

Holy Innocents Catholic Parish

April 3, 2022

Holy Innocents Church
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Newcomers
Alison Lindsay
And
Luisa and Tom Wilson

Welcome to Holy Innocents!

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Livestream from St. Jude-www.holyinn.org)
Sunday : 8 am & 10:30 am — Livestream 8am at www.holyinn.org
Daily Mass: Tue, Thur & Fri 9 am, Wed 6pm-Livestream 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.



Attention Online Givers!

Over the last week our online giving vendor, VANCO, updated their online giving platform. What this means for us is an upgraded, more user friendly giving page. When you go to the page, it will look different, but still has the ease and convenience for you to manage your Stewardship and Living Stones payments however you'd like. Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish.

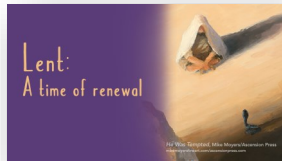
Did you know that about 30% of our households give to the church operations or building fund through online giving.? Interested?

Go to our webpage (www.holyinn.org), scroll down to "on line giving" and set up your own account. Please contact the office if you have questions or difficulties. 425-788



More Resources for Lent

The Archdiocese of Seattle's Office of Marriage and Family Life has weekly Lenten inspirations and conversation starters for families:



<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

The Office of Faith Formation has videos and other resources to understand and observe Lent, including videos for children.

Check out this short article from Northwest Catholic entitled "Holding on to the End" about staying the course in these last weeks of our Lenten journey.

<https://nwcatholic.org/voices/nancy-de-flon-catholic-news-service/holding-out-until-the-end>

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.

Food Pantry Garden Plots

Do you like to garden? Do you especially like to garden vegetables? We are looking for volunteers to plant, manage and harvest our pantry vegetable gardens this spring and summer. You could garden at your convenience and experience the joy of knowing the food you are growing will go to those in need. Reach out to Terri Schell at pantry@holynn.org.

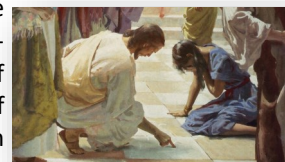


Stewardship Bulletin Reflection



April 3, 2022 — Fifth Sunday of Lent
EZ 37:12-14; PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:25A, 26; JN 11:1-45; JN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45

Once again this week, we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke, which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene, Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."



When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that, quite simply, is cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts

From: www.thecatholicsteward.com

Infant Baptism Preparation



If you are interested in having your infant child baptized please contact Debby@holynn.org to find out about preparation and scheduling.

Holy Innocents
All Parish Reconciliation
Service



This Monday April 4 7 pm in the Church
Communal Service with individual Confession

We're Hiring



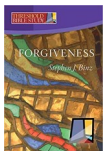
To support our value of supporting families in passing on faith to their children, we are currently hiring for two positions to help in that effort.

Paid Parish Nursery Caregiver Needed
"Do you love children?"

We are currently hiring 2 Sunday morning Nursery Caregivers. These paid positions work together to provide childcare for infants through age 3 during the 8am mass; the F.U.T.U.R.E's program and the 10:30mass. These positions require a background check and Safe Environment training. If you are interested in this important position at our parish, please reach out to Debby@holynn.org or call the office at (425)788-1400

Faith Formation Assistant

We are currently seeking a full time person to assist the Director of Faith Formation in growing and developing the parish family-based Faith Formation program including pre school and youth programming. The Faith Formation assistant will also provide support in Sacramental Preparation programs and some parish events. A successful candidate will be an active member of a Catholic parish faith community; have a desire to minister with children and families, be efficient at attending to multiple projects and be willing to work with and lead volunteers. Candidates must be available on Sundays during the academic year and some evenings. Salary DOE and excellent benefits. Contact: Debby Weidner –Debby@holynn.org for an application and more information. Position is open until filled.



Wednesday Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:00am in the Narthex

Childcare provided

The group is beginning the Threshold Bible Study book on Forgiveness. "Human experience and psychological research confirm the teachings of Scripture that practicing forgiveness is good for our health and happiness and that refusing to forgive can bind us in depression, anxiety, and low self esteem." Join in as we learn the dynamics of forgiveness given to us by our Lord through His Word and how it can bring healing, to your personal life, your family and our church. Reach out to Debby@holynn.org for more information or with questions.

Holy Innocents Calendar

| | | 5th Sunday of Lent |
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| March 27 | Mass | 8 am |
| | Mass | 10:30 am |
| Mon | Reconciliation Service | 7 pm |
| Tues | Mass | 9 am |
| | Pantry — | 3pm-6:30 pm |
| | RCIA | 7 pm |
| Wed | Pantry — | 10 am—12 pm |
| | Women's Bible Study | 9:30 am—11 am |
| | Mass | 6 pm |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 7 pm—8:15 pm |
| Thur | Mass | 9 am |
| Fri | Mass | 9 am |
| | Sacrament of Confession | 6 pm—6:45 pm |
| | Adoration | 6 pm—7 pm |
| | Stations of the Cross | 7pm |

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, Kim-

HI TIP: Together in Prayer

Let us pray for local businesses, small business owners, their employees and customers in our communities: they provide local employment and it is often 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.



Rice Bowl Reflection

MAKING A DIFFERENCE Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more



Parish Stewardship as of 3/27
Operations YTD Building YTD

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| Goal: | \$312,750 | \$217,800 |
| Actual: | \$324,828 | \$190,823 |

March 31, 2022

This past Friday, Pope Francis gave an eloquent homily on the Annunciation and how the words of the Angel Gabriel's message relate to us and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are fruitful words to ponder as we approach the conclusion of Lent:

In the Gospel reading for today's Solemnity, the angel Gabriel speaks *three times* in addressing the Virgin Mary.

The first is when he greets her and says, "Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28). The reason to rejoice, the reason for joy, is revealed in those few words: *the Lord is with you*. Dear brother, dear sister, today you can hear those words addressed to you. You can make them your own each time you approach God's forgiveness, for there the Lord tells you, "I am with you". All too often, we think that Confession is about going to God with dejected looks. Yet it is not so much that we go to the Lord, but that he comes to us, to fill us with his grace, to fill us with his joy. Our confession gives the Father the joy of raising us up once more. It is not so much about our sins as about his forgiveness. Our sins are present but the forgiveness of God is always at the heart of our confession. Think about it: if our sins were at the heart of the sacrament, almost everything would depend on us, on our repentance, our efforts, our resolves. Far from it. The sacrament is about God, who liberates us and puts us back on our feet.

Let us recognize once more *the primacy of grace* and ask for the gift to realize that Reconciliation is not primarily our drawing near to God, but his embrace that enfolds, astonishes and overwhelms us. The Lord enters our home, as he did that of Mary in Nazareth, and brings us unexpected amazement and joy - the joy of forgiveness....

A second time the angel speaks to Mary. She was troubled by his greeting, and so he tells her, "Do not be afraid" (v. 30). The first time he says, "The Lord is with you". Now, the second time, he says "Do not be afraid". In the Scriptures, whenever God appears to those who receive him, he loves to utter those words: *Do not be afraid!* He says them to Abraham (cf. *Gen 15:1*), repeats them to Isaac (cf. *Gen 26:24*), to Jacob (cf. *Gen 46:3*) and so on, up to Joseph (cf. *Mt 1:20*) and Mary. *Do not be afraid!* In this way, he sends us a clear and comforting message: once our lives are open to God, fear can no longer hold us in thrall. For fear can truly hold us in thrall. You, dear sister, dear brother, if your sins frighten you, if your past worries you, if your wounds do not heal, if your constant failings dishearten you and you seem to have lost hope, please, do not be afraid. God knows your weaknesses and is greater than your mistakes. God is greater than our sins. He asks of you only one thing: that you not hold

your frailties and sufferings inside. Bring them to him, lay them before him and, from being reasons for despair, they will become opportunities for resurrection. Do not be afraid! The Lord asks us for our sins. This brings to mind the story of a monk in the desert. He had given everything to God and lived a life of fasting, penance and prayer. The Lord asked for more. "Lord, I gave you everything", said the monk, "what more is there?" The Lord replied, "Give me your sins". Do not be afraid! There is a lovely phrase written above a confessional here in the Vatican that reminds us of this. It addresses God with these words, "To turn away from you is to fall, to turn back to you is to rise, to abide in you is to have life" (cf. SAINT AUGUSTINE, *Soliloquies* I, 3)...

In these days, news reports and scenes of death continue to enter our homes, even as bombs are destroying the homes of many of our defenseless Ukrainian brothers and sisters. The vicious war that has overtaken so many people, and caused suffering to all, has made each of us fearful and anxious. We sense our helplessness and our inadequacy. We need to be told, "Do not be afraid". Yet human reassurance is not enough. We need the closeness of God and the certainty of his forgiveness, which alone eliminates evil, disarms resentment and restores peace to our hearts. Let us return to God and to his forgiveness.

A third time the angel speaks to Mary and says, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Lk 1:35). Again, the first time he says, "The Lord is with you". The second time his words are, "Do not be afraid". Now, he says, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you". That is how God intervenes in history: by giving his very Spirit. For in the things that matter, our own strength is not enough. By ourselves, we cannot succeed in resolving the contradictions of history or even those of our own hearts. We need the wisdom and gentle power of God that is the Holy Spirit. We need the Spirit of love who dispels hatred, soothes bitterness, extinguishes greed and rouses us from indifference. The Spirit gives us concord because he is concord. We need God's love, for our love is fragile and insufficient. We ask the Lord for many things, but how often we forget to ask him for what is most important and what he desires most to give us: the Holy Spirit, the power to love. Indeed, without love, what can we offer to the world?...

If we want the world to change, then first our hearts must change. For this to happen, let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Let us gaze upon her Immaculate Heart in which God dwelt, "our tainted nature's solitary boast". Mary is "full of grace" (v. 28), and thus free from sin. In her, there is no trace of evil and hence, with her, God was able to begin a new story of salvation and peace. There, in her, history took a turn. God changed history by knocking at the door of Mary's heart. **POPE FRANCIS**