



Holy Rosary Edmonds

33 SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

A Letter from Fr. Vincent

Dear Parishioners,

From the very beginning the Paschal Mystery -- Our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection --has formed the Christian perspective on life and death, creation and our bodies. Jesus' bodily and historical resurrection from the dead is a definite game changer. The reason why Jesus ascended into heaven is that this world, subject to corruption and death, could no longer hold him, a body destined for eternity. Jesus went to heaven temporarily until such time when He will return again to this earth to inaugurate the "New Creation."

What will happen when Jesus returns? Our bodies will rise from the earth. Jesus will command our bodies to rise from the matter of this earth, the dust and decay, and our souls will possess our bodies again -- this time immortal glorified bodies which will never die again, perfect and beautiful in their form without disability or deformity. No matter how old we are when we die or under what condition, our bodies will rise in their full human maturity to be us -- the same individual person we are now -- same gender, same DNA. We will recognize ourselves and others as Jesus was recognized in His resurrected form. And there will be no shame.

From the very beginning of our church, the resurrection of the body has been a central belief, however, many Catholics do not have a clear understanding or knowledge of what this means. Most people think life after death is simply a spiritual reality or existence. We believe the human person is a composite of body and soul, so death is a tragedy, we feel it, and it creates a separation in our being. In death, the body can no longer contain the soul, the life breath. The soul in death is in an incomplete state. Our soul was never meant to exist separately from a body, and so it longs to be reunited with the body --its body. This reunion will happen at the end of time when Jesus will come again at the end of the world. We pray in the Nicene Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." And in the Apostles Creed "I believe in the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting."

The human person comes into existence when God creates immediately the human soul that animates a human body. The soul does not pre-exist. This animation takes place at or sometime after conception. Assuming animation is at or near conception is the reason why Christians have always valued the human person starting in the womb and therefore abortion is a crime against humanity. It reminds me of the Dr. Seuss quote "A person's a person, no matter how small!" The body matters because the body, with the soul, is the person.

In the early Church, this belief in the resurrection of the body (sarx) influenced how Christians viewed and treated the body. Christians treated the human body differently from their contemporaries in life and in death. Next week I will expand upon how the Christian view of the body has influenced Catholic burial customs.

In Christ,

Mass

Mon-Sat 8am

Tues 5:30pm

Vigil Sat 5pm

Sunday:

8am (indoor)

9:30am (indoor)

11:15am (indoor)

Mass Livestream

(See website)

Sunday Vigil, Sat 5pm

Recording may be watched at any time.

Confession

Mon-Sat 7:30-50am

Sat 4:15-4:50pm

Parish Office

630 7th Ave. North,
Edmonds, WA 98020

Phone (425)778-3122

New Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs

8:45 - Noon

Parish Website

HolyRosaryEdmonds.org

Parish School

Phone (425)778-3197

hrsedmonds.org

Saint Spotlight: St. Gertrude the Great



St. Gertrude was born into the German nobility, but sent at an early age to be educated at the monastery in Helfta. There, Gertrude received one of the best educations of the time — philosophy, Latin, and literature. When she was old enough, Gertrude entered the monastery as a nun; she lived as a member of the community, happy and well liked. Her life was the simple life of work and prayer found in all Benedictine convents.

While living most of her life in the sheltered peace of the convent, Gertrude experienced what she considered, a great conversion when she was 25 and received a vision of Christ. From this point on, Gertrude turned her entire energy towards the cultivation of holiness in herself and others. She focused her studies only on the scriptures and the writings of the Church Fathers. She copied texts, translated them, and wrote prolifically, all to make Christ better known and loved. She prayed for holiness in all people, but especially that those consecrated to God live holy lives and for the souls in purgatory who were in need of purification to enter heaven.

Upcoming Events

Nov 14/15:
Sister Parish Fundraiser

Women's Association
Annual Giving Tree

Matt Talbot Thanksgiving
Collection after Mass

Nov 17, 6:15pm:
Preparing for Death
Seminar
(Church)

Nov 19, 10am: Preparing
for Death Seminar
(Church)

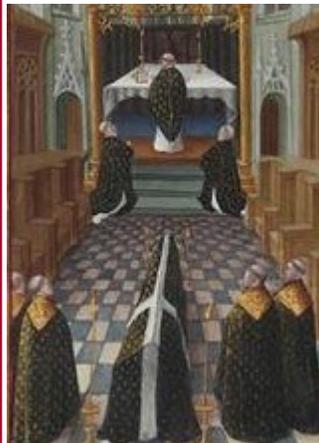
Nov 22: Feast of Christ
the King

Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day
Mass 9am

Annual Matt Talbot Thanksgiving Dinner

See the Knights after Mass to see how you can help!

In lieu of the meal we have traditionally supplied, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after the Masses. Please help them support the compassionate work of the Matt Talbot Center in caring for the homeless.



Preparing and Planning for Death

Father Vincent will present the Catholic perspective on dying, death, and our beliefs and traditions surrounding those pivotal moments of our life:

Nov 17th, 6:15pm in the Church (livestreamed)
Nov 19th, 10am in the Church

Mass Intentions

Mon 11/16 Kay Rantz †
Tues 11/17 8am Carole Nowak †
5:30pm Diana Hanstein †
Weds 11/18 Carole Nowak †
Thurs 11/19 Rome Perez †
Fri 11/20 Suzanne Schoenmakers †
Sat 11/21 Ignatius Masscarenhaf †

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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE TAGS ARE AVAILABLE!

The Women's Assn is overseeing the Christmas Giving Tree Project this year with tags available beginning November 14th. We are sponsoring these Snohomish agencies: Catholic Community Services, Interfaith Family Shelter, Domestic Violence Services and St. Vincent de Paul. The agencies have requested each gift for individuals not exceed \$50.00, however some items may exceed this limit. Domestic Violence Services requested that GIFT CARDS not exceed \$25.00. If buying a gift card please put it in a box or bag. All gifts should be wrapped EXCEPT for Catholic Community Services; these need to be put in a gift bag so the item/s can be seen. Please fasten all tags securely to the gifts.

Gift tags will be available in the narthex or on the parish website. Monetary donations for those who are unable to purchase gifts can be made either in the narthex with checks (made out to Holy Rosary) or as a cash donation, or on the parish website noting that the money is for the Christmas Giving Tree. Monetary donations **MUST** be in by December 6th. The return date for the gifts is December 13th by noon. **PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE DEADLINES.**

Questions:

Corky Grennan 425-422-3564 or
Joan Gerdon 425-742-0113.



Share the Love!

Check out the map of our sister parish in the narthex!

Choose a heart with a donation pledge to help the people of Ntaja meet basic human needs: clothes school supplies, food, blankets for AIDs patients, building renovation. Questions? Contact Hannah Graves (425)977-4547



For the Food Pantry:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Microwave Meals
- Pineapple
- Saltine Crackers
- Small Instant Rice

Monetary donations are always appreciated.



Need some help wrapping presents for Christmas?

For a donation, parish teens will be wrapping presents to help fund their mission to Malawi!

Drop of your presents Saturday Dec 5th with identification for who to tag them for and pick up your wrapped presents between 3pm and 5pm Dec 6th!

Have half used rolls of wrapping paper or unused gift bags laying around? Help the parish teens with their Malawi Fundraiser and drop them off at the parish office!

**SAVE THE DATES:
PARISH ADVENT MISSION
November 29—December 2nd**



In Need of Counseling?

Parishioner, Dr. Jeff Baird, is available for counseling. Leave a confidential message on his parish number and he will get back to you promptly. **(425)977-4534**