



ST. PASCAL

BAYLON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

God's love knows no barriers. St. Pascal's...where all people matter.

Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting, looking for a parish home or already part of our faith community, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here. Please join us after Sunday Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

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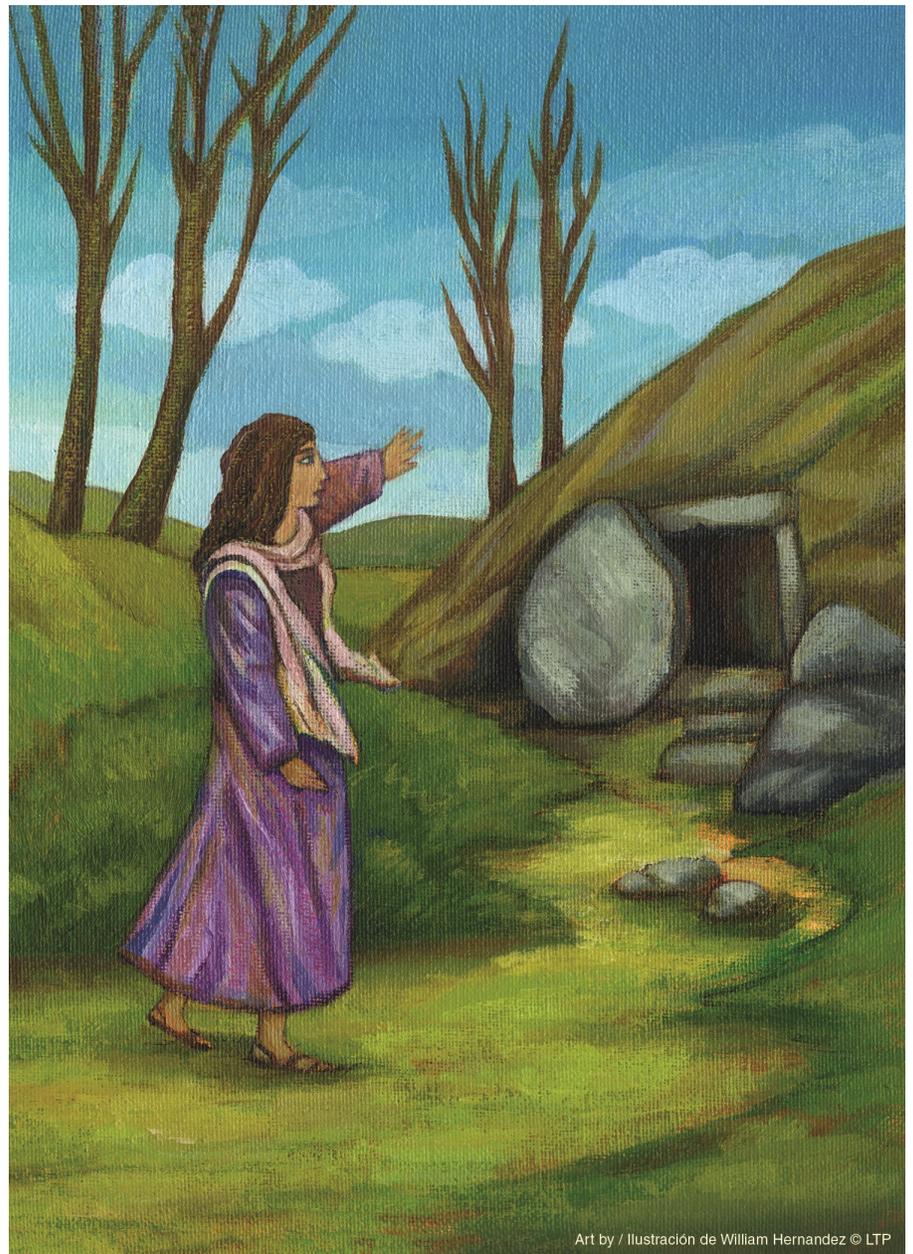
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MASS TIMES

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



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Dear Friends (and Easter Guests!):

There is never a year when we don't need Easter, but I'm thinking that the aches and angers, the disappointments and fears that crowd in to our lives at the moment might make this a particularly necessary time to remember how the Big Story is promised to end. God is the director of the drama of history, after all, and while we each have an essential role to play in it we do not have the ability to thwart God's intention for the ultimate glory of everything He has made. The perennial temptation is to forget that, or to despair of it, and some aspects of current events make that temptation seem more threatening than usual. The violence, greed, indifference to the poor and immigrant, racism, fracturing of family life and social polarization are enough to make us question where things really are going. So let's not lose sight of the fact that the story of Easter begins in a graveyard, amid cries of lament and the confrontation with death itself. It was about the bleakest possible stage set for the greatest divine gift ever. And the story is not merely about restored life or going back to some imagined "good old days," either for Jesus in Galilee or for us in the 1950s. God had already shown us in the Book of Genesis that he is quite capable of creating life out of nothing. Easter is more than that. It shows God creating GLORIFIED life—life like His very own—from that "merely" human life that had once lived and was now appearing to be dead in the tomb. That's the astonishing promise of Easter faith: We will not simply be resuscitated and planted back here on planet Earth, as Jesus did for his friend Lazarus in the gospel. That's pretty impressive too, but it's a hope and an outcome that is too modest for Easter. Instead, like Jesus himself, when we awaken from our graves we will "be like God, for we shall see Him as He is, and we shall live with Him forever" (to paraphrase from the Eucharistic prayer that is uttered at every Catholic funeral mass). Who can dare to dream of such ecstasy as our end, especially when our setting-off point can seem so vulnerable and small?

Two weeks ago brought about the death of Dr. Steven Hawking, the internationally renowned and brilliant theoretical physicist from Great Britain and one of the worlds most famous atheists. When he spoke about matters of faith he said that the basic reason for his non-belief in God boiled down to his scientific conviction that "God" is a needless theory in the explanation of cosmological activity. If all one means by "God" is such an explanation, then I guess I can understand his disposition. But I and most people of faith I know are not persuaded to know and worship God because He is the answer to our questions about quantum physics. Hawking was more right about the Christian proclamation about God than maybe even he knew. It has always been Christian belief that God is not "necessary" to anything created outside of God's self. Or, to say it better, God could and would remain fully and happily God even if He had never created a thing, like us. Which makes it all the more amazing that God not only presided over the mechanical and biological forces that brought about and still sustain the universe. but that God has—in Jesus—chosen to come near and to live with and to love us as a Person. So I suppose that if one finds love to be "unnecessary" then God can be dispensable to one's scientific evaluation of reality. But there is no true God who can be considered prior to and apart from Love itself. Whatever "god" it was that Hawking thought he was rejecting is not the God in whom we place our faith. And Easter is the day on which to rejoice and to be amazed again at the lengths to which God is willing to go in order to show that to us. Resurrection!

The purpose of "raising" the matter of Dr. Hawking here is not to dishonor the deceased when he can no longer fend for himself here. It is to, as one of our parishioners commented to me last week, rejoice in the fact that he will be the most happy and astonished person at Heaven's gates this weekend.

Fr. Mike Byron

CRS Rice Bowl

Encounter the Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the Commons before or after mass, or drop off in the parish offices.

Women's Book Club—Special Event

Monday, April 9 at 6:30 PM in Brioschi Hall

Have you ever thought about coming to the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club? You won't want to miss it this month!

C.K. MacDonald is the pen name for the mother-daughter writing team of Cecelia MacDonald and Kathryn Scheeman of Mendota Heights. They will be joining us to discuss Running the Cobblestones, their first novel. Set in Ireland, the story celebrates the importance of steadfast neighbors as Kate McMahon, a disgraced American widow, cobbles together a new beginning on the "auld sod."

Fellowship with the authors is at 6:30 PM followed by the author-led book discussion from 7:00-8:00. To RSVP please call the parish office at 774.1585 or email teresavoelker@gmail.com.

(Next month's discussion, May 14 is on The Secret Garden by Frances Hodson Burnett.)

Parish Thank You

Cub Scout Troop 294 appreciates everyone who supported them at the Pancake Breakfast. Funds raised through the breakfast go to pay for activities and awards throughout the year. Thank you!

Catch the Dream

6th Annual St. Mary's Mission Gala

Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall

"We have dreams, but who will interpret them...surely interpretations come from God."

Adapted from Genesis 40:8

Order of the Evening

- 7:00 Wine Reception
- 7:20 Seating
- 7:25 Honor Song (Ojibwe Drummer)
- 7:30 Opening Prayer
- 7:35 Dinner
- 8:10 Speaker • Appeal • Closing
Remarks • Closing Prayer •
Traveling Song (Ojibwe Drummer)

Seating is limited—call the parish office to RSVP for this wonderful evening to benefit our friends at St. Mary's Mission.

FAITH FORMATION

How to Read the Bible as a Catholic with Deacon Richard Moore RESCHEDULED!

Thursday, May 10 in Brioschi Hall
10:00 AM-12 Noon AND 7:00-9:00 PM
Choose the time that works for you!

Catholics of the world were encouraged by the bishops at Vatican II to read the Bible. "The sacred synod also earnestly and especially urges all the Christian faithful...to learn by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures the 'excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ' (Phil. 3:8). For ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." (Dei Verbum). So how do we go about reading the Bible? What Bible should I get? Is the Bible myth or history? What books are in the Bible? Old Testament, New Testament? Why are there more books in a Catholic Bible? We will explore these questions and more along with methods the Catholic Church uses to understand and interpret the Holy Word of God.

Please contact the parish office by May 8 if you plan to attend so we can prepare appropriately for hospitality. Or sign up online at www.stpascals.org/parish-news.

Emergency Food Help

Every Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 PM
Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave.
If you, your family, or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the emergency food shelf for a variety of nourishing items. No residency or parish membership requirements.

St. Pascal's Women's Club—Spring Serenade Brunch

Saturday, April 28 at 10:30 AM in Brioschi Hall
Young & Less Young, Men, Women, Boys & Girls—all are invited!
Join us as we welcome spring with a "Spring Serenade" celebration! Join us for a delicious buffet brunch catered by Magnolia's and entertainment by solo artist Kent Appeldoorn. \$10.00 per person—seating is limited! Tickets will be on sale after masses beginning April 7.
Please contact Betty Hensel at 714.8958 or bjhen@q.com for more information.

Leadership Nomination Process for Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils

Nominations are open until April 17

Please take time to consider prayerfully those you feel possess the gifts to serve as leaders in our parish, including yourself. Nomination forms will be in the pews from April 7 through April 15. Council members will be available to answer questions about council service after masses the weekend of April 7/8. Return your completed nomination form in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office. You may also e-mail your nomination to church@stpascals.org with LEADERSHIP NOMINATION in the subject line. (With email nominations, be sure to include the council to which you believe your nominee is best suited and the reason(s) for your nomination.) For more information, please call Ann Karner, Parish Council Chairperson, at 330.0024.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus

June 25-29 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Registration materials will be available beginning April 1. Help is needed in all areas! Contact Kim in the parish office.

East Metro Catholic Young Adults

Serve-Connect-Socialize
Friday, April 13—6:00-7:30 PM packing shift at Feed My Starving Children, followed by social at Applebee's in Eagan
Join young adults from the East Metro to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Road), and then gather to socialize at the Applebee's at 1335 Town Centre Drive in Eagan. Sign up to join us at www.fmssc.org. Under volunteer reservations, click "join a group" and put in East Metro Young Adults as the group you wish to join. For more information, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Parish

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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 - 4:00 PM
Holidays as announced

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School Office Hours

September-June
Mon - Fri 8:00 - 4:00 PM

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Ann Karner, Chair
Meetings - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Parish Finance Council

Cindy Reisdorf, Chair
Meetings - 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 and by appointment

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are required. To register for classes or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine
4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.774.3248
Pat Kackman

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Please email notices to the parish office by 3:00 PM Monday—hard copy notices must be in by 2:00 PM. Email to thea.munoz@stpascals.org. Bulletin inserts are limited to 3 inserts per weekend and are included at the discretion of the pastor.

Mass Announcements

Direct to Sharon Balcom by 3:00 PM on Wednesday.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, April 03

7:30 AM + Angie Dahlin

Wednesday, April 04

9:30 AM + Kurt Schmeck

Thursday, April 05

7:30 AM + Maxine Schiltgen

Friday, April 06

7:30 AM Men's Club

Saturday, April 07

4:30 PM + Peter Kaudy

Sunday, April 08

8:45 AM The People of the Parish

10:30 AM + Don Hensel

Heart Questions

Made new by Christ

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5:7

Adults: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

Kids: How will you celebrate Easter today and in the weeks to come?

Peaceful Presence Silent Meditation and Prayer

April 11 and every second Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 AM

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? Join us in the St. John's Chapel 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. Please ask your neighbors to join us!

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – July-February 2018
For fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Parish (July - February)

YTD Parish Income	\$1,063,608.79
YTD Parish Expenses	<u>\$ 859,108.82</u>
Surplus	\$ 204,499.97

School (July-February)

YTD School Income	\$ 960,902.66
YTD School Expenses	<u>\$ 853,177.45</u>
Surplus	\$ 107,725.21

—Theresa Ruttger, Parish Administrator

Readings

April 01, 2018

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2a, 5-9
Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16ab-21
Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, April 1—EASTER SUNDAY

He is risen—Alleluia!

Monday, April 2

Parish office closed
NO SCHOOL (Spring Break through April 6)

Tuesday, April 3

6:30pm Pastoral Council: SL
6:30pm Prebaptism session: PC
7:00pm Spirituality Book Club: LB

Wednesday, April 4

9:00am Rosary: CH
9:30am Mass (Not a School Mass)
1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr of St Paul
6:30pm Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101 & 105

Thursday, April 5

7:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting: CF
7:00pm SJCC: Meeting FR

Friday, April 6

No scheduled events

Saturday, April 7

9:00am VIRTUS Session (New volunteers): BH
After Mass Friends & Family Ticket Sales: CM
After Mass Spring Serenade Ticket Sales: CM

Sunday, April 8

After Masses New Member Registration: BH
After Masses Friends & Family Ticket Sales: CM
After Masses Spring Serenade Ticket Sales: CM
2:00pm Girl Scouts: CF

Meeting Location Key:

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CM: Commons, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, SL: Staff Lounge

A Pilgrim Again

The months have flown by since I started at St. Pascal's. I have been blessed to serve this wonderful community and hope for many more years of connection.

As many of you know, I walked the Camino in Spain last year for over one million steps. The blessings of this walk have been innumerable, and I yearned to return to the land of ancient churches and great red wine. Affordable airfare along with a fabulous pastor who gave the OK for three weeks away mean that I am a pilgrim again on the sacred path!

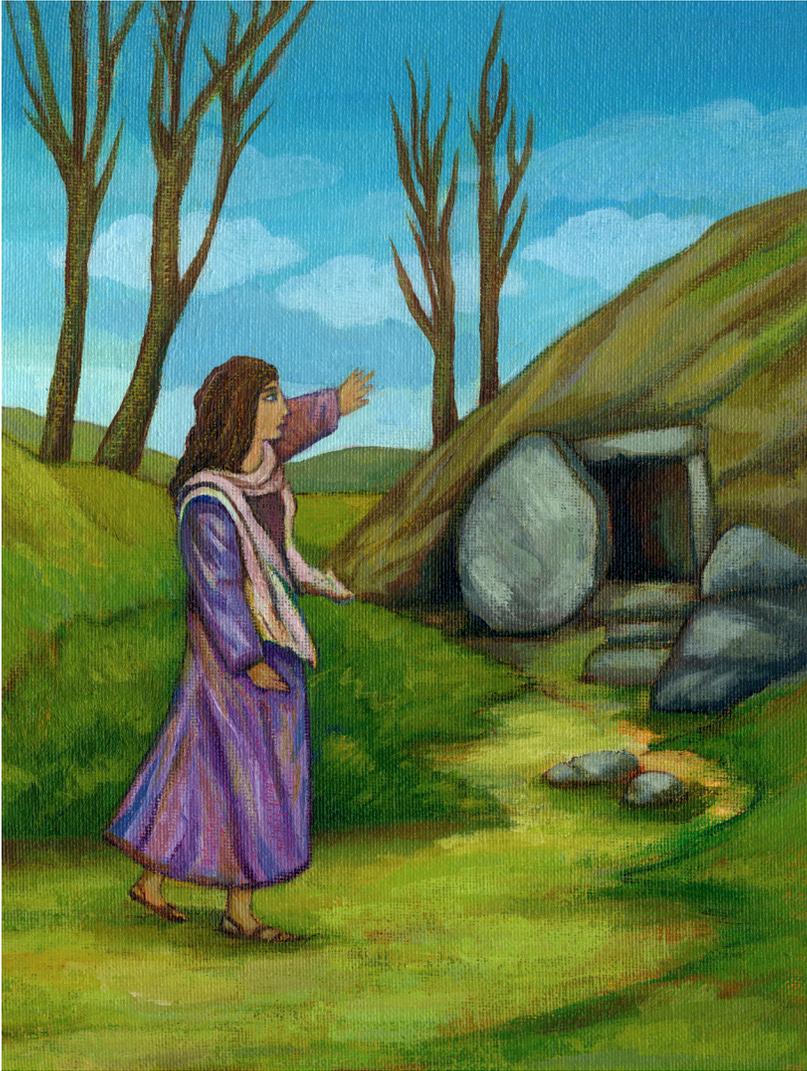
This year's trek starts in Santiago, passes through "the end of the earth" (Finisterre), north to Muxia and back to Santiago—a mere 120 miles. I leave Easter Sunday and will return on April 21—the day this parish community celebrates Friends & Family. I will try to take you all with me—check the parish Facebook page for photos and short musings along the way.

May you all have a wonderful, blessed Easter celebration,
Theresa

Listening House

St. Pascal's supports the Eastside Listening House dubbed "the living room of the homeless" by donating socks, underwear & coffee cups. Please place these items in the marked boxes in the donation closet. This is an ongoing ministry of the Women's Club—thank you for your generous support.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Go Forth

O God, source of all joy,
your majesty has been proclaimed
throughout all of creation
in the dying and rising of your Son, Jesus.
Today, we celebrate his victory,
his triumph over darkness and death;
and rejoice in the gift of new life.
Like Mary of Magdala,
grant us joyful hearts that go forth
announcing salvation.
Instill within us a deep faith and an
intense love.
On this Easter day, filled with wonder,
help us to know your Son more intimately
so that, filled with the Holy Spirit,
we may forever proclaim the enduring
love poured out on all.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Good News



Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–9. As the trumpets sounded the introduction to the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil one year, Christ's triumph over death and sin was truly present to me; the reality that God's love saves me set in and tears of joy filled my eyes. How could I be loved so much? As the congregation's Alleluia broke the silence of the Triduum, I asked, "How can we not rejoice and sing with all creation at God's marvelous gift?" Think of a time when your Easter joy flooded you. What did you come to know about Christ, about the Resurrection and your life?

The mystery of the Resurrection is hard to comprehend, but this is truly the day that the Lord has made. All

creation shouts with a profound joy in exultation to our loving God, who, in his kindness, gave his Son that we might live. This is the fulfillment of the covenant promised to Noah and Abraham and all our ancestors. Many of us will gather around a table to share a meal with family and friends. Like the Eucharist, keep in mind that this is the feast of joy; a feast where the Church not only gives thanks and praise, but also learns what it means to live in the light. The suffering and challenges of Lent make way to a new life, in which we are called to serve the poor and marginalized and to proclaim the Good News. During the Octave of Easter, strive to eat a festive meal as a family each evening.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 2 Good News

Today's Gospel picks up right after the two Marys encounter the angels at the empty tomb. These faithful women hurried to share the news with the others. If we have truly seen and heard the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection, then why wouldn't we also go forth to tell of God's salvation? Imagine yourself meeting these two on their way to share the news. What would they say to you? How would you respond? Write a note of Good News to a friend. *Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Matthew 28:8-15.*

Tuesday, April 3 Mary at the Tomb

John's Gospel presents another telling of Mary Magdalene at the tomb. It's a bit more somber than yesterday and you can hear the sorrow that fills Mary's heart. When she finally recognizes Jesus, she goes to tell the others that she has seen him. Like Mary, we must witness to others. Like Peter in Acts, we invite others to hear the story and come to know Jesus more intimately. For your prayer before meals, sing your favorite "Alleluia" in praise to God. *Today's Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; John 20:11-18.*

Wednesday, April 4 Hearts Burning

The story of the road to Emmaus captures a scene soon after the Resurrection account. Think about who introduced you to Jesus. When Christ is present in our lives, our hearts should burn with joy. This joy overflows and propels us to share the Good News to the ends of the earth. Break bread at dinner tonight and talk about the joy of the Lord in your life. *Today's Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:13-25.*

Thursday, April 5 Peace Be with You

It's easy to imagine the fear the disciples had immediately after the death of Christ. They believed he was the Savior and yet, he had been killed. The encounters with Christ after the Resurrection help his followers understand more fully God's plan. The Messiah came as a servant who gave himself so that others might have life. In the Gospel, Jesus offers the disciples peace and attempts to calm them. Think about ways you can bear the light of peace in your family and community. *Today's Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:35-48.*

Friday, April 6 Eucharist

In this third encounter with Jesus, the disciples share a meal with him after a night of fishing. As with the Emmaus reading, Jesus is revealed in the breaking of the bread. At every Mass, the Risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking and sharing of bread. The Eucharist provides the nourishment we need to go forth, "fish" for people, and share the news of salvation. Where else do you see Christ present? Invite a friend to lunch today. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; John 21:1-14.*

Saturday, April 7 Proclamation

In the First Reading, we hear that, despite the elders' warning, Peter and John continue to speak of Jesus. The truth they experienced in the person of Christ is undeniable and filled with love. To continue Christ's work and build up the Kingdom, they are committed to sharing the Good News with any person they encounter. As an Easter people, we must fervently share the Gospel. Make it a point to get to know one of the neophytes in the parish and hear their story of encountering Christ. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mark 16:9-15.*



Friends & Family

an evening of magic...

15th Annual
Saint Pascal Baylon
Friends & Family Event

Saturday, April 21, 2018
Brioschi Hall

Games, Magic & Merriment
Supporting St. Pascal's
Parish Community & School

5:30 pm Social Hour
6:30 pm Dinner
\$30.00 per Person

Join us for a Magical Evening!! - and an evening of fun on April 21nd. Tickets will be on sale after masses from April 7-8 and April 14-15 and available in the Church office April 9th to April 16th, at \$30 per person. The evening will include a catered dinner, magic show by Matt Dunn, bar, lots of games, raffles, a Dessert Auction, and sale of parish mixer events. These parish mixer events include a Texas Hold'em tournament, Mystery dinner, ethnic dinners, game nights and much more!! Friends and Family is an adult only event. Questions contact Mike Aeling (651) 307- 8237