

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH / MARY STAR OF THE SEA

The Pastor Speaks

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to you today to commend you, to thank you, and to encourage you. As one year ends and another begins for our Parish, I wish to remember 2017 and the many things we have accomplished in our Parish.

First, I commend those of you who have worked within our Parish— as lectors, greeters, members of Parish committees, our extraordinary ministers, and especially our Deacon Sergio. There are also helpers behind the scene who keep up the grounds, make the repairs, contribute to the bulletin, cook and clean up for our social events.

We are a very small parish. But, the efforts of all these people make a rich parish life possible. I thank you all so very much!



Secondly, I thank each and every one of you for the blessings you bring to the spiritual life of our parish through your participation in the Holy Sacraments, as well as your fellowship and personal friendship. I also wish to thank you for your financial support of our parish. Once again, as a very small parish we rely upon the generosity of each and every parishioner in order to meet our growing expenses. Your contributions to our collection plates are appreciated!

People have asked me from time to time: “Where do our donations actually go?”

Well, there are the monthly expenses— like the electricity and gas to light and heat three parish buildings, the insurance for health and property, the supplies for liturgy and Mass and for our rectory, and many others. Since all of our buildings are aging, there is constant upkeep, maintenance, and repairs to pay for. During 2017, examples of projects which I would like to highlight included the re-surfacing and grading/rocking of St. Aloysius’ parking lot, a new heater/boiler for MSS, new windows for Trinity Hall, road resurfacing for our cemetery, and repair of our St. Aloysius crucifix. Without your donations none of these projects would have been possible.

Thirdly, I encourage you, and ask you for your continued support, both spiritual and financial. Our parish really relies on each and every one of you to contribute— whether your time, your work, your liturgical service, or your dollars. Every year our needs increase. In my opinion, we may have more parish members, but there may be lower contributions. There are more working poor in our community now, as well as in our parish. Those of us who are able to support the Church with a little more of their treasure may find a calling to do this. I hope and pray that we all can continue to grow in love and fellowship together and to support our local parish, St. Aloysius and Mary Star-of-the-Sea. Please pray for our continued health as a special Parish!

Yours in Christ,
Father Carlos

Parish Bulletin

LENTEN SCHEDULE

(HORARIO DE CUARESMA)

ASH WEDNESDAY

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

9:00 AM GUALALA ENGLISH

5:00 PM GUALALA ESPANOL

7:00 PM P. ARENA ESPANOL

RECONCILIATION SERVICE (BILINGUAL)

MARCH 14, 2018

5:00 PM GUALALA

PALM SUNDAY

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

MARCH 25, 2018

9:00 AM P. ARENA ENGLISH

11:00 AM GUALALA ENGLISH

HOLY THURSDAY (THE LORD'S SUPPER)

JUEVES SANTO (LA ULTIMA CENA)

MARCH 29, 2018

5:00 PM GUALALA BLG

7:00 PM P. ARENA BLG

GOOD FRIDAY (THE PASSION OF THE LORD)

VIERNES SANTO (LA PASION DEL SENOR)

MARCH 30, 2018

12:00 PM ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WITH ST. PAUL'S/ SOUP TO FOLLOW

5:00 PM GUALALA BLG

7:00 PM P. ARENA BLG

THE EASTER VIGIL

SABADO DE GLORIA

MARCH 31, 2018

6:00 PM GUALALA

8:00 PM P. ARENA

EASTER SUNDAY

DOMINGO DE RESURRECCION

APRIL 1, 2018

9:00 AM P. ARENA

11:00 AM GUALALA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

VIACRUCIS

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

TODOS LOS VIERNES DE CUARESMA

7:00 PM GUALALA BLG

7:00 PM P. ARENA ESPANOL

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS ON:

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21: 9:30 AM. MSS

THURSDAY MARCH 22 9:30 AM ST. ALOYSIUS

FRIDAY MARCH 23: 9:30 AM MSS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28: 9:30AM MSS

THURSDAY MARCH 29: 9:30 AM ST. ALOYSIUS

Lent , February 2018

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE-

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE OBLIGATORY DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR CATHOLICS. IN ADDITION, FRIDAYS DURING LENT ARE OBLIGATORY DAYS OF ABSTINENCE. FASTING IS OBLIGATORY FROM AGE 18 UNTIL 59. WHEN FASTING, A PERSON IS PERMITTED TO EAT ONE FULL MEAL. TWO SMALLER MEALS MAY ALSO BE TAKEN, BUT NOT TO EQUAL A FULL MEAL. ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT IS FROM AGE 14 ONWARDS.

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA-

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA Y VIERNES SANTO SON DIAS OBLIGATORIOS DE AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA PARA LOS CATOLICOS. TAMBIEN DURANTE LA CUARESMA, TODOS LOS VIERNES SE DEBE ABSTENER DE COMER CARNE. EL AYUNO ES OBLIGATORIO DE LAS EDADES DE 18 A LOS 59. CUANDO SE AYUNA SE PERMITE UNA COMIDA ENTERA. DOS PEQUENAS COMIDAS PODRIAN TOMARSE PERO NO ENTERAS O FUERTES. LA ABSTINENCIA DE COMER CARNE ES DE LA EDAD DE 14 A TODAS LAS EDADES EN ADELANTE.

St. Aloysius Parish Register

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Schedule:

Mass (English) MSS W, F 9:00 AM, Sun 11:00 AM

Mass (Spanish) MSS Sat 5:00 PM

Mass (English) PA Thurs, Sun 9:00 AM

Mass (Spanish) PA Sat 7:00 PM

MSS Parking Lot Changes

The disabled parking project at MSS was begun recently with an expected completion date of Feb 7th, weather permitting. The newly poured concrete will be located at the walkway/ parking transition area. ADA compliant van and car spaces will be provided on either side of the existing walkway (which will also be extended an additional 5 feet). This extra 5 feet will also serve as a drop off area for those needing the shorter distance into the church. Sorry for any inconvenience this may create for parishioners, but we are excited to provide easier access for all.

Liturgical Readers Needed during Holy Week

During the solemn celebrations of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, additional readers and participation is needed from our parish community.

For example, Father Carlos always needs participants during the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday Mass. Please consider volunteering for this or reading during the reenactment of the Jesus's final hours. We also need readers for the bilingual Mass on Easter Vigil, which has up to seven different readings. What a beautiful way to help out Father Carlos and to enrich your own Easter experience. Thank you.

St. Aloysius Financial Report

7/1/17 to 12/31/17

INCOME

First collections
\$22,529
Second collections
\$15,882
Donations
\$11,485
Fiesta Mexicana Dinner
\$9,823
Local Second collections
\$2,925
Miscellaneous
\$2,923
Diocesan Second collections
\$2,743

TOTAL

\$68,310

EXPENSES

Priest/Deacon benefits
\$22,560
Priest salary
\$11,640
Church/Hall Repair
\$8,248
Utilities
\$8,156
Insurance
\$4,745
Local Second
\$3,925
Diocesan Assessment
\$3,113
Diocesan Second
\$2,743
Misc. Expenses
\$1,806
Office
\$1,769
Deferred Projects
\$1,562
Property Tax
\$940

TOTAL

\$71,207

NET LOSS

\$2,897

“First Friday’ Begins Soon

A new parish tradition is soon to begin. It will be called “First Friday”, and it is something that Fr. Carlos very much wants to introduce as a way to unify our parish community. In order to bring together our diverse parish members—some of whom worship in Gualala, some in Point Arena, some of whom are Hispanic, some Anglo, some young, some old— Father Carlos feels that this is an opportunity for our various people to worship and socialize together.

“First Friday” will take place on the first Friday of each month, and will feature a Mass celebrated at 6:00 PM at St. Aloysius with a potluck/ social supper to follow. The whole parish is invited!

Look for announcements after Mass to set the next “First Friday” date. And please participate in order to better get to know your fellow Catholics on the Coast.

2018 Annual Crab Feed!!!!



It's the time of the year to feast on Crab and all the fixings at the annual St. Aloysius Crab Feed. Come and join your fellow parishioners for an all-you-can-eat fresh crab dinner, raffle, and live auction!!

Where: Trinity Hall, Point Arena

When: Saturday, February 17, 2018 @ 5:00 for cocktails, 6:30 for dinner, and 8:30 for the live auction.

Cost: \$45.00. Call 877-1676 for tickets asap.

Please help us make this the best crab feed ever by donating auction items and raffle prizes. Call John Bastian or Dave Branesky to arrange pick-up for your auction items.

“First Friday” Begins Soon

A new parish tradition will begin on Friday March 2. The event called “First Friday” is something that Fr. Carlos wants to introduce as a way to unify our parish community. In order to bring together our diverse parish members—some of whom worship in Gualala, some in Point Arena, some of whom are Hispanic, some Anglo, some young, some old— Father Carlos feels that this is a way for our various people to worship and socialize together.

Subsequent “First Fridays” will take place on the first Friday of each month, and will feature a Mass celebrated at 6:00 PM at St. Aloysius with a potluck/social supper to follow. The whole parish is invited! Get to know your fellow Catholics on the Coast.

*Happy Easter,
St. Aloysius Parish!*

