

FEBRUARY 23, 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Philip Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM; 12:00 Noon - Spanish
Weekday Mass: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM
Reconciliation: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 AM; Saturday, 9:30 AM & By Appt.
430 Bozarth Avenue/Mailing: PO Box 2169 Woodland, Washington 98674 Phone: 360-225-8308
Website: www.stphilipwoodland.com
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Joseph Mission

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Weekday Mass: Monday 9:00 AM Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30 PM & By Appt
136 North 4th Street Kalama, Washington 98625
Mailing Address: PO Box 2169 Woodland WA 98674

St. Mary of Guadalupe Mission

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass: Thursday 9:00 AM
Reconciliation: Thursday, 8:30 AM & By Appt.
1520 North 65th Avenue Ridgefield, Washington 98642
Mailing Address: PO Box 2169 Woodland WA 98674
St. Mary Cemetery For Plots: 360-225-8308

Priest Administrator: Father Brian Thompson 360-225-8308
Priest for Hispanic Ministry: Father Jerry Woodman 360-225-8308

St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philip Conference Helpline: 360-841-8734

From Father Thompson,

This week we enter the season of Lent. I want to highlight three things: Repentance, deepening devotion, and reflecting the season in the liturgy.

First and foremost, Lent is a season wherein we take stock of our progress in following the Lord Jesus Christ. In ancient times this was the season where those preparing for baptism underwent numerous ritual scrutinies (a version of which is still done for our catechumens on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th weeks of Lent) to make sure they were ready to become Christians, and Christians who had sinned notoriously/publicly took on intense penitence to prepare for Reconciliation on Holy Thursday. Indeed, solidarity with Catechumens and Penitents was the origin of taking on Lenten disciplines; additionally, many early Christians were themselves converts and had the additional motivation of recapturing the zeal they themselves had while going through catechumenal rites. In this vein of recapturing the zeal of discipleship, I recommend one thing above all other Lenten works: **Go to Confession!** I think I mentioned at some point last spring that I hear as many confessions in a year in this parish as I have heard in a week in other parishes of our Archdiocese, which makes me worry that you all are not taking advantage of this amazing source of mercy. Now, maybe—like I do approximately weekly—you drive some distance to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at another church, and that is fine; my concern is that you are going to Confession, not so much that you are going to me.

A second bit of Lenten advice is, yet again, for me to advocate the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours. I took on saying Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer the Lent of my senior year of high school. It changed my life. I know I keep beating this drum, but the praying of the psalms by Christians throughout the day across the world is the very heartbeat of the Church. Look up the smartphone app: iBreviary.

Third, I want to note two liturgical shifts we will experience during Lent. Both of these are prudential pastoral choices I make to mark the season and you may or may not see them in other parishes (where the priest there has made his own prudential choices). The most noticeable is that, like last year, I will omit the individual exchange of peace at our Masses, and we will move on to the Agnus Dei immediately after the general greeting of peace from the altar. Second, the altar servers will ring the hand bells at the same moments but with fewer pulses/rings during Lent. I know some people are disturbed by these temporary practices; I do them precisely because they are strikingly different and add an extra level of sobriety to our Lenten Masses. Of course, our other priests are totally free to do as they like, so you may or may not always experience these temporary changes.

In Christ, Fr. Thompson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Gerry Alexander - Evelyn Allen - Katie Blodgett - Jennifer Boehle - Maggie Calhoun - Bob Campbell
Matt Corder - Kolton DeHaan - Rhondi Ferguson - Theresa Filla - Dan and Judy Harrington
Helen Hernandez - Frank Lee - Mary Leslie - Halsten Loomis - Natalia Medina - Maryl Merwin - Lena Molony
Walter Neiman - Vanessa Romero Ortiz - A. J. Patnode - Char Patnode - Pat Quintrell - Deacon David Rapp
Sharon Redd - Bob Renner - Karen and Steve Ridlon - Bob and Renate Ripp - Lynda Robertson
Brandon Rogers - Faith Rogers - Silvia Romero - Fred and Hazel Schaller - Sheldon Somers
Doug Spiering- Jamie Vasquez - Ted and Vicki Woods

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 24, 2020 ~ **St. Joseph**
9 AM ~ Sharon Cata

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020
W-9 AM; K-12Noon; R-6PM; W-7PM-Spanish

THURSDAY, February 27, 2020 ~ **St. Mary**
9 AM ~ Miranda Chromey

FRIDAY, February 28, 2020
9 AM ~ Randy Filippuzzi

SATURDAY, February 29, 2020
9 AM ~ Scott Collins †

SUNDAY OFFERING

Thank you for staying current with your pledge.

February 15-16, 2020

St. Joseph - \$526.00 10 envelopes; 0 loose checks
St. Philip - \$1,470.50 26 envelopes; 7 loose checks
St. Mary - \$7,665.23 31 envelopes; 6 loose checks

January 2020 Online Giving

St. Joseph - \$1,385.00
St. Philip - \$3,212.00
St. Mary - \$5,050.00

PARISH NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:00AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes - St. Philip

12NOON Mass with Distribution of Ashes - St. Joseph

6:00PM Mass with Distribution of Ashes - St. Mary

7PM Mass in Spanish with Distribution of Ashes - St. Philip

WE ARE CALLED - JOIN our faith community - and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey with **CRS Rice Bowl**. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the WHO-Winter Hospitality Overflow. We are gearing up for our parish's annual week of service: **March 8-15. SIGN UP TODAY** at St. Mary today or call the church office to sign up. Please consider incorporating this work of mercy into your Lenten observance.

For more information contact the Church Office: 360-225-8308

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to be a part of the Parish Emergency Action Plan team at your church, please pick up a form in the vestibule and turn it into the Parish office. If you have any questions, call the Parish office, 360-225-8308.

SEASON OF HOPE Bereavement Support will meet on **Fridays at 1:00pm** at St. Philip through March 13. For more information, contact the Church office: 360-225-8308.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE-help stop "Planned Parenthood's" Abortion Clinic. Sign up to participate in the **40 Days for Life** program during this Lenten Season. **MEET EVERY TUESDAY** at NE 116 Ave., across the street from the Abortion Clinic (11516 SE Mill Plain Blvd.) beginning March 3 through 29. *Come and help us pray, fast and offer alternatives, Keep Babies Alive! Stop Abortions!* We meet at **10:00AM**. Each group of prayers commits for 1 or 2 hours, with the last group finishing at **6:00pm**. Our parish and Sacred Heart Parish are responsible for every Tuesday during Lent, so come help and make a **DIFFERENCE!** Call or email the Church office, 360-225-8308 for more info. We'll be signing up before & after mass **Today**.

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 17-19, in Vancouver, WA. To apply for your WWME Weekend or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter call 503-853-2758.

TROUBLED MARRIAGE? Are you going through a difficult time in your marriage? Retrouvaille is committed to helping hurting couples heal their marriages. For confidential information or to register for our upcoming program on Feb. 21-23, 2020, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

RACHEL'S CORNER Hope and Healing After Abortion. Please, come on a Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat. God wants to kindle light in your darkness! Spring retreats in English March 6-8 and April 24-26. Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation. English: (206) 920-6413; Español: (206)-450-7814; Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachel.

***"Remember you are dust, and to dust
you shall return"***

THE LENTEN SEASON-

FASTING, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter. (Code of Canon Law, 1249-1252) Ash Wednesday, February 26, and Good Friday, April 10, are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all eighteen years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their sixtieth birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all fourteen years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note: if health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next weekend, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Collection. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories. They are unable, due to fragile financial situations, tough terrain, and/or too few Catholics, to provide even the most basic opportunities for learning about and deepening the Faith. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Collection helps ease the struggles of these dioceses and lifts up the lives and faith of our brothers and sisters across the country, including here in our state. Please be generous.

ST. MARY OF GUADALUPE NEWS

FRIDAYS of Lent - Stations of the Cross at 6:00PM followed by Soup Supper.

FEED THE LAMBS collection will be next Sunday. Please bring food donations to the church to support our local schools and St. Vincent de Paul. *Thank you*

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

DUE TO the faulty heat in our church, we will have our Saturday evening Mass at St. Philip Church at 5:00PM until the furnace is replaced. The Monday morning Mass will be held in the annex of the church.

IF ANY PARISHIONER has a child or grandchild in the military or who works as a police officer or EMT, please let the Parish office know if you wish to have them prayed for at our Saturday night Mass.

ST. PHILIP NEWS

FRIDAYS of Lent - Stations of the Cross at 6:00PM followed by Soup Supper. Confessions available during Stations of the Cross.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to lead the stations and to bring soup for Soup Supper. Sign up sheets will be in the vestibule; *your group/club can sign up, individuals can sign up.* Join in for Lent.

WE WILL HAVE ADORATION each Friday of Lent except Good Friday; a sign up sheet is in the vestibule. Come spend an hour in prayer with the Lord.

WE NEED HOSTS for coffee and donuts. A sign up sheet is posted, Could you lend a hand with this ministry?