

Holy Innocents Catholic Parish

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Connor Ives, son of Brad and Rosita, was baptized February 19. Welcome to the family, Connor!

Sunday Mass times: 8 am & 10:30 am
Tuesday Mass time: 6:30 pm

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Mission Statement

The Catholic Community of Holy Innocents Church is called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by:

- enhancing spiritual growth;
- reaching out and serving those in need;
- educating our community in Christ's teaching; and
- creating and maintaining a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



Dear friends in Christ,

As we prepare for Lent (which begins Wednesday March 1), I am inviting us to reflect upon Pope Francis' message for Lent... Here is the third part:

3. The Word is a gift

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim 6:7).

We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls "father" (Lk 16:24.27), as a sign that he belongs to God's people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did. Abraham tells him: "During your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony" (v. 25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life's evils are balanced by good.

The parable goes on to offer a message for all Christians. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them" (v. 29). Countering the rich man's objections, he adds: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead" (v. 31).

The rich man's real problem thus comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God's word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbor. The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

Let us look forward to Lent, a time to be renewed in the Lord, and shake off all those sins which bind us and prevent us from loving God and neighbor to the full. FRANCIS

Let us all look forward to our Lenten season of renewal which begins this coming week with Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, abstinence and penance. Blessings on your week!

Fr. Johnson

Prayer Requests:

Call the Church Office, 788-1400

Angel Inouye, Irene Gronberg, Christa Schommer, John Armstrong, Jackie Coudare, Bob Flajole, Martha & Emil Somogyi, Eloise Levesque, Bill Weeks, Leanne Cook

Holy Innocents Calendar

Feb 26th Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Mass/Coffee Hour/Littlest Disciples	8 am
	FUTURE	9 am
	Mass/Coffee Hour/Littlest Disciples	10:30 am
	Youth Movement	6 pm
Mon	ESL class	9am
	Den Meeting	6 pm
Tues	Set up for Pantry	1 pm
	RCIA Inquiry	7:15 pm
Wed	ESL class	9 am
	Women's Faith Sharing	9:45 am
	Pantry am	10 am
	Pantry pm	3 pm
	Ash Wednesday Mass	7 pm
Thur	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7 pm
Fri	Lenten Fish Fry Meal	6 pm
	Stations of the Cross/Adoration	7 pm
	AA Meeting	8 pm
Sat	Family Ministry	5:30 pm

Nursery Available



During both Masses we have childcare available in our nursery downstairs. We have adult caregivers and a teen or two to help.

Mass Intentions: At the celebration of the Eucharist this week and in your prayers, please remember those from our parish family for whom we have been asked to pray: for all who are sick, including MaryLou Kittridge, Rosi & Max Sedlmaier, Thomas Murphy, Danilo Almeida, Linda McCormick, James Magill, Shirley Bushy, Clara Beard, Lavonne Doty, Betty Witte, Annalise Haines, Eleanor Corrigan, Teresa Swedman,, Michael Gordan, Sabrina Parnell, BethAnn Willits, Leila Edwins, Bill Hunter, Helen Sexton, Sue Lowry; Paul Craig; and all those who have died including Deidre Wille, sister of Sonia Wille and Dennie Kain, son of Kathleen Kain.

Did you know? About 25% of our households give to the church operations or building fund through on line giving. Interested? Go to our webpage (www.holyinn.org), scroll down to "on line giving" and set up your own account.

Parish Stewardship Feb 19, 2017

Registered households:	615
Weekly Sacrificial Giving goal:	\$6,250.00
Envelope donations this week:	\$6,168.00



Holy Innocents Food Pantry

When you do your shopping, *please* remember the pantry and pick up one (or more) items to bring on Sunday.

Especially needed this week are: *canned chili, stews, meats, canned fruit, peanut butter, jams. We always need toilet paper and shampoo and tooth paste.*

Pantry Pig this week: \$156.79

Thanks!!



What is that bell ringing at the end of Mass? If you forgot to bring something for the Food Pantry on Sunday, you can give some money for our shoppers to purchase needed items for the Pantry. Thanks!

HI TIP: Together In Prayer

Each month we focus on a local community concern and ask parishioners to commit to praying for 2 minutes each day specifically for that concern as well as for our church community. You can pray whenever and wherever you want. "Ask and you will receive," said Jesus. Together we can do great things.

February

Let us pray for couples, those who are married, those who are planning to marry, the widowed or divorced, the separated, those who have troubled marriages, those who prepare couples for marriage and who do marriage counseling, and for the virtues of fidelity, forgiveness, and patience.

St. Joseph, patron of married couples, pray for us.

BAPTISMS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism for infants is scheduled after the baptismal preparation for the parents are completed. Baptisms are normally celebrated at a Sunday Mass in the parish where the parents live. Adults (7-years or older) seeking baptism or confirmation are invited to inquire at the parish office for information about adult preparation.

MARRIAGE

Couples seeking marriage in the Church are asked to contact the parish at least four months in advance of their proposed wedding date. For those with prior marriages, additional time may be required. Marriages are celebrated in the parish in which one of the Catholic parties lives.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Private confession is available on the 1st Sunday of the month between the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. Confession is available on Saturdays at St. Jude's in Redmond from 4 to 4:30 pm. There are also communal reconciliation services with private confession during Advent and Lent. Fr. Heric is also available by appointment.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK & DYING

In the case of serious illness or failing health due to old age, parishioners should ask the church for the Sacrament of Anointing. This sacrament is administered by a priest and is best celebrated communally at a Sunday Mass, but may be offered individually by appointment as necessary. When a parishioner is near death, they should receive Holy Communion, called the Sacrament of Viaticum (*food for the journey*). This sacrament can be administered by a priest, deacon, or a eucharistic minister.

Lenten Friday Suppers

This coming Friday, March 3, we will begin our Lenten Friday suppers.



The first one, from 5:30 to 7 pm in the hall, is a Fish Fry put on by our Knights of Columbus cooks. Proceeds from the dinner will go to Project Rachel which serves to help women who have had an abortion.

Following dinner we will go upstairs to pray the Stations of the Cross. At the end of the Stations will be a time of quiet Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 8 am. Come for all or any of these events.



Bring Back Your Palms

We will be burning last years palms in the Easter Fire, so bring yours back to be added to the others as we celebrate Easter.

And She Persists ...

I am not giving up!

We need more people willing to give of their time and talents!

We need:

Monday morning counters

Someone(s) willing to be trained as a Sacristan

Coffee Hour volunteers once a month on Sunday

Wednesday afternoon pantry volunteers

Monday Pantry set up volunteers

COMING UP: holy mowers and holy gardeners

Talk to Gail, email, or call the office for more information..

Thank you to Carrie Harris for volunteering to drive the Lazarus Sandwiches and to help with Monday set up.

St. Joseph School

Issaquah and Snoqualmie

Preschool-Grade 8

St. Joseph School provides a strong academic program inspiring knowledge and faith in a supportive Catholic community. We focus on teaching the whole child and offer small class sizes. Class sizes range from average 16 students in elementary grades. Come see us in action and learn more about our programs! For more information about our school, visit our website at www.sjisissaquah.org. To sign-up for an Informational Meeting and Tour, please call Jackie Olund, Vice Principal, at 425-313-9129 x 324 or e-mail at jolund@sjisissaquah.org.

Bringing That Building Loan Down!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and to all those who came to the Seafood Feast. They have given the church a check for \$2,000 which will be put directly to the principle on our Building Loan.

