The Church of Saint Pascal Baylon

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MASS TIMES
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 8:45 & 10:30 am (ASL)
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 7:30 am
Wednesday - 9:30 am
Dear Friends,

Recently I read an article by Robert Mickens that appeared in Commonweal magazine titled "The Church's Seminary Problem," and it began with this opening line: "It is such a serious problem that, according to one noted church historian, even Pope Francis dares to speak about it." We are living in the midst of it right now in our own archdiocese. In a word, it’s called "clericalism," and I know I’ve written about it here before. But it persists as part of the culture of the training of our young priests, and as long as it does it needs to be named and resisted. Clericalism is a disease that instills in seminary students (priests-to-be) a sense of other-worldly entitlement and a false sense of their own wisdom and status. As yet there has been no systemic structural resistance to that sort of attitude in our archdiocese, even though I am quite aware that Archbishop Hebda heard plenty about it during his listening sessions with parishioners a year or so ago. And I know it to be true personally because these young priests were my students, and the seminary was my employer for more than fifteen years until I came here. I find it more than a little disturbing for the future of our church, and do a lot of well-seasoned professional lay church ministers who are now being made to work alongside these new pastors. For fifteen years or more now, I have been hearing about it in parish faith formation venues wherever I go. The first question that is often raised in Q and A forums is, "What’s going on with these new priests and the seminary?"

It is easy to engage in unhelpful polemics across generations, and it’s often not very charitable to do so, but it’s also irresponsible for pastoral leaders to witness impending conflict, division, hurt feelings, alienation, and community fractures and not to say something about it. One of the problems with the current system of seminary training for diocesan priests is that it mostly mimics the training for monks in the 16th Century. Again, I know this because I lived and worked there for all those years. The article said that it is "amazing how many of today’s seminaries still carefully regulate almost every waking hour of the seminarian’s day in a regimen that resembles a (monastery). These places of formation simply do not train men for the life they will be leading after ordination. Only during summer vacations do seminarians actually have the opportunity to live in a parish setting." I would add that not all seminarians even have that minimal opportunity. And more importantly, it trains them to think of themselves as set apart (as monks indeed are, deliberately, for completely different reasons), and from that isolation is imagined to come some sort of privilege or mystique, and a kind of "brotherhood" which is real but which easily stultified into a kind of enduring frat house kind of relationship that isn’t quite adult. It also separates seminarians from normal family life, and perhaps more importantly, from women. These are often young men who are in and just out of college. I’m no psychologist, but such a system strikes me as more than a little strange for healthy relational development.

And it is ironic that the people who are most unlike many of these seminarians and new priests, in terms of their religious aspirations, are Catholic people from their own age group. It’s no secret that the Catholic Church of North America is having trouble hanging on to young adults. Not everywhere, but broadly. And the kind of clericalism that has been documented by Mickens and others is a significant part of what is driving them away. They want to live gospel-centered "spiritual" lives, but they don’t want the structural church stuff as they now see it being perpetuated. We are right to detect a big problem here.

We need priests who are servant-leaders, and this is what the Second Vatican Council called for. It’s also what Pope Francis has been calling for. It is not always being heard among people and institutions who most need to listen. Let us not be silent about that.

Fr. Mike Byron

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Unpacking the Triduum
with Fr. Mike Byron and Sharon Balcom
Tuesday, April 18 from 7:00-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall

The days leading to Easter are the most important time in the entire church year. Known as the Triduum (Latin for "three days"), the three day liturgy engages all our senses. On Easter Tuesday, we will take time together to remember the Triduum and reflect on how the stories, rituals, signs, symbols and people led us to an encounter with the Christ. This is an evening to let the imagination give insight into who—and whose—we are. Light refreshment will be provided.

Parish and School Lenten Service Project
Caring Hearts for the Homeless
Through Wednesday, April 12
We are collecting men’s and women’s items for the Catholic Charities In-Kind Warehouse including: deodorant, lotion, body wash, shampoo and toothpaste. Please drop your items off in the red donation boxes located in the foyer. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Welcome Event for New Parishioners
April 29-30, following all Masses
The Hospitality Committee is hosting welcome receptions for those who have joined our parish since October 21, 2016. Please stop by Brioschi Hall to greet the newest members of our faith community and enjoy some refreshments. Let's make it a great turn-out!

Leadership Nomination Process
Please take time during the next few days to consider prayerfully those you feel possess the gifts to serve as leaders in our parish, including yourself. Representatives from Pastoral Council and the Finance Council will be available after Masses the weekend of April 23 to speak with you about their experiences and answer any questions you might have about serving our parish as part of these groups. Nomination cards will be available in the church, gathering space and parish office, beginning April 23. Further information is also available from Ann Karner, Parish Council Chairperson 330-0024.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Janet Kelly

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul’s eternal peace.
ST. PASCAL’S SCHOOL NEWS

Seeds of Change Grant: School and Community Garden
Great news! Our grant submission for a St. Pascal’s community garden has been approved. It has been added to the Gallery of Growers—check it now! Just follow the link on the parish website under the school news heading. We need people to VOTE once every day for our garden between now and April 19. The gardens with the highest number of votes will be awarded grants. Thanks for helping get the word out!

Transfer Student Tuition Discount $1,000
Students transferring to St. Pascal’s from a non-Catholic school (public or charter school) for the 2017-18 school year will receive $1,000 off tuition the first year and $500 off the second year. Students do not need to be eligible for financial aid to qualify for this program.

Shop Online and Support Our School
For every purchase you make on Amazon or Amazon Prime, a portion of your purchase could be donated to St. Pascal’s. Next time you go to shop on Amazon follow the link on the parish website under the school news heading. Make sure you’re set to support St. Pascal Baylon Church & School and bookmark it for future use. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our school every time you shop, at no cost to you.

Vacation Bible School 2017
Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose
DATE: June 19-23
TIME: 9:00 AM – 12 Noon
PLACE: St. Pascal Baylon Church
COST: Only $32/child or $80/family for the whole week.

Are you looking for a place for your children this summer where they not only have fun, but also learn how they have been created by God for a purpose? Then come join us at this year’s VBS. Activities include SoundWave Sing and Play, Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Game Makers, and more! Children ages 4 (by September 1, 2017) to grade 5 are welcome—bring your friends! Grades 6 and up, as well as adults—come join the fun as leaders! Registration information will be available beginning Easter Sunday. Interested in helping with VBS? Need more information? Contact Kim Roering at 774.1585 or kim.roering@stpascals.org.

“A Walk Through the Jewish Feasts” Video Now Available Online
Did you miss Rabbi Barry Cytron’s talk, “A Walk Through the Jewish Feasts” on March 6? Or did you want to share his insights with a friend? The video of the evening is now available on the parish website’s Adult Faith Formation page.

Men’s Club Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria
Agenda items to include voting for Hall of Fame inductees, approval of disbursements, and election of executive board officers. Refreshments and food will be served.

Parish Office Hours
Mon-Fri 8:00 - 4:30 PM
Holidays as announced

After Hours Emergency Number
For death, dying or anointing of the sick
651.280.9239

School Office Hours
September - May
Mon - Fri 8:00 - 4:00 PM
June - August
Tue & Wed 9:00 - 2:00 PM
Summer hours also by appointment

Vacation Bible School 2017

Young at Heart Mass and Luncheon
Thursday, April 20 at 11:00 AM (Note change to 3rd Thursday)
Join us for Mass at 11:00 then, following a short meeting, we will have a Magnolia’s fried chicken dinner. A donation of $10.00 will be collected on the day of the meeting. This month we are happy to have Randy Rolloff with his unique Musical Entertainment. Please RSVP by Monday, April 17. Contact Betty Hensel at 714.8958, bjhen@q.com or Barb Kendle at 738.3799.

Bloodmobile
Monday, April 17, from 1:00 - 7:00 PM.
in Brioschi Hall. Please call Margaret at 735.4701 for an appointment time.

Friends & Family Dinner: Off to the Races
Join friends new and old on Saturday, April 22 at 5:30 PM in Brioschi Hall
Tickets on sale after all Masses for only $25 per person (ages 21+).
Our annual Friends & Family event serves two purposes: building community and raising financial support for St. Pascals. Don’t miss one of the funnest fundraisers of the year! Fine dining, entertainment, basket raffle, games, laughter and more. Tickets are also available to purchase from the parish office during regular business hours.
Dear Friends at St. Pascal's,

St. Mary's 4th Annual
“Catch the Dream Gala”
Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 PM

You are invited to the “Catch the Dream Gala” hosted by St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake. We know it would not be a success without you! The evening begins with a wine reception followed by dinner, a video and guest speaker. Please RSVP to the parish office no later than Monday, April 24. We look forward to seeing you there!

Easter Flowers
Help enhance our worship space during the Easter Season and remember a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound with a plant or donation (any amount). Please complete the form below and return it with payment to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. $10 donation suggested. Thank you for your gift!

I would like to purchase an Easter plant in (circle one)

Honor of / Memory of:

Donated by:

Please make checks payable to St. Pascal’s.

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The Week Ahead
Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

Sunday, April 9—PALM SUNDAY
After Masses New Member Registration: BH
Friends & Family ticket sales: CM
Women’s Club Bake Sale: BH
12:00pm Holy Thursday Rehearsal: Church
2:00pm Girl Scouts: CF

Monday, April 10
6:30pm Boy Scouts 294: CF, Gym
7:00pm Women’s Book Club: FR

Tuesday, April 11
12:00pm 500 Card Club: PC
6:00pm Women’s Club Board meeting: FR
6:30pm Grace Within women’s group: Room 107

Wednesday, April 12
9:30am School Mass—All are welcome!
7:00pm Choir: CR

Thursday, April 13—HOLY THURSDAY
8:00am Morning Prayer: CH
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14—GOOD FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL
Parish and school offices closed
8:00am Morning Prayer: CH
7:00pm The Lord’s Passion

Saturday, April 15—HOLY SATURDAY
8:00am Morning Prayer: CH
8:00pm The Great Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16—EASTER SUNDAY
No scheduled events

MEETING LOCATION KEY:
BH: Brosiochi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CM: Commons, CR: Choir Room, FR: Founders Room, PC: Parish Conference Room, SL: Staff Lounge

White Bear Avenue Construction
Road work on White Bear Avenue has begun. Detours begin Monday, April 10. See the website for more information!

Stewardship of Treasure
Financial Gifts – Week of April 2, 2017
For fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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Thank you for your generous support!

Monday
Is 42:1-7
Ps 27:1-3, 13-14
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday
Is 49:1-6
Ps 71:4-9, 5-6ab, 15, 17
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday
Is 50:2-9a
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34
Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday
The Lord’s Passion
Is 52:13–53:12
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1–19:42

Holy Saturday
The Great Easter Vigil
Gn 1:1–2:2
Gn 22:1-18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ed 16:16–17, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Mt 28:1-10
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 1:3-4
Jn 20:1-9

Readings for the Week
April 9, 2017

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, April 11
7:30 AM + Marilyn Quehl

Wednesday, April 12
9:30 AM The Women’s Club

Thursday, April 13
Holy Thursday
7:00 PM The People of the Parish

Friday, April 14
Good Friday
7:00 PM The People of the Parish

Saturday, April 15
Holy Saturday
8:00 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, April 16
Easter Sunday
8:45 AM The People of the Parish
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Singing Hosanna

Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
bless our branches and make them holy.
You who have blessed our lives
by your goodness in the world,
so bless us today as we proclaim
Christ our King.
May we proclaim your majesty anew
and welcome you into our cities and homes
as ruler, as prophet, and as our Messiah.
Strengthen our hearts to be with you
in the coming days;
May we not abandon you, but continue to
praise you
with our Hosannas.
Through Christ our Savior and Lord,
for ever and ever. Amen.

April 9, 2017
Humbled and Exalted

Today’s Readings: Matthew 21:1–11; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14—27:66. In the beautiful canticle from Philippians that comprises today’s Second Reading, the dichotomy of humility and exaltation is highlighted. This is the tension of Palm Sunday: we welcome Christ as a king entering the grand city of Jerusalem, and then we proclaim the Passion account where our voices say, Crucify him. Christ Jesus, God and man, is exalted as both a human king and the Messiah, Savior of us all. We clutch our palms tightly and remind ourselves that he is indeed our king.

Hosanna is not just a welcome to the city. Hosanna is our Eucharistic proclamation in which we verbally wave our palms. Palm Sunday is the opportunity to raise our palm branches as we process into church, as we stand in awe and horror through the Passion account, and as we sing once again “Hosanna in the highest.”

Throughout the world, whatever branches are in season are gathered and waved today: olive branches, palm branches, pussy willows, flowering bushes. Palm Sunday begins our last few days of Lent. As we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum, today is our prelude to the glory that is Death-Resurrection. Palm and Passion weave a tension that highlights Christ Jesus, who humbled himself in obedience to the Father, to death on the Cross, and who, because of his Death is greatly exalted.
Reproducibles for Lent–Triduum–Easter 2017

Monday, April 10
The Meal at Bethany
As you reflect on today’s readings, you might want to take time to visualize the meal at the home of Lazarus in Bethany. Martha is serving; Lazarus is at the table; Mary is anointing Jesus’ feet with perfume; Judas is protesting Mary’s action; and Jesus is quieting Judas. The scene occurs just before Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and his Passion and Death. How are you preparing to spend time with Jesus as Holy Week begins? Will the week center on prayer? Today’s Readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.

Tuesday, April 11
Betrayal and Denial
The setting for today’s Gospel takes us to another meal, a meal very unlike the one in Bethany. At this meal, Judas leaves early to betray Jesus and Peter is told that he will deny the Lord. As we move closer to Good Friday, we need to consider our faithfulness. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 14, 17; John 13:21–33, 36–38.

Wednesday, April 12
Servanthood
“It is the Lord God who helps me.” Throughout today’s First Reading, Isaiah attributes what he has and does to God. Because of what God has done, Isaiah can sustain the weary with his words and listen “as those who are taught.” These are the thoughts of a servant who humbly acknowledges his place before God. Do you recognize what God is doing in your life? Today’s Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 69:8–10; 21–22, 32, 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.

Thursday, April 13
Holy Thursday
The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins this evening. As we observe the washing of feet tonight, we consider how our reception of the Eucharist calls us to service. May we not only serve but allow others to serve us. Today’s Readings: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.

Friday, April 14
Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
Our focus is on the Cross. We spend time in silence from noon until 3 pm, to unite ourselves to Christ’s suffering. At the service in the parish, we hear the Passion of the Lord proclaimed and we adore the cross. Today is not business as usual, for we commemorate Christ’s Death. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9; John 18:1—19:42.

Saturday, April 15
Easter Vigil
At the Easter Vigil, we hear the story of salvation history, the account of how God has remained faithful to us. To prepare for the night, spend time in prayerful reflection with at least one of the readings. Consider how the reading tells of how God keeps the covenant with his people. Sit quietly as you prayerfully respond. Today’s Readings: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24–35; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Psalm: Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15,32—4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Matthew 28:1–10.
In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience His tenderness.

POPE FRANCIS

Do you feel like you are being surrounded by negative messages in every form of media? Do you have a desire to take some quality time away from the phones, computers, TVs, faxes and iPads to listen to the still, small stirrings of the Holy Spirit? We have a wonderful option for you. The St. John’s Chapel will be open on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of every month from 10:30 - 11:30 for silent prayer and meditation. We are asking our neighbors from all the East Side congregations to join us in this time of peaceful prayer. Can you imagine the strong message this action will be for our neighborhood and our children—especially those attending St. Pascal’s School?

Please feel free to ask your neighbors to join us.