

HOLY WEEK: *From Death to New Life with Jesus*

Throughout Lent, we have been responding in many and diverse ways to Jesus' call. On Ash Wednesday, we embraced the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, fortifying ourselves for the journey ahead: companions on the journey with Christ. The participants in our Bible Study shared with Pastor Brent Walker an exciting journey through the Gospel of John, where they encountered Jesus, God's living Word. Just last week, about 75 people participated in our parish mission, in which Richard Boileau led us on "Journey to Joy": an itinerary rooted in prayer, leading to simplicity, gratitude, and generosity, and producing a harvest of joy and love.

As a community, we now embark upon the greatest journey of the liturgical year: the Paschal Triduum, a single symphony in three distinct movements, from Thursday evening to Sunday morning. Thursday evening, we celebrate the great self-gift of Christ: we imitate Jesus' gesture of humble, foot-washing service, and "in memory of Him", we celebrate the Eucharist, sharing the bread and wine which become his body and blood, keeping vigil with him in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. On Good Friday, we reflect on Christ's Passion and Death: in the stark solemnity of the 3 PM liturgy, in the creativity of drama and song and dance and prayer at the 8 PM service, led by the youth of our parish. We spend Saturday in the tomb with Jesus, in prayer and fasting, awaiting the glory of Easter Joy: the solemn Vigil, the "Night of all Nights", in which the new fire is blessed, Alleluias resound anew, we renew the vows of our baptism, and the Holy Spirit is poured out on us all, and especially on Barry and Robert, our adult candidates for confirmation. The joy of the Resurrection carries over onto Sunday morning, continuing with special solemnity for a week, and through the fifty days of Easter culminating with the Feast of Pentecost.

The Easter Triduum – whole and indivisible – is the high point of the whole liturgical year. It is indeed the "greatest show on earth", so please take part in as much of it as you possibly can. Maybe you can invite a friend who does not come to church regularly to share this special time with us, as we celebrate the mysteries that reveal to us who we are, as Catholics and as Christians.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR "SHARE LENT – DEVELOPMENT & PEACE" April 12 & 13, 2014

There is a special collection this weekend in support of the work of D&P, whose efforts alongside the most poor and marginalized in the Global South are an expression of love to mankind, which fulfills Jesus' message of hope, justice and kindness. Thank you for your generosity and solidarity. We are all one human family, and your gift will help to make a place at the table for the poor and ensure that everyone receives their daily bread.

"Holy Week Schedule"

April 17	Holy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:00 p.m.
April 18	Good Friday:	Confessions	1:30 - 2:45 p.m.
		The Passion of Our Lord	3:00 p.m.
		The Way of the Cross	8:00 p.m.
April 19	Holy Saturday:	The Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
April 20	Easter Sunday:	Morning Masses	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

Over the past few years, the **Holy Thursday Collection** has gone to support our Food Pantry project. There are envelopes for this collection in your envelope boxes. If you do not have a box, please place any donation you wish to make in the St. Vincent de Paul envelopes available around the church entrances. This month, we are expecting to feed between 180-200 people, so any donation you care to give will be very helpful. If it is inconvenient for you to make a contribution on Holy Thursday, you can donate to the Food Pantry any time during the Easter season.

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 12 TO 20, 2014

	Saturday, April 12	Lenten Mass
4:00	Giovanni & Palma Farinelli	By the Farinelli Family
	Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord
8:30	Antonio Cavallaro	By the Family
11:00	In Loving Memory: Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Nicola Pitaro, Italo Falcone, Italo & Anna Mariani, John Testa, Pearl Aberdine, Domenico Abbatiello.	
	Monday, April 14	Holy Week
8:00	Ermando Giuseppe Nudo	By wife Elvira Nudo
	Tuesday, April 15	Holy Week
8:00	Francesco Masella	By his brother Giovanni Masella & Family
	Wednesday, April 16	Holy Week
8:00	Loreta Donato Pedicelli	By Ernesta Ciampini
	Thursday, April 17	Holy Thursday
8:00PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
	Friday, April 18	Passion of the Lord
3:00PM	The Passion of Our Lord	
8:00PM	The Way of the Cross	
	Saturday, April 19	Easter Vigil
8:00PM	The Easter Vigil	
	Sunday, April 20	Resurrection of the Lord
8:30	Easter Morning Mass	
11:00	Easter Morning Mass	

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of April 5/6, 2014 totalled \$4,694.80 and Maintenance \$1,660.00

BAKE SALE

Attention all parishioners - it's time to bake, buy or both! Our 2nd Annual Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of May 3 & 4 after all the Masses in support of a dishwasher for our church hall and our Food Pantry. Please consult the bulletin in the next few weeks for more details.

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

The Eucharistic Ministers' schedule is posted at the back of the church. Please note that Eucharistic ministers should familiarize themselves with what day and in what position they are serving.

USED BOOKS & NEW JEWELLERY SALE

Our "Villa Girls" will be holding a used book and new jewellery sale to raise funds for breast cancer research on May 4 in the church hall. If you have any old pocket books to donate, please bring them in on the weekend of April 26/27.

Adult Faith Education

God's Call to Me: Abundant Life!!

When we are living unconsciously and without purpose, life can seem overwhelming. We lack energy, feel irritated, anxious and stuck. But, there is a way out!

Ms. Theresa Murphy, will explore with us some necessary tools that will help us break through the cycle of negativity, and embrace the abundant life that is our birthright and call as God's children. If you would like to fuel up your energy and raise your life, please join us on **Wednesday, April 30, 2014, from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Please register by **April 25**.

Please refer to our brochure, website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.

Faith First & Little Gifts

There are no Faith First Classes or Little Gifts program during the Easter weekend of April 19/20.

THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

Part 1: Monday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Repeated at 10:00 p.m. EDT

Part 2: Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Repeated at 10:00 p.m. EDT

ON VISION TV

WAY OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m.

Come join your fellow parishioners as they express Christ's last moments through drama, dance, and contemporary music in:

"The Way of the Cross:

Let Grace Find You"

All ages welcome - children, teens, adults - to attend this prayerful and creative liturgy.

You are invited to bring from home "BELLS" to ring during the Easter Vigil Celebration on Saturday, April 19, at 8:00 p.m.