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January 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In His presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in His holy place."
Psalm 96

Mass attendance in the church is by reservation only. **Pre-registration is required.** Check-in begins 30 minutes prior to Mass. If you wish to attend Mass and aren't sure how to reserve a spot, please call the parish office and we'll direct you.

MASS SCHEDULE | Until further notice

SAT **Mass** | 5:00 PM AT **SJ**	WED **Mass** | 12:00 NOON AT **QA**
SUN **Mass** | 8:30 AM AT **SJ**	THU **Mass** | 8:30 AM AT **QA**
SUN **Mass** | 11:00 AM AT **QA**	FRI **Mass** | 8:30 AM AT **SJ**
SUN **Mass** | 3:00 PM AT **QA**	SAT **Mass** | 9:00 AM AT **SJ**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE | Until further notice

SAT **Confession** | 3:30-4:30 PM AT **SJ**	WED **Confession** | 11:30-11:55 AM AT **QA**
SUN **Confession** | 1:45-2:45 PM AT **QA**	FRI **Confession** | 8:00-8:25 AM AT **SJ**

*For social distancing, confessions will be heard in the **Mary Room**, in the basement of the rectory building at **QA**, and in the **upstairs entry way to the parish hall** at **SJ***

CHURCH HOURS | Until further notice

The churches will be open for private prayer:

MON 9:00A-3:30 PM AT **QA & SJ**	THU After Mass to 3:30 PM AT **QA**
WED After Mass to 3:30 PM AT **QA**	FRI After Mass to 3:30 PM AT **SJ**
	AND 9:00A-3:30 PM AT **QA**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 23-30

Fr. Leonardo Pestaño *will offer these intentions at the upcoming Masses.*

SAT. VIGIL & SUN. MASSES

SAT	5:00 PM
	Aimee B. Trujillo † **(SJ)**
SUN	8:30 AM
	Christopher Whitaker † **(SJ)**
	11:00 AM
	Isabella Sisco † **(QA)**
	3:00 PM
	QA/SJ Parishioners INT **(QA)**

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

WED	*Ella Nowicki †, James Lee †, & Jack Flatley †* **(QA)**
THU	*Seminarian Aid Mass Int. INT* **(QA)**
FRI	*Kenneth Rausch †* **(SJ)**
SAT	*Joanne & Richard Meloni †* **(SJ)**

LITURGY & DEVOTIONS SCHEDULES

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS | SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Psalm—25 | 1 Cor. 7:29-31 | Mark 1-14-20

[For next Sunday's readings, see pg. 5]

DID YOU KNOW?

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Joseph | The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins approximately at 9:15 AM Fridays, and ends at 3:30 PM.

Queen of Angels | The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins approximately at 12:45 PM Wednesdays, and ends at 3:30 PM.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET | St. Joseph & Queen of Angels

Divine Mercy Chaplet resumes on **Fridays** in both parishes preceded by the Rosary starting at **2:30pm.** Those present in the church are welcome to recite the prayers aloud with the leader. **Benediction** at **St. Joseph Parish** will follow the Chaplet. Masks and physical distancing required.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION—NORTHWEST CATHOLIC

January 31st—HELP US SHARE THE GOOD NEWS — Your support ensures we can continue sending Northwest Catholic to every registered Catholic household in Western Washington. Donate today at seattlearchdiocese.org/NWCC. Thank you.

LENTEN PARISH PROGRAMS

SIGN UP BY FEB. 1ST

Consecration to St. Joseph

Begins Thursday, February 11th — Introductory Zoom session begins at 6:00pm

- Weekly Zoom sessions on Thursday evenings through March 18th

Consecration Day – Friday, March 19th. Individuals may do so privately. The parishes will be consecrated at daily Mass on the solemnity. This is for men, women or couples in the parishes who desire to draw nearer to Christ through the heart of St. Joseph.

- Visit our website www.clallamcatholic.org to sign up. You may purchase your participant book by visiting https://www.shopmercy.org/consecration-to-st-joseph-the-wonders-of-our-spiritual-father.html.

"The Search" – Women's Small Group Faith Sharing

Begins Monday, February 8th — Zoom session begins at 6:00pm

- Weekly Zoom sessions on Monday evenings through March 22nd

This is for women in the parishes who are interested in exploring their faith on a new level, with small group sharing in a safe, trusting environment.

- Visit our website www.clallamcatholic.org to sign up. You may purchase your participant book by visiting https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/the-search-parish-participant-guide.

"Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist" – Men's Lenten Program

Begins Tuesday, February 9th — Zoom session begins at 6:00pm

- Weekly Zoom sessions on Tuesday evenings through March 16th

This is for men in the parishes who are interested in exploring the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from Its origins in Sacred Scripture to Its role in the life in the Church.

- Visit our website www.clallamcatholic.org to sign up. You may purchase your participant book by visiting https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/presence-participant-guide.

We hope you'll consider joining us for these exciting opportunities to deepen your faith during Lent!

Anyone visiting the churches for prayer or attending public Mass does so at their own risk.

January 24, 2021

Conversion: Something We All Need

"God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination…." St. Augustine

Have you ever considered that you were created in God's mind and heart well before you were conceived in your mother's womb? *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you…."* (Jer 1:5) Have you ever considered that God **"created" you perfect**, intending for you to live a life of love with Him forever? *"God created mankind in His image; in the image of God He created them…."* (Gen 1:27) Have you ever stopped to think carefully about **how sin entered the world**: a single, fateful choice by Adam and Eve, which allowed the enemy of God to ensnare all of humanity in an instant, from that point forward, for all time? Years ago I spent a lot of time pondering that single, poor choice by Adam and Eve; anger towards them welled up in me because they brought to humanity, for each and every soul ever created (except the Blessed Virgin Mary), the potential for eternal separation from God. *"The LORD God therefore banished him [man] from the garden of Eden…."* (Gen 3:23)

Although each and every one of us was "created" in perfection, every human being is conceived and born in sin (again, except Mary); we have no choice in the matter. *"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."* (Ps 51:5). The moment we leave our mother's womb the pain and suffering of life in the world begins, and it all hearkens back to that Original Sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that *"sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it [God's love]."* (CCC 1850) So **sin is indeed an offense against God** that causes separation from Him.

We are all sinners; it is inherent within us even if we are living free from mortal sin. Any offense against God is sinful to some degree, and humans are steeped in faults, imperfections, bad habits and outright venial or mortal sin. We are all sinners, but the vast majority of us do not see sin for what it is.

Praise and thank God for the gift of *conversion*! Just because someone is Catholic doesn't mean they aren't in need of conversion; **we are ALL in need of conversion**. One day, each of us must reach a point of choosing good over evil forever, because that is the crux of conversion. Have you made the decision yet about where you want to spend eternity? There are only two choices: Heaven (everlasting union with God) or Hell (everlasting separation from God). And without conversion I dare say it's pretty obvious where someone will end up! Please don't wait any longer; join me in choosing Heaven now…today.

The first step in conversion is being convinced that we are sinners. The second step in conversion is deciding that we are going to do everything we can to avoid sin and live a life of holiness. The third step is to consciously decide to go to Heaven, and be committed to that choice forever. Falls are inherent to our humanness; but we must strive to get up quickly and continue on the road. Conversion doesn't mean life will be any easier; but it does mean that it will be better, because it begins the change from a self-centered to a Christ-centered life. And we will not make it to Heaven unless we are truly living Christ-centered lives.

Today's Gospel passage (Mk 1:14-20) finds Jesus preaching one basic message: *The Kingdom of God is at hand…repent and believe the Gospel*. **Repentance is that change of heart and mind in regards to sin (conversion)**: it is recognizing that we are sinners, asking for forgiveness and turning away from sin to a new life of love in Christ Jesus. **Conversion is a new lease on life**. Andrew and John, Peter and James…they were regular old guys like you and me; they were sinners and always would be. But they knew in their hearts that change was at hand and that they would never look back; that they would abandon their lives of sin for lives of goodness and love. We have to do the same, and we must begin immediately, just as the Apostles did when Jesus beckoned them….

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THE APOSTLES' COLUMN *CONTINUED . . .*

But where does it start? **Can we bring about our own conversion**? Well, it takes **God's grace** first, which is purely a gift; and then it takes our cooperation with that grace: **we must say "yes"** for the change to begin. So pray for the grace of repentance. Pray steadfastly for the conversion of your own soul, no matter where you are on the journey, for conversion is an on-going and life-long process. Let your prayer for repentance be completely simple: the Publican was reconciled with God in a single phrase, *"God, have mercy on me, a sinner."* (Lk 18:13) *"Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy."* This is the Fatima Prayer given to the shepherd children by Mary as she warned the world of coming tragedies if we do not repent and change our lives. The Miserere, or Psalm 51, is known as a Penitential Psalm, a beautiful song of repentance composed by King David. Any of these prayers of repentance could easily be prayed daily. It would be God's way of knowing that we are cooperating with His grace of conversion.

A last thought: one of the best ways to secure our soul is to **actually take time to think about these things: the truths about God and eternity**. Just as with the Apostles, now is the time; we must act. Jesus is passing by, and He is calling us; if we fail to respond, He will continue on His way….

Pax Christi,

Cathy Wiswell, *Pastoral Coordinator*

DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

Feast: January 25th— In the long history of the Church no conversion has been more consequential than St. Paul's. Paul had not been ambivalent toward the Church before he converted. He had actively persecuted it, even throwing rocks at the head of St. Stephen, in all likelihood. But he changed, or God changed him, on one particular night. And on that night Christianity changed too. And when the course of Christianity changed, the world changed. It is difficult to overemphasize the impact of this feast.

One way to think about the significance of an event, whether big or small, is to consider what things would be like if the event had never occurred. This is the premise behind the movie "*It's a Wonderful Life*." You compare actual life with a hypothetical "what if" alternative scenario. What if St. Paul had remained a zealous Jew? What if he had never converted? Never wrote one letter? Never travelled the seas on missionary voyages? It can safely be assumed that the world itself, not just the Church, would look different than it does today.

The details of Paul's conversion are well known. He was thrown from his horse on the road to Damascus. While stunned on the ground Paul heard the voice of Jesus: "Why are you persecuting Me?"

Paul's conversion teaches us that when Jesus comes to us, He doesn't come alone. He comes with His angels, saints, priests, and bishops. He comes with Mary, the sacraments, doctrine, and devotions. He comes with the Church because He and the Church are one. And when we go to the Lord we don't go alone either. We go as members of a Church into whose mystical body we were baptized. Thus St. Paul heard from God Himself, and thus we believe today.

— Excerpt from article My Catholic Life—Saints

Prayer for the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Feast Day -

O God, you have instructed many nations through the preaching of the blessed apostle Paul. Let the power of his intercession with you help us who venerate his memory this day. St. Paul, the Apostle, preacher of truth and Doctor of the Gentiles, intercede for us to God, who chose you. Amen.

LEARNING

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS | A MEDITATION ON NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS

Jan. 31, 2021 | ***4th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

First Reading—The book of Deuteronomy is composed of speeches delivered by Moses to the Israelites on the plains of Moab at the end of the forty-year desert wanderings. Moses is preparing the Israelites for their long-awaited entry into the promised land, reminding them of key aspects of the Law. In this reading, Moses foretells the arrival of a prophet who will guide the people and deliver God's words to them; "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin." Moses's news of a future prophet is intended to assure them of God's ongoing presence: "[I, God] will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." *[Deuteronomy 18:15-20]*

Responsorial Psalm—"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." *[Psalm 95]*

Second Reading—Two important factors should be considered when reflecting on Paul's advice to the unmarried. First, Paul makes clear that his advice is offered in his desire for believers in Corinth "to be free of anxieties." Second, and not mentioned directly in this reading, but part of Paul's eschatological worldview heard the previous week, the return of Christ is imminent. With the Second Coming soon to arrive, Paul, understandably, recommends that the unmarried stay in that state so as to live "without distraction."

[1 Corinthians 7:32-35]

Gospel—Mark presents Jesus in conversation with demons, controlling them and commanding them to follow His orders. One of the interesting features of Jesus's dialogues with the demons is that the demons know Jesus's true identity: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" The demons do not waiver in their understanding of Jesus, unlike the crowds and even, at times, His own disciples, who fail to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. *[Mark 1:21-28]*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHISM CORNER — From the desk of Mike Acheson

When we make the sign of the cross, this is usually accompanied with, "*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*" We know that the Father is the Creator of all things, "*seen and unseen.*" We know that the Son, Jesus, is our Redeemer who came "*down from heaven,*" for "*our salvation.*" When we acknowledge the Holy Spirit at Mass in the Nicene Creed we attest that the Holy Spirit is the "*Giver of Life . . . proceeding from the Father and the Son", and is worshiped and glorified.*"

Many of us don't really understand the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives and couldn't really explain it to anyone outside of the biblical symbols of the Spirit in scripture. And yet, you don't really even have to look too close to see the Holy Spirit everywhere. The Holy Spirit is fully God, separate from the Father and the Son and yet still fully God -- one God in three Persons.

The Holy Spirit which is expressed through the love of the Father and Son, is our Sanctifier -- sanctity is holiness therefore, the Holy Spirit approaches us to lead us to holiness.

As Saint Augustine said, "The Holy Spirit is the quiet guest of our soul." In the old days, there was usually quiet in a car as someone in the front seat was trying to find a radio station, in a sense, finding a non-static frequency. The Holy Spirit "operates" the same way, through silence, yearning for you to literally "tune in."

"*When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth,*" Jesus tells his Apostles in John 16:13. Just imagine being guided into "*all truth.*" Pray to the third person in the Trinity like your life depended upon it. Amen.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—2021

Beginning the last Sunday in January, **National Catholic Schools Week** celebrates the Catholic education provided throughout the United States. The week **recognizes the role Catholic schools** play in the students' lives, their family's and their communities.

A Catholic school is an education ministry of the Catholic Church … **Catholic schools participate in the evangelizing mission of the Church**, integrating religious education as a core subject within their curriculum.

Results from the first national standardized tests in math and reading—taken just weeks after the start of kindergarten—show that **Catholic school student perform much better on average** than public school students.

Parent believe that their child's teachers should serve as moral role models. The CARA Institute at Georgetown University confirmed that "**strong moral values**" is the top reason parents choose to send their child to a Catholic school. Daily lessons in the Catholic faith create a strong foundation for children.

Between January 31st and February 5th, Queen of Angels School will **celebrate Catholic Schools Week** for all of the above reasons. Please keep our students, teachers, staff and families in your prayers as we continue our mission in the Church.

Thomas Cody McDonald | *Principal*

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QA/SJ Prayer for a Holy Pastor

Dear God our Father, we ask for blessings on your parishes, Queen of Angels and St. Joseph, our homes and sanctuaries of faith. We pray for the intercession of St. John Vianney, the beloved patron of parish priests, to send us a holy pastor in July 2021, and with this prayer to open our hearts to the love and faith and will of Almighty God. Lord God, we petition you with all humility and an unwavering trust that these prayers will be heard, and that joy and peace will bloom in our faith communities. We petition all the angels and saints and our Virgin Mother as we seek a holy pastor, a disciple of Christ, to guide and lead us in our journey with God and to our eternal rest. We ask this as always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Queen of Angels

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 .....

MONDAY, JANUARY 25 .....

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 .....

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 .....
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | *Church* ..... *approx.* 12:30PM-3:30PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 .....

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29 .....
ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET | *Church* 2:30PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 .....

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 .....

St. Joseph

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ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET | *Church* 2:30PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 .....

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 .....

PLEASE NOTE: All parish facilities continue to be closed to activities and events. We will resume normal activity when the county is in Phase IV per the Washington State mandate.

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