Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish

1531 Bradner Place South, Seattle, WA 98144

(Parking on 28th Avenue S, north side of the church)

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mount Virgin is a pastoral center welcoming people and immigrants from different cultures.

Honoring Mother Mary and under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we are born as a community of missionary disciples in love, worship, service and stewardship.

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Covid-19 Mass and Prayer Time

Public Indoor Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5pm (Vietnamese);
Sunday 8:30am (Vietnamese/English);
10:30am (English/Chinese/Laotian).

Mass registration required at www.mountvirgin.org

The church remains open for private Mass, prayer and adoration before the Blessed sacrament for the overcome of this pandemic:

Church Open Hours:

Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Daily Mass starts at 10:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am - 11:30 am

Please keep safe distance inside the Church.

- Sacrament of Reconciliation: 30 min before Mass or by appointment with Fr Hung
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 1st Saturday 4:30pm before the Vigil Mass
- Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation for Youth - contact Fr Hung or Parish Office
- Sacrament of Matrimony - contact Fr Hung at least six months in advance

Jan 24, 2021
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Liturgical Year B

First Reading Jon 3:1-5, 10

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

From our Pastor

100 Day Memorial Mass for our departed

Our Parish holds dear the families and individuals who have lost their loved ones in our prayers and services. We have scheduled the following memorial Mass to mark 100 day passing of our loved ones and will pray for their returning to our loving and eternal God while we accompany each other in our grieving journey:

- January 29 for Nguyễn Thị Hương.
- February 26 for Nguyễn Cao Thắng and Hô Thị Hải.
- March 10 for Teresa Lau.
- March 26 for Saengxay Phonnethep.

Feast of Conversion of St. Paul - January 25

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. As he was "a young man" at the stoning of Stephen and "an old man" when writing to Philemon, about the year 63, he was probably born around the beginning of the Christian era.

To complete his schooling, St. Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law. Here he also acquired a good knowledge of exegesis and was trained in the practice of disputation. As a convinced and zealous Pharisee, he returned to Tarsus before the public life of Christ opened in Palestine.

Some time after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. His profound conviction made his zeal develop to a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus, about noon, a light from heaven suddenly blazed round him. Jesus with His glorified body appeared to him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career.

An immediate transformation was wrought in the soul of St. Paul. He was suddenly converted to the Christian Faith. He was baptized, changed his name from Saul to Paul, and began travelling and preaching the Faith. He was martyred as an Apostle

Reflection of Today's Gospel

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

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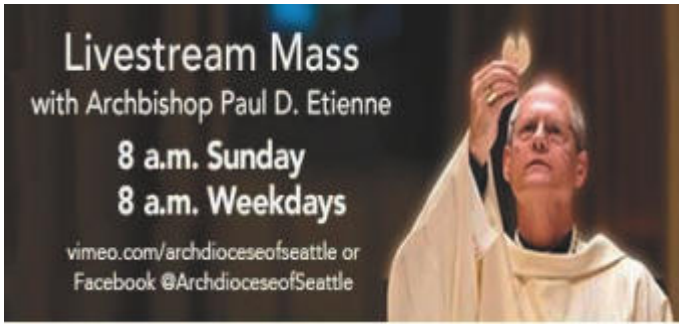

Pope at Angelus: Finding God means finding love

Speaking from the Vatican's Apostolic library during the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis recounted the scene, which unfolds along the Jordan River the day after Jesus's baptism. It is John the Baptist himself, he explains, "who points out the Messiah to the two, with these words: 'Behold, the Lamb of God!'" The two, trusting the Baptist's testimony, follow Jesus. He realises this and asks the disciples what it is they are looking for. When asked where Jesus was staying, He responds by telling them, "Come and you will see".

Pope Francis went on to describe this response not as a calling card, "but an invitation for an encounter". The two follow Him and remained that afternoon with Him. "It is not difficult to imagine them seated asking Him questions and above all listening to Him, feeling their hearts enflamed ever more while the Master spoke", said the Pope. He explained that although it is evening, "all of a sudden they discover that that light that only God can give was exploding within them". When they leave and return to their brothers, that joy, that light overflows from their hearts like a raging river. One of the two, Andrew, says to his brother, Simon – whom Jesus will call Peter – "We have found the Messiah".

"Let us pause a moment on this experience of meeting Christ, who calls us to remain with Him", said the Pope. He explained that "each one of God's calls is an initiative of His love". These, continued the Pope, are "different ways of realising the design that God has for each one of us, which is always a design of love". The "greates joy for every believer", he stressed, is to respond to that call "offering one's entire being to the service of God and the brothers and sisters".

Concluding his reflection, Pope Francis noted that before the Lord's call, "which reaches us in a thousand ways", our attitude at times might be "rejection", and at others, "fear". "But God's call is love and it should be responded to only with love", said the Pope. "At the beginning there is an encounter, or rather, there is the encounter with Jesus who speaks to us of His Father, He makes His love known to us. And then the spontaneous desire will arise even in us to communicate it to the people that we love: 'I met Love', 'I found the meaning of my life'. In a word: 'I found God'".
Finally, before reciting the Angelus prayer, Pope Francis prayed that the Virgin Mary might "help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to His call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of His will".

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-francis-angelus-catechesis-disciples.html

Our Prayer Corner

- For our Pope's intentions
- For Our Lady of Mount Virgin, our pastor, our Eucharistic Ministers, our Music Ministry, our volunteers
- For the sick, suffering from the Coronavirus and others struggling under ill health conditions
- For our deceased brothers and sisters: Jean Chien's mother, Linhdang's mother, Teresa Lau, Nguyễn Thị Hương, Nguyễn Cao Thắng and Hô Thị Hải, Saengxay Phonnethep.
- For the unemployed and those affected by the pandemic.
- For our front line medical professionals and workers fighting the virus under high risk condition

Mass Offerings and Donations

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Readings of the Week

Jan 25	**Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle4** Acts 22:3-16 ; Mk 16:15-18
Jan 26	Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 ; Mk 3:31-35
Jan 27	Heb 10:11-18 ; Mk 4:1-20
Jan 28	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:19-25 ; Mk 4:21-25
Jan 29	Heb 10:32-39 ; Mk 4:26-34
Jan 30	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 ; Mk 4:35-41

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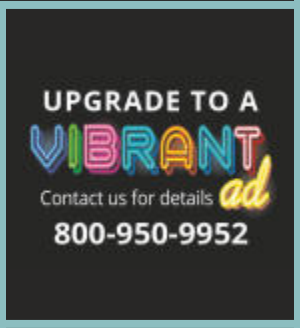
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