



A reflection from the Pastor

Holy week is upon us. I know this is a busy time for many of you, but try to take a little extra time to pray and if possible, attend the sacred celebrations which commemorate our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Each of us, by virtue of our baptism, is called to Holiness. Let these days begin a new path to the fulfillment of that goal.

Please note the time change for next Saturday evening, April 11. The Vigil of Easter will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you to all who assisted in making the Lenten Hot Meal a success. Without so many dedicated volunteers, it would not have been possible. May the Lord be blessed and praised!

Thank you to all who assisted in ironing the priest vestments for the Chrism Mass this week. Great job!

May you and your families have a holy week. +

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Priest Intentions

Holy Week April 6 – April 12

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| Monday, 6th | 8:00 a.m. Mass - Maria Martin + <i>by Eric Martin</i> |
| Tuesday, 7th | No Mass at St. Patrick's 10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass – O.L.V. Cathedral in Victoria |
| Wednesday, 8th | 8:00 a.m. Mass – Mildred Hroch + <i>by John Hroch</i> |
| Holy Thursday, 9th | 7:00 p.m. Mass – Ramiro Loa + <i>by Ismael and Gracie Perez</i> 8-10 p.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Heritage Room |
| Good Friday, 10th | 9:00 a.m. Living Stations (Placedo) <i>Day of Obligatory</i> Fast and Abstinence |
| | 3:00 p.m. Service of Passion <i>Collection: Holy Land</i> |
| Saturday, 11th | 7:30 Easter Vigil – Clifford Mercado + <i>by Steve and Jean Mercado</i> |
| Sunday, 12th | 8:00 a.m. Mass – Maria Martin + <i>by Eric Martin</i> Easter Sunday |
| | 10:00 a.m. Mass – Pro Populo |

Readings – Easter Sunday April 12

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Liturgical Assignments for Holy Week

(L = Lector, C= Cup Minister, S = Altar Servers)
All others will be volunteers unless indicated

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| Holy Thursday April 9 | L Carol Sutton C Deacon Fred and Patty Soto S G. Canales, M. Canales, M. Ledezma |
| Good Friday April 10 3:00 p.m. | L Ismael Perez, Gracie Perez S M., A. Valenzuela, A. Gonzalez |
| Easter Vigil April 11 7:30 p.m. | L L. Canales (#1 and Epistle), J. Lange (#3), C. Sutton (#5) C Deacon Fred and Patty Soto S G. Canales, M. Canales Gifts: Steve, Jean & Nicolas Mercado |
| Easter Sunday April 12 8:00 a.m. | L Ted Cabral C Juanita Madrigal, Juanita Canales S M. Ledezma, E. Andrade, A. Chapa |
| 10:00 a.m. | L Melinda Valenzuela, Maribel Gonzalez C Ismael and Gracie Perez S A. Adkins, K. Williams, D. Folmar |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wed.

Regular Classes

Confirmation Interviews with Father Ty

Holy Week – April 5 - 12

Monday of Holy Week

- Gospel reading at Mass on this day: The Anointing at Bethany. Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, anoints Jesus, a sign of his suffering and death and his identity as the Messiah and Chosen One – the Christ.
- As Jesus prepares for the sacrifice ahead, we too are invited to prepare more deeply.

Tuesday of Holy Week

In our diocese, the Chrism Mass takes place, which is normally on the morning of Holy Thursday.

The Chrism Mass

This a diocesan wide celebration, in which all the priests gather with the bishop to renew their priestly dedication. The three different oils to be used in the sacraments are bless/consecrated by the bishop and given to the pastors: Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens are blessed. The Sacred Chrism is consecrated; it is used in baptisms, confirmations, and Holy Orders.

Wednesday of Holy Week

The gospel recounts Jesus' instructions on the need of the disciples to prepare a place for the Last Supper. Today is a good time to center and prepare our own "inner" rooms for the next days.

Sacred Triduum

The three days that changed the world – the liturgies from Holy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Sunday. We share in the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and we meet and follow.

Holy Thursday

The single evening Mass recalls Jesus institution of the Eucharist and includes the Mandatum ceremony of the washing of feet. This comes from John 13:34 in which Jesus encourages the disciples to wash one another's feet out of love. The celebration ends with a procession to reserve the Eucharist for adoration for a suitable time.

Good Friday

The service of the Lord's Passion recalls how Jesus died for us on the cross. Mass is not celebrated on this day, but at 3:00 a service of the Passion and Communion is held. The readings are drawn from Isaiah, Hebrews, and John's Gospel Passion account. The cross is venerated by all. In our parish, the stations of the cross is walked in the morning from Placedo to St. Patrick's as a sign of our willingness to enter more fully into the passion of our Lord. Spending time in prayer between the hours of noon and three o'clock is a good way of joining yourself to Jesus' suffering. It is a day of fast and abstinence from meat in the church.

ANNUAL PARISH SPRING BARBECUE
Sunday, April 26, 2009

- **Try to find at least one new item for the auction.**

If each member could bring at least one item, that would be great. If you can find more, even better.

- **Country Store Items** –New Handmade items, Homemade goodies, crafts, etc. help make the country store successful. Please contact Ramona Torres, chairman, for more info.

- Volunteer to work at the festival

Raffle Tickets: Again, this year, I am asking that each parish family do their best to purchase their books of tickets that will be distributed after Masses in the church. This is potentially the easiest way to generate income if all sell.

Calendar – April

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| 8 | R.C.I.A. – Retreat for Easter Vigil | 7 | Heritage |
| 14 | R.C.I.A. – Class Mystagogia | 7 | Hall |
| | Catholic Daughters Meeting | 7 | Heritage |
| 16 | Knights of Columbus Mtg. | 7:30 | Heritage |
| 21 | R.C.I.A. – Class Evangelization | 7 | Heritage |
| 25 | Pre-Baptism Instruction | 10-12 | Heritage |

Collection Overview:

Last Sunday: \$ 1868.31

Rice Bowl: \$260.78

Flower Donations: \$60.00

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

Jesus said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood" to the apostles c. at the Last Supper

This week's question:

In what church is Leonardo DaVinci's Last Supper painting:

- St. Peter's, Rome
- St. Paul's, Rome
- Our Lady of Grace, Milan
- New St. Mary's, Florence

(Answer coming next week)