



Holy Rosary Edmonds

18 SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17, 2020

A Letter from Fr. Dominic

Dear Parishioners,

It is now almost nine months, since I came to America and more particularly to the Archdiocese of Seattle at Holy Rosary Parish Edmonds. All this has been possible because God is in control. When we were coming here last year in September -- Fr. Clement and I -- it was all cultural shock, and everything was as on the first day of an experience. Boarding the plane itself was a first and everything that took place within this long first flight was all wow!!

The hours were just too much, almost 15 hours in a plane, and for the first time. And not only that, we had to experience fear, my brother priest and I. Since our flight was from Southeast Africa-Malawi, through Ethiopia, and then Dublin to Washington DC, we experienced fear on the plane as we crossed the Atlantic Ocean. As we were approaching the Atlantic Ocean, I heard the Pilot announcing, "Attention ladies and Gentlemen, we are approaching the Atlantic Ocean and we will be crossing soon. Please fasten your seat belts and no movements please!"

Everyone was deadly silent, and I wondered inside myself. A few minutes later I felt the plane shaking and I was afraid, and I could see my brother priest was afraid too. To cut the long story short, the whole plane was filled with fear. Even those who had been on a plane before, I could see them filled with fear. This was no joking time but time to cross the Atlantic Ocean with silence and fear. I saw some guys praying, obviously my friend and I prayed, but fear was there.

As human beings, we are imperfect and so, we behave imperfectly; we have fear and sometimes fear of the unknown, but our Lord Jesus Christ always reminds us not to be afraid but to trust in Him. "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

Pope St John Paul II is often remembered with the phrase, "Do not be afraid." In his inaugural homily in 1978 at St Peter's Square in Rome he said, "Brothers and Sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept His power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ's power to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ." He did encourage us not to be afraid, but to trust in God.

These extraordinary times we are passing through, we need to trust in God and not be afraid, for our God is a living God and is always with us, and He loves us as His daughters and sons. Jesus even teaches us in the gospel that the only one we should fear should be God, "... be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." (Matthew 10: 28). We should always borrow the words of Simon Peter when he answered in place of all the Apostles to our Lord, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6: 68).

Never be afraid, God is in control.

In Christ,
Fr. Dominic

Mass

Mon-Sat 8am
Tues 5:30pm
Vigil Sat 5pm
Sun 8am, 10am,
12am

Please continue to
Pre-register for
Sunday Masses.
See website or
call parish office.

Mass Livestream

(See website)

Sunday Vigil, Sat 5pm
Recording may be
watched at any time.

Confession

Mon-Fri 7:30-50am
Sat 4:15-4:50pm

Parish Office

Phone (425)778-3122
Now open limited
hours!

Parish School

Phone (425)778-3197



*“What will separate us
from the love of Christ?
Will anguish, or distress,
or persecution,
or famine,
or nakedness, or peril,
or the sword?
No, in all these things
we conquer
overwhelmingly
through him who loved
us.”
Rom 8:35*

Adoration Mass Intentions Faithful Departed

The Church is open:

- 30 minutes prior to Mass and closes after
- 4:30-6pm Tuesday

Mon 8/3 Elizabeth Gnoinsky †
Tues 8/4 8am Marie Connors †
5:30 pm Alice Walde †
Wed 8/5 Kay Smith †
Thurs 8/6 Harry Purpur †
Fri 8/7 Larry Laporte †
Sat 8/8 Robert Waasted †

Let us pray for:

Becoming a Sister Parish

Last week Hannah Graves and Christine Landerholm presented the exciting progress that has been made in becoming a sister parish.

Our prospective sister parish is St. Mary's in Nataja, Malawi. This a rural parish “in the middle of nowhere” where Fr. Dominic has served. There are approximately 3500 parishioners. St. Mary's serves 10 villages and operates 7 schools. This year marks their 5th anniversary.

There is great material need, but also a lot of life and joy. We hope that this will be a mutually beneficial and real relationship between brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you want to meet the people of St. Mary's in person, consider joining us July 22-August 5, 2021. Contact hannahg@holyroaryedmonds.org or call the parish office to learn more!



Upcoming Events

August 3 7pm Rule of St. Benedict Zoom Discussion

August 5 7pm Youth Confirmation

Saint Spotlight: St. Charles Lwanga and Compaions



Born in 1860 in Uganda, Charles was raised at the royal court and served as a page to King Mwanga II. Mwanga II was hostile to Christianity, executing missionaries and converts, and engaging in ritual pedophilia. His Catholic major-domo St. Joseph Balikuddembe opposed the king's massacre of a group of Anglican missionaries and routinely protected young pages from his advances. On November 15, 1885, Mwanga ordered Joseph executed. As the chief page, Charles was chosen to succeed him.

At the time Charles was only a catechumen, but he was already totally dedicated to Christ and helped to teach other pages about Christianity. Realizing that he and the other Christians would soon have to choose between abandoning their faith or martyrdom, Charles and 100 other Ugandans went to the White Fathers and asked to be baptized.

As major-domo, Charles followed in Joseph's footsteps protecting the young pages and speaking against the king's violence. Charles knew what the price of his actions would be. He and 15 other Christian pages between the ages of 13 and 25 were burned alive.

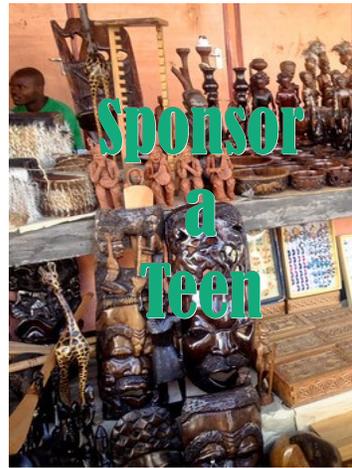
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St. Thomas More Parish invites us to join their VBS!

Aug. 3rd - 7th
Prerecord @ 9 AM - 10:30 AM @ www.stmp.org
Live Discussion via ZOOM, code will be emailed.

Registration: \$25, 1st child; succeeding siblings, \$10.



Contribute to the fund to help teens travel to St. Mary's in Malawi and receive a souvenir picked out by the teens.

Your gift will benefit Our teens in opening their worldview as well as support Malawian artists.

Interested? Contact Hannah Graves (425)977-4547



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Annual Catholic Appeal



Needed Items:

- Jams
- Cookies
- Kleenex
- Cup o'Noodles
- Small Velveeta
- Pudding cups

We are ALL in this together! Your Parish Matters and Makes a Difference

Parish Update: Our Goal is \$188,096

341 families have contributed \$142,207 (76% of our goal)

Monetary donations are always appreciated to help those struggling with bills or rent.