



# From the Pastor's Desk



## Thank You Michael Ramos

Thank you Michael Ramos, the leader of the church council of greater Seattle. I appreciated Michael's Stewardship challenge to see our own parish needs as we make our Stewardship giving decisions for this coming year. It also helped us to be aware of the social dimensions of Jesus teaching, teachings that require us to see beyond our own needs.

Please, read the Stewardship materials we are sending to you and use them as your prayerfully make your Stewardship commitments. Thank you.

## Don't Miss the Parade On November 1 and 2

Next week, our parish, united with every other parish, will celebrate All Saints and All Souls' Day. On **November 1**, we celebrate Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. All Saints Day is a Holy Day of obligation, but more than that, it is an opportunity to draw strength from the lives of so many Saints before us.

All Souls' Day begins the month of remembering those in your life, and our parish, who have died. Each Mass in November will be for those who have died. In our shared, short lifetimes, we do experience so many Saints and Souls parading through our lives. Celebrating the Mass together is such a good way to stop and give thanks for the Saints living and dead who have made a difference in our lives.

Fr. Jack

### Reflection...The Gate of Love and Grace

Pride is the first sin that begins to chase a person away from God, and if we don't leave it, lust grows; and if we don't leave lust, greed grows; and if we don't leave greed, laziness grows; and if we don't leave laziness, lying grows; and if we don't leave lying, perjury grows; and if we don't leave perjury, anger grows; and if we don't leave anger, slander grows; and if we don't leave slander, stubbornness grows; and if we don't leave stubbornness, hatred grows; and if we don't leave hatred, vengeance grows; and if we don't leave vengeance, hopelessness grows; and if we don't leave hopelessness, insolence grows; and if we don't leave insolence, shameless arrogance grows; and if we don't leave shameless arrogance, wrong wisdom grows; and if we don't leave wrong wisdom, unbelief grows and says, "It's not at all like they say it is."

Lord, infuse me with Your grace. Then I'll flow from Your love.

- Mechthild of Magdeburg, *The Flowing Light of the Godhead*

### Prayer During Time Of Transition

Loving God,  
Your wisdom is beyond our understanding. Surround us with the fire of your love during our time of transition. We give you thanks for the journey we began in Baptism.  
Now you call this community into deeper waters. Let us view this moment of change and renewal as an invitation to build upon the foundation which we created together.  
Empower us to be your Church in all times and seasons: a community of faith where all are welcomed and connected by your love. Give us the courage to carry the torch forward, being open to new possibilities, and embracing the changes to come.  
United as one faith community, we join in your saving work through which the story of your love, grace and mercy is embodied. We offer our prayers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen  
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!