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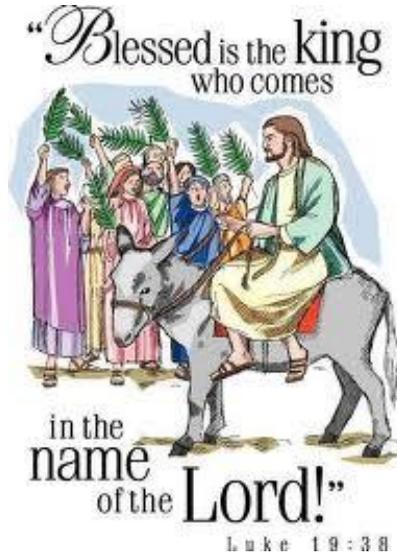
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Passion Sunday

March 24th, mars
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Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Baptism:

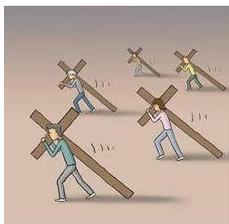
Usually any Sunday of the month at mass. Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.



We are called to imitate the humility and obedience of Christ.

Being a Christian means more than proclaiming the name of Jesus, it also means accepting our crosses-akin to carrying the Cross of Jesus. Today we begin the journey to recall His suffering and rejoice in his victory over sin and death. Each time we retell and relive His Passion we learn more about God's love for humankind.



An Invitation from the Bishop

You are most cordially invited to attend Chrism Mass, Tuesday March 26, 2013. This diocesan celebration will be held at **7:30 pm at the cathedral in St. Paul.**

Chrism Mass is concelebrated by the Bishop and the priests from all parts of the diocese. It is a sign of unity and communion between the priests and their Bishop and all members of the diocese, Priests, Deacons, Religious and Faithful. All are welcomed and most especially the representatives of the parishes, the parish and mission council members, the pastoral agents and the care workers, the parish visitors to the sick and shut-ins, the readers, the lectors, the ministers of communion, the members of RCIA, the catechists, the youth and youth ministers and altar servers. It is during this celebration that the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick are blessed and the Holy Chrism (the oil for ordinations and confirmations) is consecrated (hence the name of Chrism Mass). It is the celebration of the Risen Lord's power of life active in the Church.

I am well aware that many are geographically far from St. Paul. Distance is a challenge here. But this a once a year event. The diocesan family needs to gather once in a while. Cordial invitation to all! Hope to see you there! A light lunch will be served immediately after the celebration.

Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada

Good Friday Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land - March 29

In the Year of the Faith (2012-2013) we go back in time and place where our ecclesial faith was born and was gradually built. As the early Church and Christians of the Holy Land today, we know who has known and loved us: **Christ among us, hope for glory. (Col 1, 27)**

The Church of the Holy Land continues to be a witness of hope that challenges and supports us. This Church needs our hope and our solidarity. A prayer, a gesture and generosity can change loyalties. Our gestures of solidarity support the life of the Christian communities, the facilitation of social and charitable works and the maintenance of the Holy Sites. They ensure the training of priests for the present and the future.

The hope is shared and thus is transmitted. You just need the heart of a child of God to take in hand the light that passes through time and illuminates our path. A moment of wonder, attention to others and practical support are means always at our disposal to keep intact the memory of Jesus Christ, Hope of the Holy Sites and Christians of the Holy Land.





Passion (Passion) Sunday



Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In the old calendar before Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

Triduum



The word Triduum comes from the Latin and means "three days." It is commonly pronounced "TRIH-doo-uhm" and is usually used in reference to the Easter Triduum, the three most sacred days in the church year. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Often there is confusion about how that block of time can be counted as three days. The traditional Jewish practice of counting days from sunset to sunset is used during the Triduum. Thus, Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening is the first day, Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening is the second day and Holy Saturday evening to Sunday evening is the third day. After centuries of neglect, Pope Pius XII in 1955 restored the Triduum liturgies to their rightful place as the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Although we talk of the three days, our Triduum prayer is best understood as one liturgy in three interlocking movements. The death and resurrection of the Lord cannot be separated. The meaning of these days is distorted when we imagine that the liturgy re-enacts the final events in the life of Jesus in a sort of historical review. We miss the point in that case. The mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection is a present reality; the boundaries of time, and the boundaries of death, have no power here.

Our past, present and future are irrevocably marked by our own immersion into this mystery through baptism. We wash one another's feet, reverence the cross, light fires in the night and proclaim the stories of our salvation with an awed awareness that this is what it means to be baptized. The Easter Vigil then is the premier time to welcome new members into the church through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

Ideally, no other parish events are scheduled on these three days; the presence, time and energy of every person in the community are needed for what we do here. Yes, this may be inconvenient, but birth and death are rarely convenient! Our forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead us to the Triduum—beyond its history, into its mystery.



Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism comes once a year to your cathedral. If you've never celebrated it, you're missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church. During the Mass, your bishop will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the oil of chrism. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the sacred oil of chrism for baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars. All three are basically an olive oil; chrism spices the air with the scent of a perfume, traditionally balsam. For pastoral reasons, another vegetable oil and perfume may be used.

Bishops have blessed oil ever since the early church. They baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil and prepared chrism fresh for the occasion. While they were consecrating chrism, they blessed the other oils as well. Rather than overburdening the Vigil with this ritual, bishops blessed these oils at the previous celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday. This also allowed time to transport vessels of oil from the cathedral to all the churches in the diocese. For more than one thousand years, bishops blessed the oils at the cathedral Holy Thursday liturgy, but in 1955 we added a separate Mass earlier in the day at the cathedral for that purpose, the Mass of Chrism. Today it may be celebrated on a different day shortly before Holy Thursday to give the celebration independence and so that more people like you may attend.

Because the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. He will not baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the diocese, but he will be symbolically present in the chrism that the priests and deacons will use. In recent years, this Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests. It invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive the prayers and support of the people. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.

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Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, at the Last Supper, Jesus established the Eucharist and the Priesthood, two of the most important aspects of the Mass. He asked his followers to continue to celebrate this in memory of Him. In this Year of the Priests we are invited to pray for all priests, especially those, who have served us and ministered sacraments to us over the years.



Washing Feet

“No shirt, no shoes, no service.”

Restaurants often display this sign to show who's not welcome at their table.

A sign at the Last Supper could have read, “No shirt, no shoes = service.” It would have shown who was welcome at the table.

One of the most striking scenes at the Last Supper happens when Jesus pulls off his tunic, has the disciples remove their sandals, and begins a service like none other — washing feet. The episode, which occurs only in John's Gospel, comes where we expect to find Jesus' most famous line from the Last Supper. “This is my body. This is my blood.” Instead of pointing at the bread and wine, he gives an example of service. We begin to see that Eucharist involves more than food and drink — it involves commitment, community, faith and selflessness. Other New Testament writers tell us Jesus said, “Do this,” in reference to the celebration of the Eucharist. John's Jesus says it in reference to the service of washing feet.

For this reason, the liturgy of Holy Thursday invites us to imitate literally the example of Jesus. The presider may wash the feet of members of the community. In this act, the local church witnesses the selfless service of Christ and sees an example of faith in action. If we are believers, if we share in the bread and the cup, then we also share in service.

Sometimes we hear the complaint that the washing of the feet is too old-fashioned, that it doesn't fit our modern culture. Sometimes we search for a more meaningful adaptation washing hands, or shining shoes! But it's hard to beat the shocking humility of the original gesture. It didn't fit Jesus' culture very well either. Peter objected to the whole idea. The service to which Jesus calls us also doesn't fit the culture. Businesses may call it service, but they charge us even if it's self-service. The service of the Gospel is freely given.

Holy Thursday invites us to the table not as guests who dine and run, but as hosts who eat and serve. The meal isn't over till the cleanup.

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Good Friday



Paschal Fast

We are all reminded of the special fast: Good Friday is the day of fasting and of abstinence from meat. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are aged 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.



INRI

Atop a crucifix in a Catholic church or home is sometimes found the inscription INRI. The letters commonly appear on a banner affixed to the uppermost quadrant of the cross above the head of the crucified Christ. Not all crucifixes bear the letters, but many do.

The letters abbreviate the Latin inscription *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*, or "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews." According to John's gospel (19:19-22), Pontius Pilate ordered this inscription to give the name and hometown of the victim and to publicize the grounds for his execution. Soldiers wrote the words in Hebrew, Latin and Greek – the languages of the Old Testament, the Roman government and the New Testament. In Christian art, the words are sometimes completely spelled out, but more commonly the Latin text is rendered as a simple acronym.

The chief priests of the Jews objected that Pilate should have written, "*This man said, I am King of the Jews.*" Pilate refused to change the text. His reply became a chilling aphorism of authority in Latin: "*Quod scripsi scripsi.*" "What I have written, I have written." Thus Pilate let stand the words intended for condemnation, now transformed as affirmation. Pilate would not acknowledge the kingship of Jesus in the trial, but he proclaimed it publicly – if sarcastically – on the cross.

The inscription appears in the other gospels (Mark 15:26, Matthew 27:37, and Luke 23:38), each time with slightly different wording. These are the only known words written about Jesus during his lifetime. To believers, they affirm the humanity and divine royalty of Jesus.

In Rome, the Church of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem claims to have the relic of the original sign.

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The blessing of the Easter food

It is a Holy week customs that go back at least 1000 years are still being observed by many Catholics around the world, which is also dear to the heart of every Pole. As people of God, we are grateful to God for all His gifts of both nature and grace, and, as a tokens of this gratitude, we have the food of his table sanctified with the hope that spring, the season of the Resurrection, will also be blessed by God's goodness and mercy.



The usual fare on the Easter table includes: meat-usually ham and sausage; cakes of all kinds; eggs-both decorated and plain are a symbol of new life or rebirth. There is usually a Paschal Lamb-can be made from cake; butter; some cheese; horseradish, bitter herbs that signify the bitterness of the suffering of Christ; salt-a sign of hospitality, vinegar and oil. Bread is always in the basket, both a symbol of communion, the bread of the last supper and the traditional sweet breads.

The food is brought to the church and blessed by the parish priest on Holy Saturday. After the blessing, the food is usually set-aside until Easter morning when the head of the house shares the blessed egg, symbol of life, with family and friends. Having exchanged wishes, all continue to enjoy a hearty meal. Today many local parishes still observe this custom. This centuries old custom is indeed richly symbolic and beautiful. It is one in which the whole family can participate and help prepare.

Easter First Readings



At Sunday Mass the first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. This custom changes, however, during the Easter season. For seven weeks from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, the first readings all come from the same book: the Acts of the Apostles. Thus the three readings at Sunday Mass and the two readings at daily

Mass all come from the New Testament throughout the Easter season.

Easter makes everything new. The resurrection so changes human history that we immerse ourselves in the New Testament to seek more deeply the meaning of this mystery.

The Acts of the Apostles tells of the beginnings of the church. It opens with the ascension and Pentecost, recounts the spread of the faith in peace and persecution, and concludes with the missionary activity of Paul. This book bridges the gospels with the rest of church history. The Gospels culminate in the resurrection of Jesus, which inspired evangelization. Each Easter our church announces the resurrection through the Scriptures and increases its membership through baptism. We witness evangelization today as we recall its origins in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Old Testament is not completely absent. The Liturgy of the Word throughout the season still includes a responsorial psalm. The Mass for the Pentecost Vigil includes a reading from the Old Testament, foreshadowing the gift of the Spirit.

When planning other liturgies for the Easter season – funerals, weddings, penance services or baptisms, for example – the first readings for those celebrations best come from the New Testament. No matter the occasion, our Scripture readings set this season aside from all others, because it ranks above all others. Easter announces new life in Christ.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Mar 23 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Roger Champagne (19 th Anniv) - Lorette	Palm (Passion) Sunday
Mar 24 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Remi Boddez – Jerry & Carol	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Mar 26 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Henriette Labonte	
	7:30 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in St. Paul	
Mar 27 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Stanislaw Warias (42 anniv.)	
	10:00 am	(Aspen) Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	Holy Thursday 
Mar 28 Thurs - jeu	8:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper For vocations to the priesthood and religious life	
	after Mass till 11 pm	<i>Time for prayer and being with Jesus in front to the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Mar 29 Fri - ven	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Good Friday 
	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross	
Mar 30 Sat - sam	2:00 pm	Blessing of the Food	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
	9:00 pm	For Parishioners	
Mar 31 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Leon Schlachter (5 th anniv.) – Frank, Ellen & Family	Easter Sunday
	11:00 am	RIP Therese Caron - Family	The Resurrection of the Lord



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Ben VanDeWalle, Paul Krauskopf, Carol Jean, Kiah Courtney; all those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world. Also, for our new Bishop Paul Terrio, for vocation in our Diocese and the youth.

First Friday Adoration

On the First Friday of April we will have an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. We invite you to come to spend with Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be Mass in the morning at 8:30 am. In the afternoon, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 5:00 pm. Around 6:30 we will have a Rosary led by ladies, and at 6:45 we will have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and benediction. Mass will follow at 7:00pm.



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Colleen Carroll Campbell

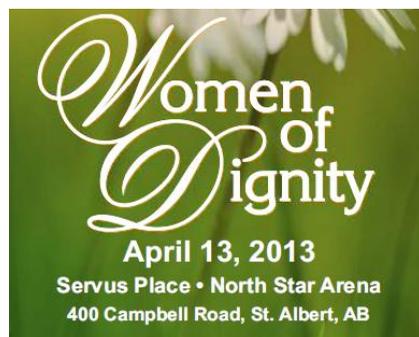
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A Quick Journey Through the Bible

AN 8-PART INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE TIMELINE

* Please note the dates for the next sessions: **April 4th, 18th and May 2nd.**

* Info for those who have attended previous sessions: if you missed any of the previous sessions, please talk to fr. Ignacy and you can be provided with the DVD to watch it.



KofC Breakfast

Knights of Columbus breakfast will be held on Palm Sunday from **9:00 am - 12:45 pm** at the Rendez -Vous Centre .



* The Knights of Columbus 2013 memberships are now due. You can put the money in an envelope and label it Knights of Columbus and it can be placed in the collection basket at the church.

Holy Week Minister's List

There is a list for the Holy Week celebrations at the back. There is still a need for some ministries to be sign up for. Please check the list at the back. Thank you.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please keep in your payers those who are on the journey toward Easter Vigil Celebration. Thank you!



COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES Restoration 125.00; March 17th \$3,169.00
Development & Peace \$ 1116.00

THANK YOU! MERCI!

The Parish Office will be open this week only on Tuesday and Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

'Dust Angels'	- March 25 th , Monday – DAY OFF!	
Community Blood Drive	- March 26 th , Tuesday 4:00pm – 8:00pm	- Rendez Vous Centre
RCIA	- March 27 th , Wednesday 7:00 pm	- Downstairs Rectory
Deep Basket	- April 6 th and 7 th at all Masses	- Church

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."



Have a Blessed Holy Week!

(John 15.13)