Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

We are blessed with your presence and your participation in the Mass. If you are a new parishioner, we ask that you fill out a registration form and return it to the parish office (drop box), in person or by mail.

Thank you!

¡Bienvenidos Visitantes Y Nuevos Parroquianos!

Somos bendecidos con su presencia y su participación en la Misa. Si usted es un nuevo feligrés, le pedimos que llene una forma de registro y la devuelva a la oficina parroquial (en el buzón), en persona o por correo.

¡Gracias!

APRIL 26 ❖ 26 de ABRIL  3rd Sunday of Easter ❖ III Domingo de Pascua

SPECIAL SCHEDULE OF MASSES
During Governor Brown’s “Stay at Home Order”

CALENDARIO ESPECIAL DE MISAS
Durante el “Orden de quedarse en casa” del Gobernador Brown

LIVESTREAM MASSES
Attendance in the church limited to 10 people total // Sign-up required before by contacting Father // Social Distancing will be followed

MISAS EN VIVO
Asistencia a la iglesia limitada a 10 personas en total // Es necesario registrarse antes contactando al padre // Se seguirá la distancia social

Saturday / Sabado
5:00 pm in English

Sunday / Domingo
11:00 am, en Español

Tuesday / Martes
10:00 am, in English

Wednesday / Miercoles
6:30 pm, en Español

Thursday / Jueves
6:00 pm, in English

Friday / Viernes
10:00 am, en Español

CONFESSIONS
Saturday / Sabado  4:00 pm
(Also available by individual appointment // Por cita individual con el Padre Kiko)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

ACTO DE COMUNION ESPIRITUAL

Mi Jesus, Creo que Tu estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.
Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo recibirté ahora dentro de mi alma.
Ya que no puedo recibirté sacramentalmente, ven a lo menos espiritualmente, a mi corazón.
Y como si ya te hubiera recibido, te abrazo y me uno todo a Ti.
Señor, no permitas que jamas me pare de Ti.
Amén.
STAY WELL AND PRAY

ADORATION IS LIVESTREAMED

Attendance in the church is limited to 10 people total; Sign-up required before day; Observe Social Distancing

Asistencia a la Iglesia limitada a 10 personas en total; Es necesario registrarse antes de la; Observar distanciamiento social

Wednesday/ Miércoles 5:30 pm
(Sign-up with Father Kiko / Regístrate con el Padre Kiko)

Friday / Viernes 6:00 pm
(Sign-up with Deacon Rob / Regístrate con el Diacono Rob)

IGLESIA ESTÁ ABIERTA / OPEN CHURCH

Tuesday—Friday / Martes a Viernes 9:00 am to noon / 9:00 am a media día
(except during Mass times / excepto durante los tiempos de misa)

Donations for the Ella Curran
Food Bank still needed
FILL THE GREEN CART!
¡LLENE EL CARRO VERDE!

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

APRIL 29

The value St. Catherine makes central in her short life is complete surrender to Christ. She viewed this as a goal to be reached through one's lifetime. Born in 14th century Italy as the 23rd child of loving parents, Saint Catherine grew up as an intelligent, cheerful and intensely religious person. She spent three years in seclusion and contemplative prayer as part of the Dominican Third Order, and drew a group of followers, including priests. She wrote letters and spoke with candor about the need to commit to Christ, drawing opposition from those with worldly views. She made a deep impression on the pope and worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks. In 1378, there began the Great Schism (Divide) in Christendom resulting in three popes putting even saints on opposing sides. At this time, at age 31, she spent the last two years of her life in Rome in prayer pleading for the unity of the Church. St. Catherine ranks high as a mystic and spiritual writer and was declared co-patron of Italy along with St. Francis of Assisi. (We have a stained glass window in her honor.)

MANTENTE BIEN Y ORAR

FROM THE OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE:

For the RCIA Elect and Candidates: Please be reassured that you will not have to wait until the next Easter Vigil to be initiated or brought into full communion in the Church. We will take care of this as soon as possible given public safety measures. Of course, in danger of death, we should take care of them immediately. It was my hope that this could be done at the Vigil of Pentecost on May 30th. It seemed a fitting time. However, some health officials seem to be signaling that we might not be at the point by then regarding social distancing to make that happen. We will have to take this one day at a time. In the end, we may not do this on a coordinated date, such as the Vigil of Pentecost, but at a time that works best in the parish. The main thing right be encouraged and hopeful for the sacraments that are to come.

RECORDEATARIO $OBRE APOYO

Sin nuestras colecciones semanales normales, el presupuesto de la parroquia se verá afectado. Recuerde que aún puede enviar sus contribuciones por correo a la Iglesia o contribuir en línea en el sitio web de la Iglesia de San Patricio.

www.stpatrickindependence.org/contributions

REMINDE ABOUT $UPPORT

Without our normal weekly collections, the parish budget will be strained. Remember you can still mail your contributions to the Church or contribute on-line on the St. Patrick Church website.

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" Let your hearts burn for Jesus and your spouse. Learn how on the upcoming World-wide Marriage Encounter weekends on June 12-13, in Powell Butte, OR. To apply for YOUR WWME Weekend or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

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Today’s Liturgy of the Word is all about the Sacred Scripture. The importance of Scripture in the life of a Christian is emphasized and revealed as indispensable. One fact that is apparent to many Catholics is the perceived skill of many Protestant brothers and sisters to rattle off Scripture passages from memory. This ability, at times, embarrasses some Catholics who feel inferior in knowledge of Sacred Scripture due to their inability to match verse by verse their Protestant brother’s capability. Despite this uncanny ability to recite line and verse, many Protestants lack clear understanding of what they heard or read. It becomes even more apparent that recitation does NOT mean comprehension. In fact, often times, the lack of understanding becomes more apparent when presented with a variation in translation of the same passage. This begs the question; do they really know Christ? Furthermore, it simultaneously challenges Catholics, who constantly hear Sacred Scripture, to ask themselves the same question. In both cases, language, time, culture and style of writing castes a veil over the words leaving the message obscured. These obstacles to comprehension of revelation, leaves the Christian searching for the Divine Master who presents Himself to them each day. As our readings show, this is nothing new. It was present from the beginning and as Jesus constantly walks with his flock and reveals Himself through the Breaking of the Bread and Sacred Scripture, he constantly sets aight human misunderstanding. As today’s Liturgy of the Word reveals, Christ desires His flock to reveal their understanding through faith and action – the true revelation of His Presence.

In our first reading, Peter is seen divulging how Jesus fulfilled the ancient prophecies most Jews knew by heart. He is emboldened by the Spirit and has found new courage. The previously cowardly disciple is prepared to publicly catechize the very people who crucified the Messiah, as well as visitors to the great city. Just as Peter has been transformed by the Spirit, so too, he moves to transform the world around him. Peter’s actions and revelation of Sacred Scripture is about to transform the greatest Imperial Power that had ever existed. This encounter will strengthen his faith and draw him even closer to the risen Lord. He will embattle himself with the world and its ways. Peter will face persecution, ridicule and obstacles that only faith and the Power of God will be able to overcome. Nevertheless, Peter’s newly found courage will be successful because it is part of the Divine Plan as established by God and fortified through the Holy Spirit.

The second reading from the Letter of St. Peter is an exhortation to Christians who are being persecuted because they refuse to follow the ways of the world. Peter reminds them that if they live the lifestyle revealed through Scripture and remain steadfast in their faith and hope in Christ, they will be rewarded in the kingdom of God. Peter stands as a witness to this victory and calls all to endure. He poignantly claims that they are experiencing a paroikia or exile. This experience separates them from the world and its ways and demands that they follow the Heavenly road – the road of Calvary – to the New Kingdom of God. Christians are called to reverence God in their paroikia though obedience, humility, and fidelity.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Gospel account of the journey along the road to Emmaus. Here the resurrected and disguised Jesus accompanies two disciples who are on their way to Emmaus. During the trip, the disciples describe to their companion what had happened to Jesus. Their hopelessness, uncertainty and confusion are felt as Jesus slowly explains how the Christ had fulfilled the Scriptures. This unlocking of the hidden meaning found in Scriptures gradually begins to impart His true presence; yet, it will take more before it is fully recognized. Then, when at supper, Jesus performs the “breaking of the Bread” finally revealing His total and true presence to the disciples as He vanishes. They, in turn, return to Jerusalem and relate this miraculous occurrence to the other apostles. Thus, the Gospel story reflects how the Lord’s constant presence happens to all of His disciples whenever the Sacred Mysteries are performed. It is in the Sacred Mysteries, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, that Christ’s presence is fully accomplished throughout all the ages.

Jesus desired and promised to be with His Church throughout all of history. Today’s liturgy affirms how he fulfills His promise in the Mass. Each time we celebrate this great Sacrament, He continues to preach and reveal Sacred Scripture to His disciples just as he did two thousand years ago. Finally, complete revelation takes place in the Liturgy of the Eucharist when He, once again, breaks bread and distributes it to His disciples for consumption. Then, like the unnamed disciples of Christ’s time, we are sent forth to tell our world of His Glory, Power and Promise when we hear the deacon say, “Go Forth and Proclaim the Gospel of the Lord” during our own paroikia. It is this renewed proclamation that continues to invite all of Creation into a union with the Father, giving Him the praise, reverence and deference that is His due.

Holy Mother the Church wishes to take this Sunday to remind all of the greatest Gift ever given to the fallen man – Christ’s own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. She reminds us that He speaks and reveals the Truth through the Scripture. It is up to us to listen and to take to heart the lessons He reveals; then, in that precious moment when God conjoins with man once again, the gates of Heaven are opened and the mortal is merged with the Immortal in an everlasting relationship of love. United, we exit the Church to bear the Divine Presence to our world. Once again, God moves to add the final touch to His Creation as we await the Parousia – the Second Coming of the Lord.

Deacon Rob

PRAY FOR HEALING