

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Please Call for Appointment

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Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.



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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 27 & 28, 2024

Donation	\$4,315.00
Donation Online	\$967.00
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$5,312.00</b>



One Mission,  
One Family,  
Together  
in Christ

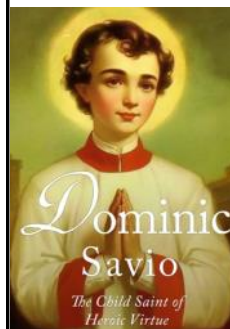
## 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal \$43,706

One mission, one family – together in Christ is the theme of this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal, and this weekend kicks off the 2024 campaign! The Annual Catholic Appeal funds ministries and services for your local Catholic community across Western Washington. This combined effort of parishes and the Archdiocese of Seattle ensures the availability of outreach ministries, education, faith formation, administrative services for parishes and much more!

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in helping our parish be a light to others.

May 6th

### HAPPY FEAST DAY TO Our Lady of Lourdes Alter-servers



In his short life, St. Dominic Savio taught others, by example, that holiness could be achieved through the practice of simple, humble behaviors such as cheerfulness, fidelity in friendship, helping others, engaging the young in games and obeying one’s elders. Dominic said, “I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God.”



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

**St. Thomas Social Hall**  
4415 S 140th St, Tukwila, WA 98168

Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 AM

Children 5 and under \$2.00,  
All Others \$8.00



St. Thomas Council 11253  
Tukwila, Washington



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOMILY BY FATHER PAUL THANH VU

### Love One Another (John 15: 9-17)

Last week we heard Jesus invites us to remain in the Lord to bear much fruit. This week God's word shows us that if we want to stay in God's love, we must keep God's commandments. What are God's commandments? They are loving God and loving people. Christianity is a religion of love, because God is love. It sounds very simple, but it is not easy to do. Why so? Because in us and in the people we want to love, there are hidden seeds of sin: greed, anger, ignorance. We tend to live selfishly, loving ourselves more than loving others. Saint Paul also had to confess: Because I do not do the good I want to do, but I do the evil I do not want to do (Romans 7:19).

Within each of us there is always a struggle between good and evil, between loving ourselves and loving others. Just look at a growing baby and you'll see. The mother buys him an ice cream or a cake, then the mother asks him for a piece, but he refuses to share. He forgot that the ice cream or cake was bought for him by his mother. He only knows that this is now his, no one can take it from him, not even a little bit. Selfishness. Time is God's. God gives each of us a week of 168 hours. God only asks us for 1 hour to come to Him every Sunday, but sometimes we refuse. Sometimes when we go, but we cut it short. If we come late and leave early, we are ungrateful to God. Coming to God, God does not gain anything, but comes only for our benefit and salvation.

That's just a little bit about love for God. What about loving people? We often tend to have reciprocity to satisfy each other. If you play nice with me, I'll play with you, but if you play bad with me, watch out. It happened very naturally. Atheists and sinners do the same. So what is different about us as children of God? We are different from them in that we love like God loves. But how does God love? God loves everyone: bad people, good people, tax collectors and prostitutes, God loves them just like everyone else. God even loved those who killed him, praying for them: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.

Do we not know that what we do is wrong and sinful? You know so much. But God still loves us and prays for us to receive repentance and forgiveness of sins. Is it easy to forgive those who harm you? Very difficult. It can be said with certainty: It is impossible to forgive by human nature. That's just the first step, the next step God also says: pray and be kind to your enemies! Wow, this is intense. Just forgiving is already difficult, now I pray for him, and then help him. It's truly heartbreaking. But that is the condition for remaining in God's love.

In concluding, I want to tell you a story. There were two village chiefs of two tribes who had a bitter feud. One day, the village chief of this tribe saw the other village chief's 8-year-old daughter collecting firewood in the forest. He was very happy to catch that little girl, then pulled out a hammer and cut off two of her fingers. Then he laughed loudly and said: I have taken revenge! Fast forward 10 years later, everything has changed. There were missionaries who went to the tribes to preach the Gospel of God, and that little girl was now a believer and had a family. One cold day in winter, she suddenly heard someone at her door asking for food because he was so hungry and cold. She stepped out to look and immediately recognized that person as the person who harmed her in the forest. Her heart immediately boiled, but remembering God's words, she calmly went down to the kitchen to warm up a bowl of soup and brought it up for the old man to eat. At that moment, she also looked up at the sky, smiled and said: God, now I have my revenge. May God bless you all. Amen.

# Liturgical Life

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## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."  
— John 15:12*

*- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

### Answer:

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!