

**STARTING ON EASTER SUNDAY, St. Mary  
will have a new weekend Mass schedule:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning: 11:00 a.m.**

**The Healing Mercy of the Eucharist  
With Fr. Augustine Valooran  
March 9-13**

St. Stephen the Martyr  
13055 SE 192nd St  
Renton, WA 98058

Evening Mass with Adoration and Sessions each day  
6:30 Mass; 7:30-9:00 Session  
Saturday evening Mass with Adoration and Session  
5:00 Mass; 6:45 p.m. Session  
Sunday: Afternoon Adoration and  
Session 2:00—3:00

**Special Women's Retreat**

Friday, March 11, 10am-2pm

Please register for the Women's Retreat.

Call 253-631-6175x115 or visit [ststephenslife.com](http://ststephenslife.com).

**Catholic Relief Services**



Next weekend we will be collecting envelopes for donations to Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Each time we encounter a suffering person, we encounter Jesus in disguise. The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) funds six Catholic agencies that serve the disguised Jesus in our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. His disguise might be that of those suffering from natural disaster, those displaced by violence or war, or those migrants searching for a better life. Your support of this collection is an opportunity to help Jesus in disguise.

Envelopes for the CRS collection are located at the end of the pews and in the narthex. Please take one home with you and bring it back next weekend for placement in the

**The Passion of the Christ—A Play**

**March 18 and 19**

**8 PM**

**Free Admission**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish**

**2316 180th St SE**

**Bothell,**

**Donations Accepted**

**"I am the way and the truth and the life. No  
one comes to the Father except through me."**

**John 14:6**

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**

**Items of interest...**

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women makes special Mass Intention Cards available in the information kiosk in St. Mary Narthex. Intentions are remembered at a monthly Mass said by the Archbishop, and your donation raises money to offset the cost of education for our Archdiocesan Seminarians.

St. Mary has made available booklets for the Seven Sorrows Rosary, which is said after Mass on Tuesday and Friday. They are printed for reuse at each Mass. If you would like to take one home for your personal use, please stop by the office and make a donation to offset the cost of printing, etc. Thank you!

The St. Mary Parish Office has several books available for your purchase:

***Be Healed***, by Dr. Bob Schuchts. The book is highly recommended by Fr. Straz, and by parishioners who have already purchased it. \$17.00

Two books about Our Lady of Kibeho. Proceeds from the sale of these books go toward building a basilica.

- ***Our Lady of Kibeho***, \$14.00

- ***If Only We Had Listened***, \$19.00

***33 Days to Morning Glory***, larger print, expanded information. Be ready for the parish consecration to Mary!  
\$10



**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS & CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

**Mass - 11:00 a.m.**

**St. James Cathedral**

**Reception & St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

**12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**O'Dea High School Gym**

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain welcomes any and all to a Mass and celebration with our Community with Special Needs on March 12, 2016. Mass is 11:00 a.m. at the St. James Cathedral in Seattle.

Reception and St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Dance immediately following the liturgy directly across the street at the O'Dea High School gymnasium from 12:00-3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Erica Cohen Moore at **206-382-4852** or at [ericac@seattlearch.org](mailto:ericac@seattlearch.org) or visit their website at [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/sn](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/sn).

## St. Mary Lent and Easter Calendar

### Every Friday, through March 18

6:00 p.m. **Soup Suppers**

7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

### Friday, March 4—Day of Mercy, 24 Hours of the Lord

9:00 a.m. **First Friday Mass**

Regularly scheduled Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

10:00—Noon, **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

2:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m., **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Adoration in the Church**

**10:00 a.m. Friday — 10:00 a.m. Saturday**

### Saturday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. **Benediction and First Saturday Mass**

3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**

### Thursday, March 17

7:00 p.m. **Chrism Mass**, St. James Cathedral, Seattle

## Holy Week

### Holy Thursday, March 24

6:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Followed by Adoration until midnight in Room 4 of the FAC**

### Friday, March 25—Good Friday

3:00 p.m. **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**

3:30 p.m. **Divine Mercy Novena begins**

4:00 p.m. Seven Sorrows Rosary

6:00 p.m. **Veneration of the Cross with Communion**

## Easter

### Saturday, March 26—Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. **Mass, Easter Vigil**

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena

### Sunday, March 27—Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. **Mass**

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

3:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Novena**

### March 28 through March 31: No Daily Mass

### March 28 through April 3

3:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Novena Continues**

### April 1—First Friday

9:00 a.m. **Mass**

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

### April 2

10:00 a.m. First Saturday Benediction and **Mass**

3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday, April 3—Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 a.m., **Mass**

9:45 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

## Stewardship Reflection

[Ex 3: 1-8A, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9](#)



You might say that God is trying to get our attention, making an effort to get us to listen to Him and to listen carefully. That is certainly what should be happening during Lent. Today's

readings seem to highlight how God tries to reach us, but, of course, the key is that we have to be both prepared to hear the Word and to respond to it.

We have often said that God calls us. In our readings today He calls us to conversion and to repentance, both important aspects of our Lenten journeys. Imagine the lengths to which God goes to get Moses' attention in the First Reading. The Lord knows there is no point in speaking to Moses until He has Moses' full attention and concentration. He presents to Moses a burning bush; however, it is not a common fire; as the reading says, "As he (Moses) looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed."

That captured Moses attention, and he moved in for a closer look. That is when God spoke to Moses, when He knew He had his full attention. Because of that Moses clearly heard the message and responded. God may not be presenting us with a burning bush, but He is presenting us with a Lenten journey. It is time for us to focus on the Lord's call to us, to give it our full awareness and consideration.

In a similar fashion St. Paul is trying to get the attention of the Corinthians in our Second Reading. Paul is concerned about the people of Corinth, and, certainly, as is always the case, Paul is concerned about us as well. Speaking of the consequences of not understanding what happens if we stray from the Lord, if we do not make every effort to hear and to know and to act on what God is telling us, Paul paints a dreary picture for the Corinthians.

Just as God with Moses, once St. Paul has their attention, he delivers the message he really wishes to get across — that is, beware of being too confident. Lent is a time for us to evaluate our faith and where we are. Each of us should be striving for holiness, for a greater sense of how to serve God and one another through love and stewardship. None of us can fully achieve the yearning to be free from sin. The best way to resist temptation is to acknowledge it and seek God's help in overcoming it.

During Lent we are all called to repent and to change. Jesus makes that call to repentance quite clear in our Gospel Reading from Luke, which includes the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree. Scholars maintain that God is the owner of the fig tree, and He looks to each of us to bear fruit, to do good and righteous works. Are we? Do we? That, too, is so important to us during this Lenten period. God is very patient with us but even His patience has a limit. God grants us this time in His mercy to indeed repent and to change our behaviors.

Is that what we are really trying to do? The point of all these readings is that judgment is always near; it is always imminent. We are called to conversion today and now.