

# Holy Innocents Catholic Parish

April 18, 2021

Holy Innocents Church  
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***New and “Like New”  
Baby and Children’s Clothing Drive  
Through next Sunday April 25th  
To Benefit  
PREPARES Ministry:  
Pregnancy and Parenting Support***

## Mass Times:

**Saturday: 5:00 pm** (Livestream from St. Jude-[www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org))  
**Sunday : 8 am & 10:30 am** — Livestream 8am at [www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org)  
10:30 am at [www.facebook.com/Holyinnocents Duvall](http://www.facebook.com/HolyinnocentsDuvall)  
**Daily Mass: Tue, Thur & Fri 9 am, Wed 6pm**-Livestream [www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org)

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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
- Creating and maintaining a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

**Dear Friends in Christ,**



Last week in Pope Francis offered a reflection on the mercy of God as shown by his wounds Christ's wounds have the power to heal us and show us the depth of Christ's mercy. Having encountered God's generous mercy through his Son, we are called in turn to be merciful has God has been merciful to us. Here is an excerpt of Pope Francis' Divine Mercy homily to reflect upon:

Together with the peace that rehabilitates us and the forgiveness that lifts us up, Jesus gave his disciples a third gift of mercy: he showed them his wounds. By those wounds we were healed (cf. 1 Pet 2:24; Is 53:5). But how can wounds heal us? By mercy. In those wounds, like Thomas, we can literally touch the fact that God has loved us to the end. He has made our wounds his own and borne our weaknesses in his own body. His wounds are the pathways that God has opened up for us to enter into his tender love and actually "touch" who he is. In adoring and kissing his wounds, we come to realize that in his tender love all our weaknesses are accepted. This happens at every Mass, where Jesus offers us his wounded and risen Body. We touch him and he touches our lives. His radiant wounds dispel the darkness we carry within. Like Thomas, we discover God; we realize how close he is to us and we are moved to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). Everything comes from the grace of receiving mercy. This is the starting-point of our Christian journey. But if we trust in our own abilities, in the efficiency of our structures and projects, we will not go far. Only if we accept the love of God, will we be able to offer something new to the world.

And that is what the disciples did: receiving mercy, they in turn became merciful. We see this in the first reading. The Acts of the Apostles relate that "no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common" (4:32). This is not communism, but pure Christianity. It is all the more surprising when we think that those were the same disciples who had earlier argued about prizes and rewards, and about who was the greatest among them (cf. Mt 10:37; Lk 22:24). Now they share everything; they are "of one heart and soul" (Acts 4:32). How did they change like that? They now saw in others the same mercy that had changed their own lives. They discovered that they shared the mission, the forgiveness and the Body of Jesus, and so it seemed natural to share their earthly possessions. The text continues: "There was not a needy person among them" (v. 34). Their fears had been dispelled by touching the Lord's wounds, and now they are unafraid to heal the wounds of those in need. Because there they see Jesus. Because Jesus is there, in the wounds of those in need.

Dear sister, dear brother, do you want proof that God has touched your life? See if you can stoop to bind the wounds of others. Today is the day to ask, "Am I, who so often have received God's peace, his mercy, merciful to others? Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" (...continued)

**Holy Innocents Calendar**

<b>April 18</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	
Mass		8 am
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<b>Tues</b>	Pantry — 3-7 pm	By appointment
<b>Wed</b>	Pantry — 9 am—12 noon	By appointment
<b>Fri</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation	6pm-6:45pm

**Prayer Requests:**

**Call the Office (425)788-1400**

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, and for all those have died. Mary Lou Kittridge, Thomas Murphy; Linda McCormick, James Magill, Shirley Bushy, Teresa Swedman, Michael Gordan, BethAnn Willits, Leila Edwin, Helen Sexton, Paul Beard, Audrey Lawton, Alfred Harke, Rex Harke, Tess Buchthal, Michael Barroga-Hulett, Cyndi Uhlenkott, Kristi Douglas, Jo Ann Douglas, Tom Dabov, Michelle Kendrick, Kimberly Smith, Harry Oestreich, Marcia Evans, Gina Howell.

**HI TIP: Together in Prayer**

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

**April**

Let us pray for local businesses, small business owners, their employees, and customers in our communities. They provide local employment and it is often a struggle to stay in business. Pray for our local businesses and express your thanks for their services. St. Joseph, patron of workers, pray for us.

(continued) .. Let us not live a one-way faith. Having received mercy, let us now become merciful. For if love is only about us, faith becomes arid, barren and sentimental. Without others, faith becomes disembodied. Without works of mercy, it dies (cf. Jas 2:17). Dear brothers and sisters, let us be renewed by the peace, forgiveness and wounds of the merciful Jesus. Let us ask for the grace to become witnesses of mercy. Only in this way will our faith be alive and our lives unified. Only in this way will we proclaim the Gospel of God, which is the Gospel of mercy. POPE FRANCIS

Wishing you and your family the joy and peace of the resurrection!

Fr. Johnson

**Parish Stewardship**

**July 1, 2020—April 18, 2021**

	<u>Operations YTD</u>	<u>Building YTD</u>
<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$315,385</b>	<b>\$228,969</b>
<b>Actual:</b>	<b>\$317,396</b>	<b>\$231,341</b>

## Holy Innocents Building Fund

### As a reminder...

We moved into our beautiful church building in 2005.

- Our beginning loan amount was \$3.8 million.
- The amount still owing on our loan is \$2.40 million.
- Our monthly loan payment are \$24,200.

If you are already contributing to the building fund: Thank you!

If you are new we invite you to join this effort by going to our website:

[www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org) to set up your donation.



## Looking for a few Holy Mowers



If you like to drive a riding lawn mower and have a few hours a couple times of month to help keep Holy Innocents' lawns looking good, reach out to [Eamon@holynn.org](mailto:Eamon@holynn.org) to be put on the list.

## Garden Special: Get your Free Garden Now!

We are blessed with beautiful grounds at Holy Innocents that need loving care. You can be one of the Holy Gardeners Team members. We have small and large gardens and vegetable gardens (for the pantry). The gardens have been cleaned up and mulched. As a member of the Holy Gardeners Team, you will be given the secret code to get into the new Garden Shed. Email Gail Dimock at [gardens@holynn.org](mailto:gardens@holynn.org) to apply to become a member of the team. She can let you know which gardens are available. Make this a family project or invite a friend. We also need to hear from our long-term Holy Gardeners if you plan to continue or are interested in a different garden to care for. Sign up now!



## Baptism

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism for infants is scheduled after the baptismal preparation for the parents is 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 every Friday evening 6:00 pm — 6:45 pm.

## Pastoral Care for the Sick and 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 celebrated by appointment as necessary. When a parishioner is near death, they should receive Holy Communion, called Viaticum (food for the journey). This sacrament can be administered by a priest or deacon or Eucharistic minister.

## Do You Shop Amazon?

Did you know you can help Holy Innocents when you shop on line with Amazon? If you go to Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), and select Holy Innocents Church, we will receive a AmazonSmile Foundation donation of 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.



When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization. Just select Holy Innocents church in Duvall when you go to smile amazon and be sure to use that site when shopping at Amazon. An easy way to help Holy Innocents!

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection



April 18, 2021 — Third Sunday of Easter  
ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19; PS 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 JN 2:1-5a; LK 24:35-48



In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, take time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

From: [www.thecatholicsteward.com](http://www.thecatholicsteward.com)

## Remember to Return Your Rice Bowl

HAPPY EASTER! We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! . Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at the doors of the church. or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).



# PREPARES

Pregnancy & Parenting Support



## New and "Like New" Baby and Children's Clothing Drive.

April 4-13

*Extended until April 25th*

Our Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Baby and Children's Clothing Drive to benefit **Prepares** —the ministry launched by the Bishops of the State of Washington which provides pregnant mothers, fathers, and their families our church's promise of support and care from pregnancy through the child's fifth birthday.

Please deliver your donation to the display in the Narthex of the Church. For questions, please contact Janice Asmus, Outreach Chairperson at [theasmusj@msn.com](mailto:theasmusj@msn.com)

To learn more about PREPARES see their website : [www.preparesforlife.org](http://www.preparesforlife.org)



## Rachel's Corner



### Hope and Healing After Abortion

Allow Christ, who is peace, to see the darkest part of your past...to your decision to have an abortion. Allow him to transform your wounds, for he came to "proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners" (Isiah 61:1)

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation and learn about our virtual healing opportunities.

*In-person retreats have been postponed until 2021.*

English (206) 920-6418 Español (206)-450-7814

Email [projctrachel@ccsnw.org](mailto:projctrachel@ccsnw.org). Visit us at [www.ccsnw.org/projctrachel](http://www.ccsnw.org/projctrachel) or [www.facebook.com/projctrachelnw](http://www.facebook.com/projctrachelnw).

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*

## Connecting to the Catholic Church

Are you a baptized Catholic who has been away from your faith and would like to reconnect back with the Church?

Are you unbaptized or a member of another church who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church and how to belong? Fill out a "Welcome Card" found at the welcome booth in the Narthex or contact [Debby@holynn.org](mailto:Debby@holynn.org) for more information on connecting!



## A Reminder!

### First Communion Rehearsal Next Sunday April 25th 12-2pm in the Church

Please bring your child's completed book with you!

*First Communion will be celebrated here at Holy Innocents on Sunday May 2nd at both masses*



## Infant Baptism Preparation

If you are interested in having your infant baptized this Spring, please contact [Debby@holynn.org](mailto:Debby@holynn.org) to find out about preparation and scheduling.



## All Parish Faith Formation

### April's Virtue of the Month is Mercy: Caring for Those who Suffer.

- You can find resources and activities to grow in the virtue of Mercy at our website as well as a short video presentation by Fr. Anh on the virtue of Mercy.
- The Narthex Nook will be set up next Sunday with a simple craft to make as a memento of our learning this month.

For information on Sacramental Prep and Faith Formation contact [Debby@holynn.org](mailto:Debby@holynn.org)



## Holy Innocents Vacation Bible Camp

June 28 - July 2 10am -12:30pm

Registration Opens May 1

Get ready for Peace Lab Vacation Bible Camp where children will discover God's way of peace! Children ages 4 through 5th grade are welcome to this time of games, crafts, snacks, friends, and fun!

**Volunteers needed!** We are currently organizing our Core Team of Volunteers for VBC. Adults and teens are welcome. Please contact [Eamon@holynn.org](mailto:Eamon@holynn.org) or [Debby@holynn.org](mailto:Debby@holynn.org) to sign up! Thank you.

