is what you will need:

- Provide each family member with markers, crayons, pencils and paper.
- Talk together as a family of the wait that Mary and Joseph endured as they prepared for the birth of Jesus.
- Talk about how you celebrate birthdays in your family and try to imagine how Mary and Joseph must have felt during the days before Jesus' birth.
- As a family, discuss ways that you can all prepare for the birth of Jesus and write your ideas down. Some suggestions to get the conversation going: decorate a birthday cake; make a family Advent calendar; make birthday cards to send to family members and write a family prayer to Jesus.
- Have each family member make one special gift that shows that they are welcoming Jesus into their hearts. This can be a family banner with a message from each family member, or an illustration of Joseph and Mary at the manger. These gifts can be displayed by your family advent wreath if you have one.
- As a family, remind each other that Advent is a time of waiting and to ask God to help each family member to wait patiently and prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

## Mark Your Calendars No Faith Formation Programs During Christmas Break!

Our Faith Formation programs will be taking a Christmas break which will also include our Little Lambs program during the following dates: Sunday, December 20th and Sunday, December 27th. We will resume our programs in January with our Family Faith Sunday program on January 3rd in the Walmesley Center from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Come join in this wonderful celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord. We invite all families to participate in activities that will help us all celebrate the gifts that we have been given by God, as well as the gifts that we want to share with one another in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Also mark your calendars that we will not have any Faith Formation programs, including Little Lambs, on January 17th honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. Thank you for the gift of your children to our Faith Formation programs.

O' Come let us adore Him,  
O' Come let us adore Him,  
O' Come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Faith Formation Team



# Outreach Ministry

## **Giving Tree - Please Return Gifts by 12/13**

OLG's Giving Tree has been filled with tags for children at Treehouse and Catholic Housing Services' Santa Teresita housing program. If you took a tag, please be sure to return all Santa Teresita cards to the marked box in the church and Treehouse gifts, unwrapped, to the collection barrel in the narthex. Please return all gifts by 12/13. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Day Of Service - Save The Date!**

Mark your calendars - the 2016 Day of Service will be held on **Saturday, April 16, 2016**. This is an opportunity for the OLG community to participate in one of several service projects helping others in our community. Stay tuned for more details. If you have any questions, contact Karen Fitton at [fitton-karen@gmail.com](mailto:fitton-karen@gmail.com) or Jennifer Ibach at [jibach@olgseattle.org](mailto:jibach@olgseattle.org).

## **United Airlines Miles Needed For Volunteer Trip To Texas**

Fr. Jack and parishioners from OLG are preparing for a service trip to McAllen, TX to help at the Humanitarian Respite Center run by Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. The trip will take place in March and we are looking for donations of United Airlines miles to help volunteers offset the cost. Please consider helping us serve the families arriving at our border by donating 37, 5K-50K miles, the average "cost" of a ticket (smaller increments may also be donated). Donations needed by December 31st. For more information, contact Jennifer Ibach at 206-935-0358, Ext. 120 or [jibach@olgseattle.org](mailto:jibach@olgseattle.org).

## **Christmas Eve Elves Needed**

Last year, we surprised the women in our shelter by decorating their space before they arrived on Christmas Eve. If you would like to help us by sharing decorations, treats, food or presents or by coming to help decorate Christmas Eve morning, please contact Jennifer Ibach at 206-935-0358, Ext. 120 or [jibach@olgseattle.org](mailto:jibach@olgseattle.org). Families are welcome!

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

Have you noticed the contradictions? All of the ads tell us that we must buy their products to be happy - or beautiful - or successful.. Jesus says, "Go sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven." So-oo-oo!

## **U.S. Bishops Urge Catholics To Welcome Syrians**

Lately, the news has been filled with stories of war, violence and debates over refugees. Many are left wondering how to respond and what our faith has to say in these times. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has some good resources to consider. To learn more about the European Refugee Crisis and how the Church is responding, to go <http://www.crs.org/media-center/european-refugee-crisis-7-things-you-can-do-to-help>.

For more information on taking action through advocacy, visit: <http://capwiz.com/justiceformigrants/callalert/index.tt?alertid=68637626> and <http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/current-issues/>. To learn more about the work and mission of the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services, <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/>.

## **24 Hour Vigil**

Seattle Mayor Murray and King County Executive Constantine have declared **States of Emergency on the homeless crisis in Seattle and King County.**

During this Advent season, we are calling on our federal leaders to partner with Seattle/King County in response to our growing numbers of men, women and children who are struggling to survive on our streets.

**Pope Francis summons us all to behold and respond in love.** As Catholics, we pray and come together to bring the good news and loving presence of God to the poor and most vulnerable among us.

**Please join us as we hold vigil for 24 hours on homelessness in a call for federal investment in affordable housing.**

**December 16th through December 17th**

**Noon to Noon**

**Henry M. Jackson Federal Building**

**915 Second Avenue, downtown Seattle**

**Sign up now for a shift: [sign up here \(www.faithadvocacy.org\)](http://www.faithadvocacy.org)**



# 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.

## Prayers And Squares Quilt Ministry Needs Your Help!

Do you sew and have some time to devote to this wonderful ministry? If so, your talents and skills will be greatly appreciated. The growing need in our community for prayer quilts has been tremendous. Our Prayers and Squares Ministry is small and has a dedicated group of quilters. It does not matter if you have never made a quilt before as there will be lots of ways that you can use your abilities. This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. If you are interested, please contact Marion Kari at 206-935-0358, Ext. 113 or by email at [marionk@olgseattle.org](mailto:marionk@olgseattle.org).

**Samaritan**  
Center of Puget Sound

John Baumann, M. Div. LMHC  
Counseling & Psychotherapy Services  
206-527-2266, ext. 385  
425- 830-9614 (cell)

## Senior Center Of West Seattle

### Offers Health/Wellness Support Classes!

If you are looking for some Health and Wellness classes, The Senior Center of West Seattle has some for you. If you should have any questions about classes offered at The Senior Center of West Seattle, you can contact them at 206-932-4044. They are located at 4217 SW Oregon Street, Seattle, WA.

#### Dental Hygiene with Jan Loder RDH

Date: By Appointment Only

Cost: Fee Based

Information about the program: Healthy pearls for seniors is a low cost dental hygiene program to promote healthy teeth and gums via cleanings and oral cancer screenings. Screenings are done at the center. Please pick up an application at the reception desk and then call to set up an appointment directly with Jan Loder at 206-498-4025.

#### Chair Massage by Erik LaSever

Date: Fridays

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

20 minute appointment

Call to register or sign up at front desk.

Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members

Information about the class: Enjoy a relaxing neck and back massage while seated.

## An Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and darkness,

send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking light.

To you we say, Come Lord Jesus...

Amen



### ***Christmas Flower Donations***

It is that time of year to begin planning for our Christmas celebrations. The Arts and Environment Committee is hard at work creating another wonderful place for worship and prayer and your donations can help with this effort. Envelopes are in the pews. You can also make a donation at our parish website. Donations in honor or in memory of a loved one are also possible. Thank you for your generosity!

### ***New On The Parish Website & Facebook Page***

Check out photos and updates from our OLG Feast Day celebrations this past weekend. [www.olgseattle.org](http://www.olgseattle.org)

### ***New Year's Resolution Walk***

Please mark your calendars for Friday, January 1, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for OLG's first annual New Year's Resolution Walk at the Peace Garden and Labyrinth. This will be a great opportunity to set an intention or two and use the labyrinth as a tool to set your intentions in motion. Hot chocolate and cider will be served. Stop by anytime to take a turn through the labyrinth as well as to visit the St. Francis and Our Lady of Guadalupe areas of the garden for quiet reflection.

### ***Thank You***

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the OLG School Community, the Starry Crowns, St. Anthony's Guadalupe Dancers and residents of the Santa Teresita Community for helping us celebrate our feast day! We are truly blessed by the many gifts of our community who help us come together for prayer, fellowship and fun! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

### ***Where Did The Statue Of St. Francis Come From***

We are very grateful to Sharon Lyons-Huber who loaned us this wonderful statue of St. Francis. It reminds us to continue to work on advocating and caring for all creation. At this time, you are asked to keep the climate conference in Paris in prayer, asking the Holy spirit to inspire world leaders to lead with courage, vision, and hope.

### ***OLG CYO Volleyball***

Calling all kids who want to play OLG CYO volleyball. Registration begins December 1st for kids grades 4 through 8 - boys and girls. Registration will close January 14th and practices will start February 1st. If your child is interested, please contact Erin Pedras, CYO Board Member and volleyball liaison, at [erinpedras@comcast.net](mailto:erinpedras@comcast.net) before January 14th. She can give you all the information you need regarding the upcoming season. You can also check our website, [www.olgseattle.org](http://www.olgseattle.org) for more information.

### ***OLG CYO Volleyball Coaches Needed***

OLG CYO is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming volleyball season for the following: 4th grade co-ed, 5th/6th grade boys, 7th grade girls and 7th/8th grade boys. If you are interested in being a coach, you must be compliant with the Archdiocesan guidelines for Safe Environment (i.e. current background check, abuse prevention policies read and signed and the Safe Environment training class). You must also have knowledge of the game of volleyball and be willing to attend coaches clinics that are provided by Seattle CYO Athletics to help further your skills as a coach. If interested, please contact Erin Pedras, CYO Board Member and volleyball liaison at [erinpedras@comcast.net](mailto:erinpedras@comcast.net).

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



# **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7:00 PM**

**&**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1:00 PM**

*“Do not forget that God forgives all,  
and God forgives always.”*

*—Pope Francis*

# From The Pastoral Center



## 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.

## Stewardship

Have  
Only  
Positive  
Expectations

A huge **thank you** to all who have made their 2016 financial commitment to OLG! We are only 36.11% away from our 1 million dollar pledge goal!! With **349** families participating so far, **\$638,933** in pledges and **20 days** left in December... keep up the good work! Every pledge makes a difference!

## OLG School Happenings

Donna Ramos, Principal  
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### Here's what's happening in our School!

**Seventh Grade Religion** - The Seventh graders are truly living out the Catholic Social Teachings of "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable" and "Life and Dignity of Human Person". Each month, with the help of dedicated parent volunteers led by Lissa Baier and Natalie Trius, they prepare, deliver, and serve 150 lunches to Angeline's Day Center for homeless women in Belltown, a division of the YWCA. Students learned

about homelessness this fall, and in particular the stereotypes associated with it. They explored some root causes and the danger, uncertainty, and ignominy of living on the streets. By serving the lunches students develop respect for the dignity of all, and a sense of responsibility towards their larger community.

The maturation and growth that comes along with this experience is evident in every seventh grader. From a greater understanding of the hardships some face, to a significantly increased appreciation for what they have been given, all come away from it a little wiser. This broadens their perspective of the world, and empowers them to create a lasting positive impact upon it.



### Second Grade

**South America Projects** - South America is wild and wonderful! 2nd graders each researched one South America country and came up with a creative project to use to teach the class about their country. This month, students are presenting their projects and learnings to the class. Feel free to stop in the 2nd grade classroom to see the fabulous posters, lego models, diagrams, tourism books, etc., that students have created about their countries.

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### Advent & Hanukah

With the beginning of Advent, we took time to learn about the liturgical calendar (life cycle) of the church. This week, we are learning about Hanukah, recognizing that, as a Jew, Jesus would have celebrated Hanukah (not Christmas). We are taking time to learn about the story of Hanukah and the traditions that surround the Jewish festival of lights, including lighting the menorah and praying for our Jewish brothers and sisters in a special way during these days of Hanukah.