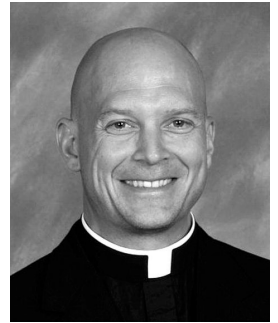


Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 29, 2015

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin the sacred celebration of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Today we celebrate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem in order to begin his final journey to Mount Calvary. Holy Week is the most important week within the life of the Church because we celebrate the central mystery of our faith, the Pascal Mystery (the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus) At the heart of Holy Week is the Sacred Triduum; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.



The Holy Thursday liturgy is called Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Within it we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, the washing of the feet of the Disciples by Jesus and the institution of the priesthood.

Good Friday is the Liturgy of the Cross. We are blessed this year to have our Hispanic community celebrate a live outdoor Stations of the Cross immediately preceding this Liturgy in order to help us all enter more fully into the mystery of Christ's passion and death. This liturgy is the only day of the year when Masses are not celebrated in Catholic churches. Communion is distributed from the Hosts which were consecrated on Holy Thursday. The focus of Good Friday is the Cross. A central part of this powerful service is the individual's reverence and embracing of the cross as the central symbol and means of our salvation.

The Sacred Triduum culminates in the mother of all liturgies, the Easter Vigil. This is the solemn celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. It is also the Mass in which the Elect are baptized and the Candidates are received into full communion with the Catholic Church. This year, we are blessed to have nearly 20 adults and adolescents who will either be baptized or complete their Sacraments of Initiation. This is a lengthy but extremely exciting and rich liturgy through which we celebrate together the joy of Christ's Resurrection. If you have not fully participated in these three liturgies that constitute the Sacred Triduum, I cannot encourage you enough to do so as they are beautiful and powerful once a year celebrations.

Queridos Parroquianos,

Hoy iniciamos la gran celebración de la Semana Santa con el Domingo de Ramos. Con esta Misa, nos acercamos al Señor en su entrada de Jerusalem para iniciar su Pasión y muerte por nuestra salvación. Esta Semana, celebramos los misterios centrales de nuestra fe Católica; la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección del Señor. Al centro de esta Semana Santa es el Triduo Pascual, Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual.

En la liturgia de Jueves Santo, nos acercamos al Señor por la institución de la Eucaristía durante la Última Cena y también por el lavatorio de los pies. También celebramos la institución del sacerdocio y es por eso esta Misa es tan importante para los sacerdotes. En la liturgia de Viernes Santo, nos acercamos al Señor por su cruz y entonces por su muerte. Este servicio actualmente no es una Misa propia pero un servicio de comunión; ni pan o vino está consagrada. La comunión está ofrecida a la comunidad por Hostias consagrada a la Misa de Jueves Santo. Estamos bendecidos porque este año haremos el Via Crucis en vivo en el campo fuera de la Iglesia antes del servicio; ¡ojalá muchos vengan!

El apogeo de estos días es la Vigilia Pascual cuando celebramos el misterio central de nuestra Fe Católica; la Resurrección del Señor. En esta Misa solemne, damos la bienvenida de los Predilectos que bautizamos y los Candidatos que reciben los Sacramentos de Iniciación que faltan y están recibidos a plena comunión con nosotros y la Iglesia universal. Esta Misa es tan larga pero al mismo tiempo muy linda y profunda. Gustaría invitar cada miembro de nuestra comunidad personalmente a estas tres Misas porque este año los celebramos bilingüe, en Español y Inglés. Por nuestra participación en estos servicios fortalecemos nuestra fe y nuestra relación personal con Jesucristo.

*In Christ / En Christo,
Fr. Cal Christiansen*



CALENDAR

MARCH 30, 2015 - APRIL 5, 2015

Monday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Mass - John Hurney, RIP
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, FSR
 6:00 p.m. Liturgy Commission, PO
 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, SH
 7:00 p.m. Missionary Choir, ESS
 7:00 p.m. BLD Praise, CH
 7:00 p.m. School Commission, School

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Mass - Alice Picht, RIP
 9:00 a.m. Northern Deanery, FSR
 6:30 p.m. Sacramental Prep, FSR
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym
 7:00 p.m. BLD/DCS, PO
 7:00 p.m. Penance Service, Bi-lingual, Church

Wednesday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Mass - Robert White, RIP
 6:00 p.m. Altar Server practice for Holy Thursday
 7:00 p.m. Altar Server practice for Good Friday
 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group, SH
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation (1-5), School
 6:30 p.m. Hispanic Adult Faith Formation, CH
 7:00 p.m. Ladies Guild, FSR

Thursday, April 2 - Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. Mass - Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass, Veneration of the Holy Eucharist until Midnight

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday, No Mass

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
5:00 p.m. Live Outdoor Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Altar Servers
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Communion Service
 7:00 p.m. PAAM Choir, FSR

Saturday, April 4 - Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m. BLD, FSR
 9:30 a.m. Altar Server Rehearsal
9:00 p.m. Bi-lingual Easter Vigil Mass (no confessions)

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. English Mass
 11:00 a.m. English Mass
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Legend: CH: Church SH: Social Hall FSR: Fireside Room
 AC: Adoration Chapel Cry Room: Cry Room in Church
 ESS: Room off Gym PO: Parish Office Conference Room

Elvis (Will Be) In the House!

Don't forget the **Ladies Guild Luncheon** coming up on Saturday, April 11th at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are on sale after every Mass (except Easter Sunday)

Call Florence Ely 774-3069 or Pat Danson 774-1537 for more information. It'll be the best \$10 you've ever spent!

Bi-Lingual Lenten Communal Penance Service

During this beautiful service of readings, reflection and song, we open ourselves to experience the gift of God's gracious and loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. for the Bi-lingual Lenten Communal Penance Service.

It has long been a tradition in the Church to confess one's sins before celebrating the great feast of Easter. This will be the ideal time to do so.

Please pray with us:

"Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen."

St. Augustine, 354-430 C.E.

Please offer your prayers for those who are ill:

Dave Alin, Casey Alin, Roy Alin, Mina Amlag, Bill Ban, Maria Bobadilla, Dave Brown, Simmie Brown, Sonja Brown, Monica Cline, Gordon Coffey, Ruth Cook, Steve Cook, Doug De los Angeles, Marie Demski, Zella Dow, Mark Dow, Heather Durbin, Joe Ferreira, Douglas Fiechtner, Antonia Fuller, Jobie Coulton-Gores, Frances Green, Jacque Groenig, Mark Hagenah, Mary Haukap, Meredith Huber, Sue Huffman, Bob Hutton, Lenore Hylton, Steve Jenkins, Beth & Scott Allen Jones, Peggy Jones, Matthew Kolve, Paul Leonard, Joe Littlejohn, Ann Mallo, Ralph McDonald, Brooke McGaughey, Ally McGaughey, May P. Mendiola, Monina Michaelson, Karen Miller, Mary & Keith Miller, John Morlan, Jaclyn Morris, Joe Ng, Mary O'Keeffe, Gary Oliver, Jim Petersen, Gene Posel, Meda Quisumbing, Shirley Richter, Hazel Rickert, Margarehta Schalk, Charles Senger, Bob Shay, Robert Spamani, Colin Springett, John Sullivan, Alberto Tcruz, Phyllis Van Haute, Tina Vitolo, Mary Whalen, and Mary Zgodzinski

We especially pray for the Lord's mercy for all those who were previously on the prayer list and remain chronically ill; also for their families and those who take care of them.

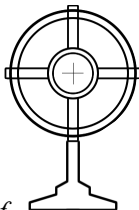
If you have recently become critically ill or injured and would like your name in the bulletin prayer list, please call the parish office or have an immediate family member make the call for you. Names will be removed after three months, or sooner at your request.

We cannot publish anyone's name without their knowledge and permission.

You may request prayers for the soul of a recently deceased loved one. Please contact the parish office for information. You may request a weekday Mass for the intentions of a living person or for the repose of a soul.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Everyone is welcome in the chapel, any hour of any day, to spend time in prayer and Adoration of the Lord.



Please make some time to visit your chapel, even if only for a few minutes, to experience the peace of knowing that Jesus is always there for you. He's waiting to spend time with you and the chapel is open at all times for any of us to visit.

Hours that need a committed adorer

Tuesdays: 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to Noon

Fridays: 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to view the Adoration Committee's online page, please contact Pam Owens at:
PamelaO@integrit-network.com.

She will give you access to the latest schedule and meeting notes.

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

Whether we face discouragement, loss, pain or despair, we can take great comfort in knowing that no sorrow is too deep that God cannot feel it with us. And God wants to help deliver us from it.

- Reflections from *Footprints*

Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat which will be held May 29-31, 2015

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

A **huge thank you** to everyone who supported the bake sale last weekend for the trip to World Youth Day! It was a huge success and the kids thank you, thank you, thank you!

Lazarus Day Center



We will be bringing sandwiches to Lazarus House on Good

Friday, April 3rd. Since there is no Mass that day, someone will be in the social hall between 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. to collect sandwiches. If you need to leave them earlier, the truck will be in front of the church and you may leave your goods in the back of the truck.

Sandwiches can also be left in the social hall refrigerator Thursday night when you attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass for Holy Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support!



St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Pius X Conference, was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor by assisting 134 families (224 adults and 111 children), providing \$508 in food and goods, and \$3,272.44 for utilities, rent, various outstanding bills, etc.

Is there a family or someone you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor. Call (425) 355-3504 for more information.

Thank you and God bless you!

Total online giving for the month of February: \$6,418.88

This amount includes 126 gifts for Sacrificial Giving, Holy Days, World Youth Day and School Endowment Donations.

Financial Stewardship Year to Date Report for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015: Reporte Annual

Weekend Collection: (March 7-8, 2015)	\$ 11,387.86
Weekly Online Giving:	\$ 1,145.43
<u>Actual YTD Giving:</u> (7/1/2014 to 3/8/2015)	\$475,082.59
<u>Budgeted YTD Goal:</u>	\$408,500.00
Over/Under Budgeted Goal YTD	\$ 66,582.59



Online Giving:
Go to our site:
www.stpx.org/parish & click the **Online Giving** logo.

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL NEWS



Dates to Remember:

Thursday, 4/2	Holy Thursday Reflection Meal, 12:00 Noon
Friday, 4/3	Early Dismissal, Good Friday (dismiss at noon) Stations of the Cross Reenactment, 9:30 a.m.
Spring Vacation	April 6-10
School Resumes	Monday, April 13

Many Thanks to Fr. Christiansen and Fr. Everson - Our students in Grades 3-8 were able to fulfill their Lenten promise by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Monday. We are grateful to our priests who hear students' confessions.

Azteca Night - Many thanks to the 41 families who supported Restaurant Night at Azteca! We used Azteca scrip and the school realized \$466!

Altar Server Boot Camp - Attention ALL altar servers! Fr. Cal will be teaching altar serving procedures after Easter. There will be two groups: **Those students with the last name beginning with A through L will meet on Monday, April 20 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Those with last names beginning with M through Z will meet on Wednesday, April 22nd from 3:5 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Gym Renaming Ceremony - On Auction Night, the opportunity for families to bid on renaming the gym was offered and David and Sakorn Marley made the winning bid! Please join teachers and the Marley Family for cookies and coffee to celebrate the renaming on Sunday, April 19th following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Good Friday - Mrs. Kindell and the 7th-8th graders will present the Passion of Our Lord Stations of the Cross at 9:30 a.m. in the church on Friday, April 3rd. Please join us for this most special event!

School Commission Elections - This is an advisory board to assist Fr. Cal and Mrs. Foisy in policy development and long-range planning for the school. We are seeking nominations for two elected positions for this Commission. Term is three years. We meet on the fourth Monday of every month and if interested, please contact Garth Ovenell at g_ovenell@yahoo.com or call him at (206) 406-9717.

Registration for 2015-2016 School Year: Enrollment is now open for the 2015-2016 school year. If you know someone interested in a quality Catholic education, please have them contact the school for a tour. The phone number is (425) 778-9861. We look forward to meeting you!

Ties and Tiaras - Save the Date! Our first Father-Daughter Dance will be held Friday, April 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Marley Family Gym.

Interested in RCIA?

Are you interested in the RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)? If so, keep your eyes open for an informational packet that will soon be available for you and your family. These packets will be distributed at Mass in the near future.

JOB OPENING - Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry

An exciting position has opened in our parish office! If you're bi-lingual (Spanish/English), can work Sunday through Thursday with occasional evening work, are computer literate and a team player, **WE NEED YOU** for our new Coordinator for Hispanic Ministries.

Please email Tami for a complete job description at tamispius@frontier.com or call her in the parish office at (425) 775-7545 during office hours.

Pre-Baptismal Classes are Ongoing? Yes!

Pre-baptismal classes are being held the first Monday of each month for registered parishioners ***except for the months of March and December***. Parents, just bring the certificate of live birth for your child/children; and sponsors, bring a copy of your

He is that "Blessed" One who "comes in the name of the Lord," bringing peace on earth and glory in the highest. What the angels sang above the stable in Bethlehem on Christmas night, today resounds with a loud echo on the threshold of Holy Week, in which Jesus prepares to complete his messianic mission, achieving the world's redemption through His Cross and Resurrection.

St. John Paul II, Palm Sunday Homily, 3/23/1997

Did you know? ...

Palm branches have been used by all nations as an emblem of joy and victory over enemies; in Christianity as a sign of victory over the flesh and the world according to Psalm 91:13, "Justus ut palma florebit"; hence especially associated with the memory of the martyrs.

Palms blessed on Palm Sunday were used in the procession of the day, then taken home by the faithful and used as a sacramental. They were preserved in prominent places in the house, in barns, and in fields, and thrown into the fire during storms. On the Lower Rhine the custom exists of decorating graves with blessed palms. Ash Wednesday ashes are procured from palms that have been blessed.

In places where palms cannot be found, branches of olive, box elder, spruce or other trees are used and the "Cæremoniale episcoporum", II, xxi, 2 suggests that in such cases at least little flowers or crosses made of palm be attached to the olive boughs. In Rome, olive branches are distributed to the people, while the clergy carry palms frequently dried and twisted into various shapes. In parts of Bavaria large swamp willows with their catkins, ornamented with flowers and ribbons, were used.