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Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, 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.

MARCH 21, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



***You transform endings into beginnings, buried seeds to fruitful plants.
Transform us.***

Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Job Opening for Pastoral Associate for Liturgy at St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church. Starting date: June 1, 2021. Application deadline: April 21. How to apply: Please email resume and cover letter to theresa.ruttger@stpascals.org. Job description: Coordinate and train liturgical ministers, be present for most weekend Masses, work with Music Director to coordinate American Sign Language (ASL) ministers, work with Faith Formation Director on liturgical sacramental celebrations, meet with those preparing for marriage, help plan and be present for funeral liturgies, oversee seasonal ritual celebrations, promote liturgical education for the entire community, plan and oversee seasonal environment, monitor and order liturgical supplies, prepare weekly presider sheets, prepare funeral worship aids using Microsoft Publisher software. Job Qualifications: BA in Theology or equivalent experience, proficiency in Microsoft software, must be a practicing Catholic, experience required.

Food Distribution Event, Saturday, March 27, 9:00 - 10:30 AM. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities invites any person suffering hardship to receive the food they need to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. The Vinnie's Hope Food Program is hosting a Holy Week food distribution event on Saturday, March 27, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Food boxes containing 6-8 meals (for a family of 4) including produce, dairy and meat/fish products will be distributed to cars via drive-up at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church parking lot, 840 6th Street East, St. Paul, and at the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church parking lot, 1938 Stanford Avenue, St. Paul. Drive-up distribution locations will comply with CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of Covid-19, including wearing a mask.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign at Merrick Community Services. The 2021 March Food Drive is here, and we invite you to participate. It is important to walk alongside our East Side Saint Paul neighbors facing hunger. Each March, Minnesotans rally together to support food shelves and help those who are hungry. Merrick's Food Shelf relies on strong food and cash donations in March to keep the shelves stocked throughout the year.

When: March 1 - April 12

Drop off times: Mondays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Fridays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Merrick Community Service Food Shelf, 1669 Arcade Street N, St. Paul

Items needed: Any donations are appreciated, but the top five food-appropriate items are:

cooking oils and vinegar | spices | cooking sauces | proteins and grains

Questions: Contact Joshua Bau, Food Services Manager at jbau@merrickcs.org, or 651.219.5535.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March 2021: *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Prayer Intention for April 2021: *Fundamental Rights*. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Holy Week Liturgies—Please Sign Up!

Everyone is invited to join us for these holiest of days in our Church. Because we need to know how many people to expect, we ask that you sign up in advance through the parish website. Overflow seating will be available in Brioschi Hall. Priority seating in the church will be given to those who sign up in advance.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

Saturday, March 27, 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 28, 8:45 & 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday, April 1:

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 2:

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

Service of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 3:

Morning Prayer, 8:00 AM

The Vigil of Easter, 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4:

Easter Masses, 8:45 & 10:30 AM

Palms Available for Pick-up

On the weekend of March 27/28, palms will be distributed at all Palm Sunday Masses. For those who are unable to attend Mass at this time, palms will be available for drive-by pick-up at the main church entry doors on Sunday, March 28, between 11:45 AM and 12:00 PM.

Spring Booya!

Sunday, April 11 in the church parking lot from 10:00 AM until gone.

St. Pascal's Men's Club is hosting a spring booya—drive-thru only. No dine-in or personal containers.

One size—48 oz. containers are \$17. We accept cash, check, or card.

Come early—it goes fast.

Proceeds towards equipment/supplies for the K-8 Phy Ed program and other regional school/parish needs.

PLEASE NOTE: Parking for Masses in the Flandrau lot will be limited on April 11 in preparation for the Booya Drive-thru.

Friends & Family 2021

An Evening at the Horse Races!

Join us for a virtual Friends & Family Event on April 17 at 6:00 PM.

spring is in the air and the horses and jockeys are in training! Mark your calendar, pick your derby attire, study your race cards, and dig out your recipe for mint juleps. There will be two horse races and other games. Our Fund-a-Need this year is the installation of rain gutters and other water remediation solutions on the church building. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Bring It Home Minnesota—Housing Stability For All Minnesotans

Did you know a group of St. Pascal's Parishioners have become involved with Bring It Home Minnesota? Bring It Home Minnesota, is a coalition, lead by Beacon Interfaith Housing Cooperative, that is providing housing stability for all Minnesotans who need it. Interested? Contact Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com or 651.330.0024 or Julie Moore at 0109jmm@gmail.com or 651.247.9129.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Science Program Updates

We have added a science specialist to our kindergarten program as of the beginning of February. Kindergarten students are attending science class twice a week with our elementary science teacher, Ms. Young. The science program at St. Pascal Regional builds on students' natural curiosity by using engaging hands-on learning activities as well as high-interest STEM experiments. Throughout the year, the elementary students have engaged in activities in life science, earth science, and physical science. Since the beginning of February, students have been learning about life cycles including hatching chicken eggs. Last week, the chicken eggs hatched and students got the opportunity to hold and pet the brand new chicks. Please check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for pictures of the students and the new chicks.

On another exciting note, St. Pascal Regional has received a second STEM grant from the Minnesota Independent School Forum (MISF) to help fund the purchase of FOSS kits—a series of hands-on science activities and experiments for our students.

St. Pascal's Women's Club Gertens Spring Plant Sale

The Women's Club Spring Fundraiser will be selling Gertens plants and plant cards. Lots of hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables and perennials will be available. We will also collect donations to buy plants for the residents of the Marian Center!

Order forms and plant brochures are on the Parish News page at stpascals.org or use the convenient link in *Pascal's Pulse*, the weekly e-newsletter. The forms can be downloaded, filled out and delivered to the parish office with payment. Please address to the Women's Club. Also, Women's Club members will be taking plant orders after all Masses on April 10 & 11 and 17 & 18. *All orders are due with payment by April 19.*

If ordering using the forms on the parish website or placing your order on April 10 & 11 and 17 & 18 does not work for you, contact Ellen Aeling and other arrangements can be made. Spring plants will be available for pick up on May 15 and 16 in Brioschi Hall. Any questions please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenoaeling@gmail.com.

Lent Rice Bowls—Supporting Catholic Relief Services

It's not too late to join our faith community in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl in the gathering space or call the parish office to have one mailed to you. During the 40 days of Lent, we reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice.

COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Wondering how to turn in your donations to Rice Bowl? Here are 3 options:

1. Bring your CRS Rice Bowl to St. Pascal's during Holy Week or Easter Week.
2. Convert your Rice Bowl gifts to a check made out to St. Pascal Baylon. Be sure to note it is for CRS Rice Bowl and then drop it off or mail to the parish.
3. Donate directly to Catholic Relief Services online at crsricebowl.org/give

— FAITH FORMATION —

Vacation Bible School 2021—

Input Requested

Vacation Bible School has been a hallmark of recent summers at St. Pascal's, and the decision to cancel last summer amid COVID was difficult. ***Input is needed to help make the best decisions in terms of moving forward with VBS 2021.*** VBS is scheduled for the week of June 21-25 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon. Masks will be required and other COVID related precautions will be in place. At the moment there will be a limit of 50 participants. In order for VBS to take place, there needs to be enough interest from families as well as enough volunteers who are comfortable facilitating the activities. If your family is interested in participating, or you are a high schooler or adult willing and available to help, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office by March 31 so appropriate plans can be made.

"The time is now. The time is for reflection on what we've lost in life, yes, but for what we have left in life too. It's time to begin to live life fuller rather than faster."

—Joan D. Chittister, *The Sacred In-Between*

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585
Email church@stpascals.org
For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing): Call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Holidays as announced

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Mary Weyandt, Chair

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM
Mike Aeling, Chair

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

Phone 651.776.0092
Email icollierpaske@stpascalschool.org

School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00-4:25 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office
Communal celebrations as announced

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

Due 3:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 3:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings March 21, 2021

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, March 24

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, March 25

The Annunciation

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, March 26

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Saturday, March 27

4:30 PM + Caleb Herrera Shanley

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

8:45 AM + Mary Kachelmyer

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Spring (Transitional) Clothing Needed

Friday, April 16 from 10:00-11:00 AM only! Items may be dropped off at Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Avenue—just blocks from St. Pascal's.

Getting ready to do spring cleaning and go through your closets? As we transition into spring, people who lack appropriate housing are in need of sweatshirts, T-shirts, spring jackets/rain coats, etc. Respecting the dignity of others, please donate only clean items you yourself would wear. Thank you for your generosity. **ABSOLUTELY NO DONATIONS TO BE LEFT AT ST. PASCAL'S**

Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:3-4, 12-15
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
Ps 23:1-6
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

The Annunciation
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-7
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28
(Ps) Jer 31:10-13
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Palm Sunday
Mk 11:1-10
Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1—15:47

THE WEEK AHEAD

St. Pascal's is committed to help you to navigate through the upcoming weeks of COVID-19 safety measures. We have cutback programs and community gatherings in an effort to keep all in our community healthy and safe. Visit www.stpascals.org for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

Sunday, March 21—Lent 5

12:00pm Confirmation I: Brioschi Hall

Monday, March 22

6:00pm Bell rehearsal: Church, Choir Room

Tuesday, March 23

No scheduled events

Wednesday, March 24

11:15am Rosary: Church
6:30pm RCIA: Zoom
6:30pm Faith Formation at home session

Thursday, March 25

12:00pm Young at Heart Rosary at home
6:30pm Finance Council: Zoom

Friday, March 26

6:30pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, March 27

9:00am E&A Palm Sunday decorating: Church
10:00am Holy Thursday Liturgy Practice: Church
11:00am Easter Vigil Liturgy Practice: Church

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday

No scheduled events

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege *Small Group Study via Zoom*

Tuesdays, April 6-May 25 6:30-9:00 PM

After laying the groundwork for understanding power and privilege, *Faith and Racial Equity* takes a deeper dive into specific issues related to power and privilege, including affirmative action, the school-to-prison pipeline, the criminal justice system, and powerful biases in media representation. Participants will explore how their faith should inform their response to their learning, as well as discern action steps for working toward racial equity in their own communities.

A suggested donation of \$39/person to cover the cost of materials, but individuals are welcome to participate even if they cannot donate. **Registration is open until March 26.** Please contact Kim Roering at 651.432.4958 or kim.roering@stpascals.org if you would like to participate. Questions regarding the content of the program can be directed to Ann Karner at 651.330.0024.

Dear Young at Heart Members—

Again, we are reminding you to pray the Rosary at noon on March 25 in your homes. We will be united in spirit. It is great to hear how many of you have received the vaccine! Hopefully, we will all keep following the guidelines which will eventually lead us to gather face to face sometime in the future. Isn't that a heart-warming thought! Our life goes on, thanks be to God, even when we are just together in spirit. Any questions call Betty Hensel 651.714.8958 or bjhensel@comcast.net.

In the eternal world, all is one. In spiritual space there is no distance. In eternal time there is no segmentation into today, yesterday, or tomorrow. In eternal time all is now; time is presence.

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

	February	Year to Date
Sunday Giving	\$ 48,582.87	\$ 522,012.04
Budget	\$ <u>65,697.92</u>	\$ <u>525,583.32</u>
Deficit	\$ -17,115.05	\$ -3,571.28

Mortgage Reduction

Mortgage Balance (as of March 7) \$ 3,273,197.44

Year to Date

Collected Donations	\$ 180,289.43
Payment	\$ <u>195,118.72</u>
Deficit	\$ -14,829.29

**Many thanks for your overwhelming financial generosity.
We look forward to the day you all return to worship.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Transform Us

Loving God,
through all the ages you create new life
and see that it is good.
Having given us all good gifts,
you gave more: you gave yourself,
doing something completely new
from the moment of Mary's yes.

You transform even death, pain,
and suffering.
You transform endings into beginnings,
buried seeds to fruitful plants.
Transform us, help us to follow where
you lead,
that we might live with you forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 21, 2021

The Grain of Wheat



Today's readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15; Hebrews 5:7–9; John 12:20–33. After triumphantly entering Jerusalem, Jesus knows that his passion is imminent. He also knows that no one around him expects what is about to occur. Jesus uses the image of a seed to help his friends to understand.

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” Like the seed, Jesus will die. Like the seed, Jesus will bear much fruit, eternal life given to each one of us. His death, when he is “lifted up from the earth” on the cross, “will draw everyone” to him.

When a seed is planted, the seed coat breaks apart as the plant within it begins to grow and develop. The seed itself ceases to exist in a meaningful way. From the beginning, though, the prospect of new life, the germ, was within the seed. Jesus recognized that his life had to be laid down for the potentiality of eternal life to come to fulfillment.

Through Jesus, the germ of eternal life exists in us as well. He tells us that discipleship entails imitating him. We have to let the seed of our current life break apart for the new plant to grow.

Journal about the experience of letting go of your old life in order to nurture the new.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 22

Neither Do I Condemn You

The woman caught in adultery expected to die. Instead, she hears, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more.” What must she have felt in that moment, to be forgiven? This same forgiveness is available to us every time we ask for it. God’s mercy is always there, sometimes we just need to celebrate it. Examine your conscience. No one is perfect. Receive the sacrament of reconciliation and you will feel the full force of God’s merciful love. *Today’s readings: Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; John 8:1–11.*

Tuesday, March 23

God’s Voice

As Holy Week nears, spend five to ten minutes in silence reflecting on God’s presence and action in your life. When did you hear God’s voice today? When did you feel calm and peaceful? When did you feel that you did not live up to what God was calling you to do? How can you adjust your life to be more open to God’s will? *Today’s readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.*

Wednesday, March 24

Uncomfortable Truth

God spoke to Abraham and Abraham believed. The trust Abraham had in God, the keeper of promises, sets him apart. Jesus contrasts Abraham’s trust, his belief in the truth, with the reaction Jesus faces as he teaches and preaches. Truth can be uncomfortable. Maybe you have been with a small child who, unburdened with lessons about politeness, describes a situation with embarrassing accuracy. Those situations pass in a moment. The truth to which Jesus testified had the power to discomfort more deeply, but he tells us “the truth will set you free.” What can that mean in your life? *Today’s readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.*

Thursday, March 25

Annunciation of the Lord

A young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel, meaning “God is with us.” The words of Isaiah carry us to the house of Mary in Nazareth, where a young girl is addressed as “favored one.” She is troubled, and the angel tells her not to be afraid. The young girl is not afraid. Her words will change history: “May it be done to me according to your word.” From the moment of Mary’s yes, God began to do something completely new in the world. Mary’s vocation is unique, yet her response, her yes, is something we are able to imitate. Pray the Rosary today, and ask for Mary’s intercession that you might be more like her to answer with a brave yes to God’s call. *Today’s Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14, 8:10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.*

Friday, March 26

A New Way

Jesus finds himself in trouble with the authorities again and again because the kingdom of God, which he came to inaugurate, did not adhere to the expectations of the people. Jesus stood with those who lacked power, authority, and status, and in the Beatitudes, he tells us that standing alongside them is standing with him. How can you embrace those on the margins? *Today’s readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.*

Saturday, March 27

God Transforms

Approaching Holy Week, the readings show the plot against Jesus growing stronger. The plot against Jesus was about self-preservation, yet Caiaphas’ words unwittingly testify to what God was doing: “He prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God.” *Today’s Readings: Ezra 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.*

