

Holy Week & Easter at Saint James Parish

Palm Sunday, March 28

The Men's Club will be serving breakfast this morning. Come on down to the Lower Hall and enjoy someone else doing the breakfast dishes!

(No Religious Education Classes today)

Wednesday, March 31

Church Deep Cleaning (Altar Society)
— 10 am, Church

Tai Chi Class — 1 pm, Upper Hall

Soup Supper and Lenten Series
— 6 pm, Lower Hall, then 7 pm, Upper Hall

Holy Thursday, April 1

(No noon Mass)

Mass — 7 pm, Church

(RCIA members attend Mass)

Good Friday, April 2

Church Cleaning — 7:30 am, Church

Stations of the Cross — 11:30 am, Church

(No noon Mass)

Liturgy — 7 pm, Church

Holy Saturday, April 3

(No Reconciliation today)

RCIA Retreat & Rehearsal — 1:30 pm, Church

Easter Vigil Mass — 8:15 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses — 9 am and 11 am

Mass in Vietnamese — 3:30 pm

(No Potluck on Easter Sunday)

What's happening at St. James

Religious Education: Spring Break

Our Religious Education classes (grades K-12) will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on the Sunday after Easter, April 11th.

Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 11:30 am. There is no noon Mass that day.

Still Needed: Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Holy Thursday

There are still four Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers spots to fill for the Holy Thursday Mass. The sign-up sheet is in the Ministers' Closet. We need to make sure that all the spots are filled for this holy day.

Easter Lilies for our Church

Each year we ask our parishioners to bring a white Easter Lily for the altars at St. James in remembrance of their loved ones. A Mass will be said for the repose of their souls.

Please try to choose a plant with closed blooms so they last longer. You can bring them to the Church or parish office during Holy Week.



Oberammergau Passion Play Tour

There are still a few spaces left to join Fr. Dominic from August 6—16, 2010. This famous Passion Play is a once-in-every-ten-year experience. The trip also includes: Paris, dinner at the Eiffel Tower, Seine River Cruise, TGV train, Strasbourg, Alsace Wine Route, Wurzburg, winery visit & Nuremberg. It is 11 days and includes 14 meals. *Information contact: Dolores, 1-800-622-5588.*

COMMUNITY UPDATE

40 Days for Life Wrap-up Celebration

March 31, 4—5 pm, 5500 NE 109th Ct. Vanc.

During this 40 Days for Life we have educated hundreds of women whom we strongly feel will no longer consider abortion. Come and celebrate a job well done. Information contact: Jerry, 673-2376.

Real Catholic Men Retreat

April 9-11, Our Lady of Peace Retreat House

Real Catholic Ministries welcomes Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers as their speaker. *Information contact: 503-640-3456 or www.RealCatholicMen.com.*



May They Rest In Peace

Rong Thien Hoang

May God grant comfort to the family



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Offerings of Treasure for March 21st

Regular Offering	\$4,780.36
Capital Campaign	\$4,337.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$152.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Operation Rice Bowl Reflection for Palm Sunday

Pray: Today's liturgy begins with palm fronds and praises and church processions hailing the King of Glory. It winds up with the passion—in which we who waved palms call out "crucify him," as our part of the narrative from Luke. Who are we in these stories? Are we the weeping women? The hiding disciples? The ones crying out for the death sentence? As we walk into Holy Week, we'll step even more deeply into these stories. Let them resonate. And each day in your prayer, remember the people you are giving to through Operation Rice Bowl.

Fast: Fasting is built into Holy Week. Each day we are challenged to abstain from our regular schedule and to find time for rituals that awaken all the senses to the sacrifice of our incarnate God. The taste of bread and wine, the sound of a crack in the night, the feel of lips touching a cross, the smell of smoke from the burning brazier, the sight of flickering candles and the press of darkness—all await us. By setting aside some of our appetites this Lent, we have tried to become more aware of that which often lies hidden beyond our hungers: the very presence of God. As the Triduum gives way to Easter joy, how will you keep your senses tuned to the God of the poor?

Learn: According to a key principle of Catholic social teaching, our actions must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities. It is not enough to provide for basic needs while the greatest human needs go unmet—the need for love, regard, and respect for the dignity of humanity.

Give: As Easter nears, it's time to drop the final contributions into your Rice Bowl, total up the amount and bring it to the parish. Remember that 75% of your contribution will be used to fund hunger programs throughout the world, while 25% of it will stay in your home diocese to serve the poor there. But the giving need not stop with Easter. After emptying your Rice Bowl, why not continue to drop change in it throughout the year? Let it be a constant reminder that the poor are with us always, as contributing members of our communities, as brothers as sisters to us, as the face of Christ in the world. — *From crs.org*

Rice Bowl Donations



Please bring your donations for Operation Rice Bowl to church on Easter Sunday or the Sunday after Easter. Please write "Rice Bowl" on your check or envelope to indicate that this is your donation to the poor of the world.

Reflecting on Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7 (I Shall Not Be Put to Shame)
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11 (Christ Humbled Himself)
Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56 (The Passion of Our Lord)
Questions for Reflection:

Adults: How much does the personal forgiveness of sins, extended to me by Jesus, fill me with a deep sense of the mercy of God?

Children: After I have done something wrong, do I ask Jesus to please forgive me?

Adult Faith Formation Holy Thursday

"Let us live Lent, then, as a "Eucharistic" time in which, welcoming the love of Jesus, we learn to spread it around us with every word and deed." (Pope Benedict XVI's Message for Lent)

On this day we celebrate the institution of the "source and summit" of our Catholic Faith - The Holy Eucharist. As we reflect on today's readings, especially Saint Paul's remembrance of the Last Supper, let us ask for the graces we need to truly believe in Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and to approach the altar with reverence and awe.

Good Friday

Since the altar is stripped bare and the Eucharist removed from the Tabernacle, Good Friday was at one time called "Long Friday." The church seems empty and we again feel a sense of waiting. One of the most beautiful traditions of this day is the Veneration of the Cross. "While we bend down in body before the cross we bend down in spirit before God."

If possible, try to attend Stations of the Cross at noon today. You may also be interested in beginning the Divine Mercy Novena on this day. This novena goes from Good Friday to Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). For more information about this novena, you can visit www.divinemercysunday.com

As we reflect on today's readings, especially Saint John's recount of Christ's Passion, let us try to keep an awareness of Our Lord's suffering in our hearts throughout the day.

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