29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
29° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

“Por la insistencia de esta viuda, voy a hacerle justicia para que no me siga molestando’ ”. - Lc 18, 5

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Prince of Peace Catholic Church
1171 NE Sand Hill Rd, Belfair, WA 98528
(360) 275-8760 - stgabepop.org

October 20, 2019 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Baptismal Preparation:
To make arrangements to attend baptismal preparation class please call the Parish Office.

Sacramental Preparation:
To sign up for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation classes, please contact the Parish Office. These classes require 2 years of preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Individual confessions on Thursday after 10 AM Mass or by appointment.

Marriage Preparation:
Please contact the office 6 months prior to anticipated wedding date before making other arrangements.

Care of the Sick and Anointing
Communal anointing of the sick is scheduled on the First Thursday of the month at the 10:00 AM Mass. Individual anointing by the pastor or home visits by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can be arranged through the Parish Office. In case of an emergency concerning death or dying please call (360) 876-2762 Ext #2.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Initiation into the Catholic faith is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. To learn more about this spiritual journey contact the Parish Office.

Bulletin Submissions
All bulletin submissions should be given to the Parish Office in writing/email no later than Monday at noon 2 weeks before you want the article to be run.

New Parishioners/Registration
Are you new to the parish? If so, Welcome! Registration forms can be found in the back of the Church. Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket.

Moving?
If you recently moved or are planning on moving, please don’t forget to update your address and contact information here at the parish.

**Prince of Peace Mission Statement**
Diverse as we are, imbued by the Gospel Spirit and centered at the Eucharist, we are a welcoming and caring community, providing for spiritual and human social development both at home and beyond.

**Pastor**
Fr. Phuong V. Hoang

**Senior Priest**
Fr. Ronald H. Belisle

**Deacon**
John Ricciardi: deaconjohn@stgabePOP.org

**Staff:**
Pastoral Associate for Administration
Kurt Lawrence: kurt@stgabePOP.org

Assistant Pastoral Associate for Administration and Financial/Contribution Questions
Sarah McLellan: sarah@stgabePOP.org

Receptionists: parishoffice@stgabePOP.org
Kathryn “Kate” Platt (AM)
Catherine “Katie” Knolke (PM)

Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation
Maria Murphree: maria@stgabePOP.org

Faith Formation Coordinator
Position Open

Hispanic Ministries Coordinator
Mateo Santiago: mateo@stgabePOP.org

Director of Music
Maureen Jacobs: maureen@stgabePOP.org

Pianist
Peggy Maurer

Custodians
Bruce Cliber: Bruce@stgabePOP.org
Domingo Fernando Nolasco

Volunteer Coordinators:
Finance Council: Tony Peredo
Pastoral Council: Kurt Lawrence
Liturgy Committee: Lynn Zumwalt
Ushers: Don Roe & John Skelton

Office Hours:
Monday  9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday  Closed
Wednesday 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Prince of Peace Phone:  (360) 275-8760  Fax:  (360) 275-4418
St. Gabriel Phone:  (360) 876-2762  Fax:  (360) 228-7008
Dear Parishioners:

--- Luke depicts Jesus at prayer right from the beginning of his Gospel. Prayer becomes one of the ways by which we follow Jesus. Luke insists on the importance of prayer for the Christian life. We must pray unceasingly, for prayer is a sign of our faith in God. Prayer is not something that we use to put pressure on God to get our own way.

**Authentic prayer** opens us up to the action of God’s Spirit, bringing us in line with God’s desires, and making us into true disciples, obedient to Jesus and to the Father who has sent him.

Both parables in Luke 18 present prayer as continual and persistent, hurling its petitions against long periods of silence. Prayer means asking and seeking, knocking and waiting, boundless trust and patience. Those who pray sometimes become frustrated and angry that their supplications are not heard. Yet, life in the Christian community is possible only through a life of prayer. The surprising thing about prayer is that its first effect is in us. Our own minds and hearts are shaped by prayer as we seek opportunities to translate that prayer into practice, the truest test of its authenticity.

Luke tells us that Jesus sometimes prayed all night. Of his praying on the night of his arrest, Luke writes: “and being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground” (Lk 22: 44).

---The World Mission Sunday Collection in the Archdiocese of Seattle includes a combination of five pontifical and USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) national collections: Society for the Propagation of the Faith; Catholic Near East Welfare Association; Church in Latin America; Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Let us pray especially at this Mass for all people who long to hear the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus, and for the priests, religious and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that “Good News”. **Please be generous in your giving to the World Mission Sunday collection this weekend.**

---Counting down in two weeks, St. Gabriel Parish cordially invites parishioners from Prince of Peace to The Annual Holiday Bazaar of 2019 (All Day Friday, Nov. 1st; All Day Saturday, Nov. 2nd and after Masses on Sunday, Nov. 3rd) in the Community Room to purchase a variety of handmade items or something of value for a good cause (All proceeds are for Share and Care Ministry) to help the needy and the unfortunate of our faith community and the larger community.

---Among the many themes of celebration in the month of October is “Respect for Life”; I’d like to bring your attention to this focus by considering to attend the “Cornerstone Catholic Conference” - The Bishops of Washington State are sponsoring this conference covering Life, Justice and Peace, Oct. 18th - 20th at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. Be inspired by the Gospel call to care for all who are unborn, poor, or dying! For more information please visit this website www.cornerstonecatholic.com.

---Please keep Fr. Belisle in your prayer as he travels to the Philippines. Originally, Fr. Belisle was to attend an important Workshop of Fraternal Priests, a small group called “Jesus’ Caritas” to be held in the Philippines. He is currently a coordinator of “Jesus’ Caritas” for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Fr. Belisle, may your dedication and work for the priests of the Archdiocese bear much fruit for all the priests here in our local church.

Christ’s Peace,
Fr. Phuong Hoang

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**Upcoming Retreats at Palisades Retreat House**

November 7th at 7:00 PM  
“Meeting Jesus Again...or maybe for the first time” An Evening of Reflection led by: Ron Ryan

Many of us know a lot about Jesus, yet aren’t sure we really feel close to him. How can we experience a relationship with someone who lived so long ago? Join Ron Ryan for an evening of reflection to help us translate what we “know” about Jesus into actually “knowing” him.

November 8th - 10th  
“Awaken”  
A Young Adult Silent Retreat led by: Fr. Jewel Aytona

You snooze, you lose! Stay awake and keep the faith! This retreat will be an opportunity for young adults to renew their zeal and love for God and the Catholic faith. Filled with teachings of Catholic Truth, spiritual doctrines of the saints, the Eucharist and confession, retreatants will be equipped with the armor of God to fight against the snares of the devil!

This is a SILENT retreat, with the exception of common prayers, Mass, and conference presentations, which will include beatboxing music by the retreat leader. Young adults of all spiritual levels welcomed.

For information on these and other retreats, or to register, check out the Palisades website: palisadesretreatcenter.org/upcoming-retreats/.

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Weekly Schedule

**Sunday, October 20** - World Mission Sunday
9:00 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Knights of Columbus “Back the Badge” Breakfast
12:30 PM Rosary
1:00 PM Mass in Spanish
4:00 PM Confirmation Class

**Monday, October 21**
No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, October 22**
No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, October 23**
1:30 PM Mass (Retsil Veterans Home)
4:30 PM Choir Practice

**Thursday, October 24**
10:00 AM Mass - Cardinal Kurt Koch and the Staff of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity
11:00 AM Faith Sharing

**Friday, October 25**
7:00 PM Youth Group (Hispanic)

**Saturday, October 26** - Knights Christmas Card Sales
4:00 PM Rosary
4:30 PM Mass

**Sunday, October 27** - Knights Christmas Card Sales
9:00 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Knights of Columbus Coffee & Donuts
11:45 AM First Communion Classes (English & Spanish)
12:30 PM Rosary
1:00 PM Mass in Spanish

**Pray the Rosary!**

**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Ministry/Committee Meetings**

**Anointing of Sick:** (November 7th)
1st Thursday during daily Mass

**Adoration/Benediction:** (November 7th)
1st Thursday after Mass

**St. Monica Guild:** (November 8th)
2nd Thursdays at Noon. Bring a sack lunch.

**Rosary Makers:** (November 9th)
2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM

**Knights of Columbus:** (November 11th)
2nd Monday Rosary at 5:30 PM; Meeting at 6:00 PM

**Liturgy Committee:** (November 21st)
3rd Thursday at 11:00 AM

**Readings for the week beginning October 20th**

**Sunday, October 20**
Ex 17: 8-13; Ps 121: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3: 14 - 4: 2; Lk 18: 1-8

**Monday, October 21**
Rom 4: 20-25; (Ps) Lk 1: 69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12: 13-21

**Tuesday, October 22**
Rom 5: 12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12: 35-38

**Wednesday, October 23**
Rom 6: 12-18; Ps 124: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12: 49-53

**Thursday, October 24**
Rom 7: 18-25a; Ps 119: 66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12: 54-59

**Friday, October 25**
Rom 8: 1-11; Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13: 1-9

**Saturday, October 26**
Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18; Ps 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18; Lk 18: 9-14

**Remember in Your Prayers**

**Pope Francis’ October intention:**
A Missionary “Spring” in the Church
That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender
a new missionary “spring” in the Church.

**General Prayers - Please pray for:**
Parishioners awaiting test results, those residing at Retsil, medical facilities & retirement centers, the home-bound, the imprisoned, the unemployed, and for our military loved ones in service around the world.

**Prayers for the Sick:** In your kindness and charity towards others, please pray for the sick, especially Michelle Cope.

**Prayers for the Deceased:** For all those who have died, especially: H. Earl Jones, Jr., Jesus Manuel Miguel, and Sharon Tucker. May God grant them the joy of eternal life and peace for their families

Pray also for the sick and deceased mentioned in our Book of Intentions, and for those we hold in the silence of our hearts.

Please notify the parish office at parishoffice@stgabePOP.org to have names added on our prayer lists. Names will remain on the list during the month they are submitted.
Stewardship

Stewardship of Treasure
Through October 14, 2019

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Thank you for your faithful Stewardship to Prince of Peace Parish & your generous heart.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a mass said for the special intention of a loved one (living or deceased), please stop by the office. The suggested donation is $10, but no fee is required. We also have cards available, if you would like to let someone know of the mass intention.

Collection Counters

Our parishioners generously contribute their financial resources to the operations and mission of our parish family, and we need detail-oriented people who can carefully count and organize our weekly collections.

Each Monday we have volunteers that come in to count the weekend collection. We are looking for a few volunteers to grow our ranks. The time commitment is approximately 2 1/2 hours starting at 9:30 AM.

If you are good with numbers and looking to volunteer, please contact Sarah McLellan in the Parish Office at sarah@stgabepop.org to volunteer or if you have questions.

PREPARES Boutique

The Boutique is running low on the following items: girls clothing 2T-3T and boys clothing size 12 months and 2T-3T. Thank you for your continued generous donations and support.

Bulletin Changes

On Tuesday, September 3rd, LPi purchased our church’s bulletin service from Catholic Printery. We were in the planning process of moving to LPi before this news was released, it will just happen sooner than expected. What does this mean for you? Our bulletins will, in the next several months, switch to being printed in LPi’s Las Vegas production center. In order to insure that our printed bulletins are received on time we will need to submit our bulletins earlier in the week.

As such, if you would like items to appear in the bulletin you will need to submit it no later than Thursday of the week prior. For example, if you would like an article to appear in the September 29th bulletin, you will need to get it to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, September 19th. If you have any questions, please let me know.

World Mission Sunday Collection

We are BAPTIZED and SENT...on Mission in the World!

This weekend, we will take up the collection for World Mission Sunday. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of missionary work throughout the world. This collection offers financial help and charity to vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

Please follow this link if you would like to donate online: https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/mission-sunday. Thank you for your generous support.

Stewardship Quote

Today’s Gospel calls all of us - not just the apostles - to go and make disciples. If we cannot actually go to the missions, we can answer Jesus’ call by giving generously of our prayers and financial resources to support those who can and do.

Women of the Parish...

Advent is right around the corner and there is a special devotional that is just for you. Blessed is she has a devotional that starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent and runs through Epiphany.

The 2019 Advent + Christmas prayer devotional / journal, All the Generations, is your daily companion to deepen your connection with Christ through the Advent and Christmas seasons.

All the Generations is written beautifully by every single member of our Blessed is She writing team. Through each of their unique stories and perspectives on how our earthly families teach us about our place in the Heavenly Family, we explore Jesus’ lineage and how it leads all the way up to you. The devotional can be ordered from www.blessedisshe.net.

If you feel called to lead a Blessed is She Advent small group, please contact Sarah McLellan at sarah@stgabepop.org.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Ministry Spotlight:
Are you the chair or coordinator for a Ministry here at Prince of Peace? If so, we would like to shine a spotlight on your ministry here in the bulletin, as well as on our parish website. Please send information to Sarah McLellan at sarah@stgabepop.org.

Knights of Columbus
Upcoming Events
Fr. Victor Cloquet Council 12002:
Nov 3, 10, 24: Coffee & Donuts after 9:30 AM masses.
Nov 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30: Christmas Card Sales after all weekend masses.
Nov 11, 5:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Rosary
6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Nov 17: Knights of Columbus Breakfast - Coats for Kids

New Parish Office Hours!
In an effort to better serve the Communities of Prince of Peace and St. Gabriel, the office hours at will be changing as follows, effective November 1st:

Prince of Peace Hours:
Monday / Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday Closed
Thursday / Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Faith Formation
Faith Enrichment for Adults
Are you looking for a way to refresh your own knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith? You are invited to participate in our course beginning Monday, October 21st at 6:00 PM in the St. Gabriel Community Room. The topic for the first session is "Introduction to Scripture and Tradition." There are 7 sessions (one per month,) plus online home study. No registration or payment is required to attend the first session. If you wish to continue, you may register after the first session. Contact Maria Murphree at Maria@stgabepop.org or phone (360) 876-2762 x111 with questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults
Were you baptized but were not brought up as a Catholic and you are considering looking into how to become a fully initiated Catholic Christian? Are you a Christian, brought up in a different tradition and you wish to join the Catholic Church? Are you not baptized and wish to join the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) can help you along the path. For more information about RCIA, please contact the Religious Education Office at (360) 275-8760.

Coats for Kids!
The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Coats for Kids drive before and after all masses throughout the month of October. With the weather turning, now is the time when our help is needed. Please bring in your donations (New and Gently Used) to help families, especially the children, in need!

Christmas Card Sales!
The Knights of Columbus will be selling Religious Christmas Cards again this year. Before you stock up at the stores, come by their table in the Community Room after all weekend masses during the month of November and into December. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Advertiser of the Week
Please patronize the businesses advertised on the back page of this bulletin. When you patronize these businesses let them know that you saw their ad in our bulletin. Advertiser of the week is:

Rill Chapel

Ministry Spotlight:
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Matthew Study Day at Prince of Peace Church
Join us on Saturday, November 23rd, at 8:30 AM. Mass will be at 4:30 PM.
A mystery! If Matthew's father was named "Alphaeus", so was the father of the apostle James the Lesser. Were they brothers? Can you name 2 other sets of brothers among the apostles?

You are invited to a day of prayer and study on the Gospel we will be reading in the coming year led by Fr. Ron Belisle. Register: call (360) 275-8760, or email to maria@stgabepop.org.
Cancer Support Group

If you haven’t already signed up, it is not too late. Please plan to attend class at 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 20th. For more information, please contact Maria Murphree at (360) 876-2762 extension 111 or email her at maria@stgabepop.org.

Si te perdiste la primera clase de confirmación el 6 de octubre, pero deseas prepararte para la Confirmación este año, por favor planee asistir a clase a las 4:00 PM del domingo, Octubre 20th.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church’s Winter Bazaar!

Where: 1150 Mitchell Ave., Port Orchard
When: November 1st & 2nd from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
November 3rd from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Handcrafted items - Sewing, Paper Crafts and more! Gift Baskets Galore! Kid’s Grab Bags! Baked Goods! Twice Loved Toys & Christmas Items! Over 100 Local Merchant Participants: Gift Certificates and Donated Items! Free Admission! Donation for Tickets on Baskets** Drawing for Baskets and 50/50 Cash will be held on November 3rd...need not be present to win!

Proceeds Go To Help Community Needy!

Faith Formation...Cont.

First Communion Preparation

Bilingual First Communion classes began last Sunday, October 13th, 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM. Students should be in 2nd grade or older, and should already be baptized. If you haven’t already signed up, it is not too late. For more information, please contact Maria at (360) 876-2762 x111 or email her at maria@stgabepop.org.

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Are you FORMED?

October is Respect Life Month. Search ‘respect life’ or other dignity of life words in the search engine at to watch or read all sorts of great Catholic media to be informed about this topic. Remember, your online subscription and App are free!

Sister Happenings at St. Gabriel

Vianney: The Priest who fought the Devil

The moving, live production performed by actor Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Gabriel Church in Port Orchard on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 PM.

Vianney has the power to inspire vocations and bring souls to reconciliation with God. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for all ages. Stay tuned for more information about this great production.

Amidst the chaos of the French Revolution, a simple peasant priest enters Ars. This backwater town is a place where no one cares much about their faith. They don’t expect much out of John Vianney either, but then the impossible begins to happen. Through John’s example, love, and sacrifice, the townspeople begin to change. This is a story of perseverance against all odds. It is the story of a humble pastor with a passion for souls.


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Cancer Support Group

Are you or a loved one or friend battling cancer? Maybe you would like to support those who are battling cancer? Then come to the next Cancer Support Group meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 1:30 PM in St. Gabriel’s Parish Library.

Any person who has active cancer, cancer in remission, family members or friends with cancer, or just wants to support our parish members with cancer is welcome to attend. If they desire to do so, each member is given a chance to speak. The goal of this group is support each other with this family illness.
Retsil Veteran’s Home

COME AND SHARE Mass to celebrate Veteran’s Day with the residents of Retsil Veteran’s Home on Wednesday, November 6th in the Veteran’s Home Chapel. Rosary will be prayed at 1:00 PM followed by the Mass at 1:30 PM. A small reception will be held afterwards in the social room.

Gospel Meditation

“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? “Because the widow keeps bothering me.” Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which - in our limited view - typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in our image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will “secure the rights of his chosen ones.” Sometimes, He may well seem “slow to answer them.”

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts “are not [our] thoughts.” His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgement! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when - or if - our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness “faith on earth.”

St. John Paul II, Pope

In the early years, Catholics and non-Catholics alike were attracted to the athletic man who sneaked out of his villa to ski and reached out to the young at World Youth Days. People of many faiths prayed for him when he was shot in St. Peter’s Square and were awed with the mercy he granted his assailant. None escaped the poignancy of a feeble John Paul II praying at the Western Wall in Israel, leaving a prayer inside the wall. Even a scant follower of the pope knew that the man who forgave his assailant, traveled the world to evangelize, and sought healing in relations with the Jewish people looked to the Blessed Virgin as a model of faith.

October - Month of the Rosary!
Though he never officially took the title during his lifetime, St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was the first head of the Catholic Church, or the first pope. One of Christ’s 12 apostles, Peter preached throughout Asia Minor (present-day Turkey) before going to Rome, where Emperor Nero crucified him—upside down.

Saint of the Day: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

St. John of Capistrano (1386-1456) was an Italian Franciscan priest. He was born in the Kingdom of Naples and studied law at Perugia, got married, and became a magistrate. During a war, he was sent as a peace ambassador but was thrown in prison, and during this time realized that he was called to be a priest. He and his wife had never consummated their marriage, so they separated, and John entered the Franciscans. He applied himself to a life of extreme asceticism and developed a reputation as a powerful preacher, in Italy as well as in countries such as Germany and Poland. So great were the crowds who came to hear him that no church could hold them, and he had to preach outdoors. In addition to preaching, John fought heresy through his writing and led an army against an invasion of Turks. He survived the battle but died of bubonic plague in 1456. St. John of Capistrano is a patron saint of those in the legal profession. The famous Mission San Juan Capistrano in southern California is named for him.

Rachel’s Corner  Hope and Healing After Abortion

Are you searching for forgiveness and peace? Project Rachel is here to help you do so in a supportive, confidential environment.

Fall Retreat Schedule: 25-27 October, Stanwood (Español), 18-19 November, Seabeck (English)

Español: (206) 450-7814  English: (206) 920-6413
Email: projectrachel@ccsww.org
You are loved with an everlasting Love!
¡Con amor eterno te he amado!

Women’s Welcome Retreat!

Come seek Renewal, Friendship, and an encounter with Christ!

Saturday, November 23rd - 24th
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Young or old, married or single, mother or grandmother,

Come and see how God is calling you into a closer relationship with HIM. Discover what is missing in your life and what to do about it.

Venue: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 1513 6th St., Bremerton, WA 98337  Phone: (360) 479-3777  Cost: $50.00

For more information, contact the Women’s Retreat Team at OLSOSWomensRetreat@gmail.com.
Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

As we live out our life of faith, it is easy to lose heart and lose confidence in God’s power and effective presence. We can fall into apathy. Given the immensity of the concerns that about, we feel powerless and can become unmotivated to persevere. To combat this weariness, Jesus tells his friends to pray always. Persisting in prayer allows us to find the determination, strength, and conviction to continue on course even when presented with difficulties. If we are determined in our pursuit of God, we will eventually find God breaking through our darkness with the light of His presence, gifting us with contemplative sight so that we can see as He sees and love as He loves. It is only when we take on the person of Christ that we are able, with God’s help, to touch the world’s pain and loneliness.

Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. 2 Tm 4: 2

Questions of the Week - Reflecting and Responding to Scripture

First Reading:
Moses relied on Aaron and Hur to help him accomplish the task of defeating Israel’s enemies. Who do you consider a close ally in your spiritual journey?

Second Reading:
Paul teaches Timothy an important biblical principle: “All Scripture is inspired by God.” How would you explain this idea of “divine inspiration” of Scripture to a non-believer?

Gospel Reading:
Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the persistent widow, holding her up as a model of tenacity in faith. How would you assess your own level of tenacity for your faith?

Halloween

Question:
Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer:
The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn’t always that way. Halloween and All Saints’ Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints’ Day. It was originally called All Hallow’s Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallow’s Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints’ Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as “dark” spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today’s celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember … this feast was Catholic first!
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