

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter March 21, 2016

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

May God's peace and grace be with all of you as we enter this sacred time of Holy Week! We hope that you will find the time and space to reflect on the blessings of the Paschal Mystery and be able to participate in the summit of our Liturgical Year, the Easter Triduum.

Our "Essential Concept" this week is **Forms of Prayer: Blessing/Adoration; Petition; Intercession; Thanksgiving; and Praise**. As Catholics, we have such a rich resource of ways we can deepen our relationship with God through multiple forms of prayer. Holy Week and the Easter Season offer us a grace filled time to pause and spend time with God in Church, in words, in hymns, and the silence of our hearts.

You are all in our ongoing prayers for blessings on your faith formation ministries. We especially ask for God's blessings on the elect and candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

We would also like to remind you that registration is now open for our Catechetical Leaders Workshop on [April 28th and 29th](#). We are hoping you will take advantage of this time to learn more about implementing our Archdiocesan Religion Standards, discuss best practices for faith formation, and to network with others on various models for religious education in our parishes.

In Christ,

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Upcoming Catechetical Events

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

April 9, 2016 | South Sound Deanery | St. Edward Church, Shelton | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm |

Contact the [Office of Catholic Faith Formation](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

Liturgy Workshop Opportunities

Spread the word about these liturgical workshops, events and formation opportunities from the Liturgy Office. Please see the Liturgy Office [Workshop & Events](#) page for more information.

Cabrini Ministry 2016 Graduation Mass

April 18, 2016 | St. James Cathedral, Seattle | 7:00 pm | Come support this year's graduates of Cabrini Ministry Training, learn about our program, and connect with other pastoral care ministers. Alumni are encouraged to participate in the liturgy by renewing their own commitment to Cabrini Ministry. Reception immediately following in the Cathedral Place Hall.

How Can I Take Up Your Cross? Being Simon of Cyrene: Tools to Serve Those in Need

April 23, 2016 | St. Michael Parish, Olympia | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | Free event, donations appreciated-lunch included. View the [flyer](#) for registration and more information.

Best Practices for Catechetical Leadership

For the Newly Revised Parish Elementary Religion Standards

April 28-29, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | Visit the OCFE [Events & Resources](#) page for more information.

Revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony Regional Workshop

The Office for Liturgy is working with the FDLC on hosting a northwest regional workshop on the revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony. May 27, 2016 (for Clergy) & May 28, 2016 (for other ministers) | Holy Family Church, Kirkland | 8:30 am to 3:30 pm | Online registration is required and will soon be available at www.fdlc.org/marriage-rite-workshops with a cost of \$55 per person to include lunch, USCCB presenter costs, and workshop materials. Please see the [letter](#) from Andrew Casad, Director of the Liturgy Office for more details. Questions can be directed to 206-382-4838 or Andrew.Casad@seattlearch.org

Annual PAFF Conference

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | Joe Paprocki: [A Church on The Move: Getting Mission and Mercy in Motion](#) | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Formation Opportunities

Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

March 24th & 25th, 2016 | 6:00 pm -12:00 am | Join Archbishop Sartain, Bishop Elizondo and hundreds of young adults (18-39) as we pilgrimage around Capitol and First Hills in Seattle for the Annual Holy Thursday Pilgrimage. Join us after participating in your Parish Liturgy or for the Mass of the Lord's supper at St. James which begins at 6PM. Gather at 8:00 pm @ St. James Cathedral steps.

The Dance of Christian Life: The Camino de Santiago & Our Spiritual Journey Retreat

April 29-May 1, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades, Federal Way | Join Fr. Scott Connolly as he reflects on the Camino de Santiago journey he made in 2012, and the spiritual

highs and lows we all experience along our earthly pilgrimage toward Heaven. His stories from the Camino - humorous, poignant, and insightful - will uplift and inspire you.

It's Our World-Resources for Missionary Discipleship

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) has a new resources page for children, adolescents and families! Resources include ... Year of Mercy "Missionary Works of Mercy"; Stations of the Cross for Teens (available in English and Spanish); MCA Lenten Prayer Service & Stations of the Cross (available in English and Spanish) ; and more! Visit <http://missio.org/resources>

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation Course

Presented by Joann Terranova, MAPS and Lynne Shioyama

January to November 2016 For more information, see [flyer](#) or contact Claudia Petursson at Holy Family Parish 452-822-0295, ext. 122 or claudiap@hfkparish.org

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy-Summer Study Weeks

In the summer of 2017, the Center for Liturgy will be hosting three study weeks for those involved in liturgical formation, sacramental catechesis, and liturgical music ministry. For study week descriptions and other information, visit [Notre Dame Center for Liturgy](#)

June 19-23, 2017: The Liturgy of Time and Space

June 18-22, 2018: The Eucharistic Life

June 15-19, 2019: Sacraments for the Life of the World

Parish Notifications

Job Opportunities Announcement

St. Joseph Church-Vancouver

Pastoral Assistant for Social Concerns Ministry - Seeking person to collaborate with the pastor and other pastoral staff to lead and empower parishioners in direct service, advocacy, social justice education and spirituality. The Pastoral Assistant is a resource to consultative leadership, the pastoral staff, the school and wider church communities to help raise awareness and act for justice, based on respect for life, social justice and Catholic Social Teaching. The Pastoral Assistant will serve as a liaison to social service agencies in the community who serve the marginalized. This is a full time position serving two parishes and a mission. Salary and benefits according to Archdiocesan guidelines. Bachelor degree required and Master's degree and experience in social concerns ministry preferred.

Application materials are available at <http://stjoevan.org/know-st-joes/parish-staff/parish-job-openings/>. Completed application materials may be mailed to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Atten: Carrie Moschetti, 6600 Highland Drive, Vancouver WA 98661 or emailed to carriem@stjoevan.org.

St. Joseph Church-Vancouver

Pastoral Associate - Seeking person to collaborate with the pastor in coordination of pastoral life in a 1900 household parish, with specific responsibilities for liturgy. The Pastoral Associate will collaborate with the pastor, the Pastoral Assistant for Administration and the school principal to assure oversight of pastoral programs and services. The Pastoral Associate will coordinate all aspects of liturgy to assure full,

conscious and active participation in worship. This is a full time position serving on a parish staff committed to collaborative ministry. Salary and benefits according to Archdiocesan guidelines. Bachelor degree required and Master's degree and experience in parish ministry, with an emphasis in liturgy coordination preferred. Application materials are available at <http://stjoevan.org/know-st-joes/parish-staff/parish-job-openings/>. Completed application materials may be mailed to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Atten: Carrie Moschetti, 6600 Highland Drive, Vancouver WA 98661 or emailed to carriem@stjoevan.org.



Essential Religious Education Concepts

Forms of Prayer: Blessings/Adoration; Petition; Intersession; Thanksgiving; and Praise [2623-2649]

The Essential Concepts come from the Table of Contents for the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). They have been re-organized to fit under the Six Tasks of Catechesis. CCC articles numbers associated with each Essential Concept are listed throughout this document. Referencing CCC article numbers is a recommended resource for catechist preparation.

TASK 4 - Learning to Pray - Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

Annotated Bibliography from the LMC*

**Please note the Library's Essential Concepts list is a working document, being updated on an ongoing basis.*

Online Resources-Links and Videos

Prayer God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

The Power of Intercessory Prayer There are many ways to love one's neighbor, but intercessory prayer-praying on behalf of other people-has got to be one of the most powerful.

"Prayer: The Faith Prayed" This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2016 and will focus on the theme "Prayer: The Faith

Prayed." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - How Am I Supposed to Pray?

With all the different ways to pray -- petition, thanksgiving, devotions, the rosary, the Mass -- how do I know I'm even doing it right? In this latest C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith, Bishop Don Hying shares his thoughts on the many forms of prayer available to us, and how we can learn to incorporate them in our daily lives. Based upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2623 and 2648)



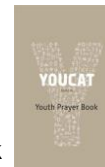
A User's Guide on the Way to Pray

Adapted from an article by Linus Mundy for VISION Vocation Guide. The ways to pray are endless. But no matter which prayers or prayer forms you make your own, remember to ground your prayer in desire and surrender. These are the real essentials for genuine prayer.

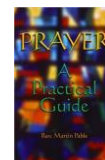


Resources from the LMC on Forms of Prayer: Blessing/Adoration; Petition; Intercession; Thanksgiving; and Praise

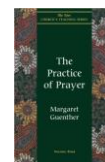
Youcat Prayer Book (Ignatius Press) The book includes modern, new prayers, along with traditional prayers, and the time-honored prayers of Holy Scripture. It also gives a lot of practical advice on how to pray: in the morning, in the evening, and in between; in sorrow or in joy. The prayer book is illustrated with many photos of young people from all over the world.



Prayer: A Practical Guide (Martin W. Pable) Explains the most popular forms of prayer, including traditional prayers, conversational prayers, praying with the Bible, and meditation and contemplation. This book is used in Archdiocese of Seattle deacon formation classes.

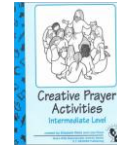


The Practice of Prayer (Margaret Guenther) In this down-to-earth book on the essentials of prayer, Margaret Guenther answers many of the common questions of the spiritual life, such as How do we learn to listen to God in our prayer and How do we develop a life of prayer in the midst of busy lives? She includes practical descriptions of ways Christians have prayed throughout the centuries, from using the Rosary or the stories of scripture and prayer book liturgies. Guenther also discusses basic matters of Christian practice, such as making a confession, intercession, going on retreat, simplifying our



lives, finding a spiritual director, and praying through times of desolation when God does not seem to be listening.

Creative Prayer Activities: Intermediate Level (Elizabeth Wells and Lisa Trout) Gives activities for prayer as a chat with our Father. Activities for teaching vocal, meditative, and contemplative prayer. Treats the following forms of prayer: blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise.



Angel's Prayer Lesson (DVD, Twenty-Third Publications) Young Angel Callista and unseen angel friends teach young children about the many forms of prayer: prayers of praise and thanksgiving, prayers of petition, prayers of sorrow, meditation, the Mass, personal and communal prayer, prayers of the hours, the Rosary, family prayer, praying always in all that we say and do.



Library Media Center Resources

[Check It Out Newsletter-March 2016](#)

Holy Week & Easter

[10 Ways to Help Children Appreciate the Triduum](#) [The Triduum](#)-the three days from the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper to the end of Easter Sunday-marks the most important time of the Church year. Unfortunately, many families don't participate in all three days. Some go to parts of it, but few have a sense of the three days as a full experience. How can catechists teach the meaning and importance of the Triduum?

[An Illustrated Guide to the Triduum](#) While certainly not exhaustive, this [Illustrated Guide](#) will provide a good overview of what to expect and how to get the most out of the three holiest days of the year.

[Lenten Morning Prayer](#)- A [worship aid](#) prepared by the Liturgy office which could be used for a classroom or all school celebration of Morning Prayer during Eastertide, especially during the Octave of Easter and on other solemnities and feasts during the fifty days. "Side A" and "Side B" may be designated as either "Boys" and "Girls" or "Men" and "Women" or any other designation you deem appropriate. If you have any questions about the Liturgy of the Hours, please feel free to contact [Andrew Casad](#), director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese of Seattle.

[Lenten Moments of Mercy](#) - Lent presents a wonderful time to reflect on themes of mercy, and Lenten Moments of Mercy aims to help. This daily e-mail series delivers fresh reflections based on the Scriptures of Lent, sharing the inspiring words of Pope Francis and suggesting Lenten actions and prayers. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, take time each day for [Lenten Moments of Mercy](#) and prepare your heart for a new appreciation of the journey to Easter. Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Begins February 10th-*Loyola Press*.

CRS Rice Bowl-The season of Lent is a time to pray, fast and give alms as we reflect on how Christ calls us to return to him. [CRS Rice Bowl](#), a Lenten faith formation program from Catholic Relief Services, offers resources that can help people of all ages, families and communities participate in these Lenten practices and deepen their faith. [Spanish version](#)

Check It Out Newsletter-Lenten Resources available from the Library Media Center



Arts & Faith: Holy Thursday



Arts & Faith: Good Friday



Arts & Faith: Easter Sunday

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has called the special **Jubilee Year for Mercy** to begin Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. It will close on Nov. 20, 2016, the day celebrated that year as the feast of Christ the King.

Brief History of Holy Years and Jubilees in the Church

by Fr. Thomas Rosica-Salt & Light blog.

A Year of Mercy-Young Adult Retreat

April 8-10, 2016 | ABRC @ Palisades | Join Fr. Sean Raftis as he reflects on Pope Francis' call for a "Year of Mercy." Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

Archdiocesan Webpage for The Year of Mercy

Now available! Please take a look at all of the resources and current information found dedicated to the Year of Mercy. Be sure to check back often for added events and resources.

Library Media Center Year of Mercy Resources

Here is a printable annotated [bibliography](#) of resources available from the Library Media Center. Materials may be added to the list, so check back for new titles.



***NEW* The Original Image of Divine Mercy-Documentary Film**

A timely documentary, [The Original Image of Divine Mercy](#) features key witnesses to the mysterious case of a painting that survived the Soviet Occupation of Vilnius, with exclusive commentary by Bishop Robert Barron, George Weigel, Christoph Cardinal Schönborn of Vienna, Stanisław, and many others including a special footage with Pope Francis. For more information about how to bring the film to your community, contact the production office at tour@divinemercyfilm.com or at 210-232-7647.

Online Courses for the Year of Mercy-Diocese of St. Cloud

Three online courses [available](#) Titles include: Forgive All Offenses/Injury; Comfort the Afflicted; and Shelter the Homeless/Welcome the Stranger.

Divine Mercy for Kids

You can find a dozen free downloadable worksheets for various age groups that explain the Divine Mercy image and devotion. Visit TheDivineMercy.org

Divine Mercy & The Divine Comedy

During this Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016) Pope Francis has asked us to use Dante's Divine Comedy as a "spiritual guide." Knowing how intimidating this project sounds, the **Department of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Diocese of Rochester** has put together [a reading plan](#) along with a group of theologians, literary scholars, and other lovers of Dante's work to help us all mine the riches from one whom Pope Benedict XV called "the most eloquent singer of the Christian idea."

A Biblical Year of Mercy

A 13-part series is being published from December 2015 to December 2016 in [Arkansas Catholic](#), the weekly newspaper for the Diocese of Little Rock. These articles are being written by the staff of Little Rock Scripture Study for the Holy Year of Mercy. Each one includes questions for group study.

CRS Year of Mercy Resources

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has developed a number of resources that illustrate how Catholics in the United States can participate in acts of mercy through CRS. Click [here](#) for details.

Archdiocese of Seattle Year of Mercy Prayer Card

Here is a [printable prayer card](#) for use in your parish. The prayer card can be printed out using Avery 8387 labels.

Year of Mercy App

Our Sunday Visitor's FREE [365 Days to Mercy app](#), is designed to accompany you on a spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis.

St. James Cathedral Tours

St. James Cathedral is inviting both parishes and school groups to set up visits for the Year of Mercy, which can be just a time of prayer and pilgrimage, or can include a guided tour as well. Corinna Laughlin claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-264-2086.

Archdiocesan News

NW Catholic App

The new NW Catholic App is now available! [Download](#) it for Apple or Android.



NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

Check NW Catholic for the latest reviews on [books](#) and [movies](#)



MyUSCCB

This Week in Ministry provides timely content every week formatted for use in a variety of ways: parish bulletins, websites, E-newsletters, social media and more.



Featured This Week (Holy Week): Five Suggestions for Holy Week This [two-page](#) resource offers five simple suggestions for the faithful to grow in holiness during this holiest of weeks and include a ritual for placing the palm branches received at Mass on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion in the home.

Lectio Divina for Holy Week This lectio divina resource on the readings for Holy Week focuses on themes of the Jubilee of Mercy and can be used by individuals or in group settings. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Each month during the Jubilee of Mercy we will offer a [Meditation on Mercy](#)-a resource that can be used with small groups to foster a greater awareness of God's call to act with mercy in our lives.

To learn more about MyUSCCB and to sign up for this helpful resource, visit the [USCCB](#) website for more information.

Catechetical Weekly-NCCL

The National Conference of Catechetical Leaders publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.



Featured This Week (Holy Week): Holy Thursday

"Pope Francis has issued a decree that changes the way that the Holy Thursday Rite of the Washing of the Feet is celebrated. The decree, that says the rite should include all members of God's people." Read [full article](#).

For archived newsletters and to learn more about this organization visit the [website](#).

Featured Websites

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions on Video

Apostleship of Prayer receives monthly prayer intentions from the Pope and urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for those intentions. Each month Pope Francis will film his monthly prayer intention and it will be distributed on social media. Check back for a new video on the next month's prayer intention.

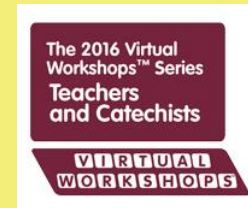


March Prayer Intention

Liturgy Training Publications

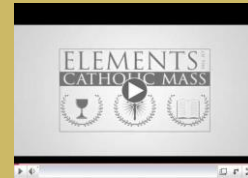
[Virtual Training Opportunities for Teachers and Catechists \(2016\)](#)

Designed specifically for teachers and catechists, this series invites all those who work with children to engage in formation and training throughout the year.



Elements of the Catholic Mass Weekly Video Series

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the **Liturgical Institute**, the program consists of beautifully produced weekly short videos of 2-5 minutes. These free videos will be available online and on demand. Because they will be released with a discussion guide with references, they are ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion. To see a listing of all available episodes, visit the "Episodes" page of the Liturgical Institute's [website](#).



Catholic Publishers

[Loyola Press](#)

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Helpful Links

[21st Century Catholic Evangelization](#)

Serving Catholic leaders in their ministry of evangelization with curated knowledge, approaches, strategies, and resources to reach out to those who have never heard the gospel proclaimed, to re-engage those who have lost a living faith in their daily lives, and to engage those who are faithful and need to be renewed with increased catechesis

Garaventa Center

The Garaventa Center from the University of Portland explores and deploys the fruits of faith, reason and imagination that constitute the Catholic intellectual tradition to illuminate and enliven something that is implicit but often unregarded: the working of grace in human communities. Weekly podcasts are available by visiting the website or subscribing to their weekly newsletter.

Catechist Journey

Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith. Joe Paprocki's blog that features practical tips and resources on sharing the gift of the Catholic faith.

eCatechist

eCatechist.com is a blog from Dan Pierson, that provides ideas, inspiration, and learning resources for catechists, parish catechetical leaders, and parents.

NACFLAM-National Association of Catholic Family Life

Ministries

In response to God's word revealed through all generations and impelled by our belief in the intrinsic sacredness of family life we, the members of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, join together to be a prophetic voice for family in Church and society, to foster professional development, and to provide mutual support for those who minister with families.

TeamRCIA

TeamRCIA.com is a free online resource for Catholic parishes and dioceses that want to form Christians for life. Offers a variety of online and in-person training for church ministers and volunteers, through webinars, e-mail courses, downloads, discussion forums, and training events led by experts in the field of initiation ministry.

Teaching Catholic Kids

Teaching Catholic Kids is a valuable tool for parents, teachers and catechists. Free downloadable activities and teacher resources are updated each month and made available from the best of Our Sunday Visitor books, workbooks and writers.

Vibrant Faith at Home

Vibrant Faith @ Home supports Christian leaders and families who are intentional about their faith and religious practice as they raise the next generation of committed Christians.

Word On Fire

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Father Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into- or back to- the Catholic faith. Word on Fire is evangelical; it proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life. Word on Fire is Catholic; it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition-art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints- in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.

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