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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 26, 2023 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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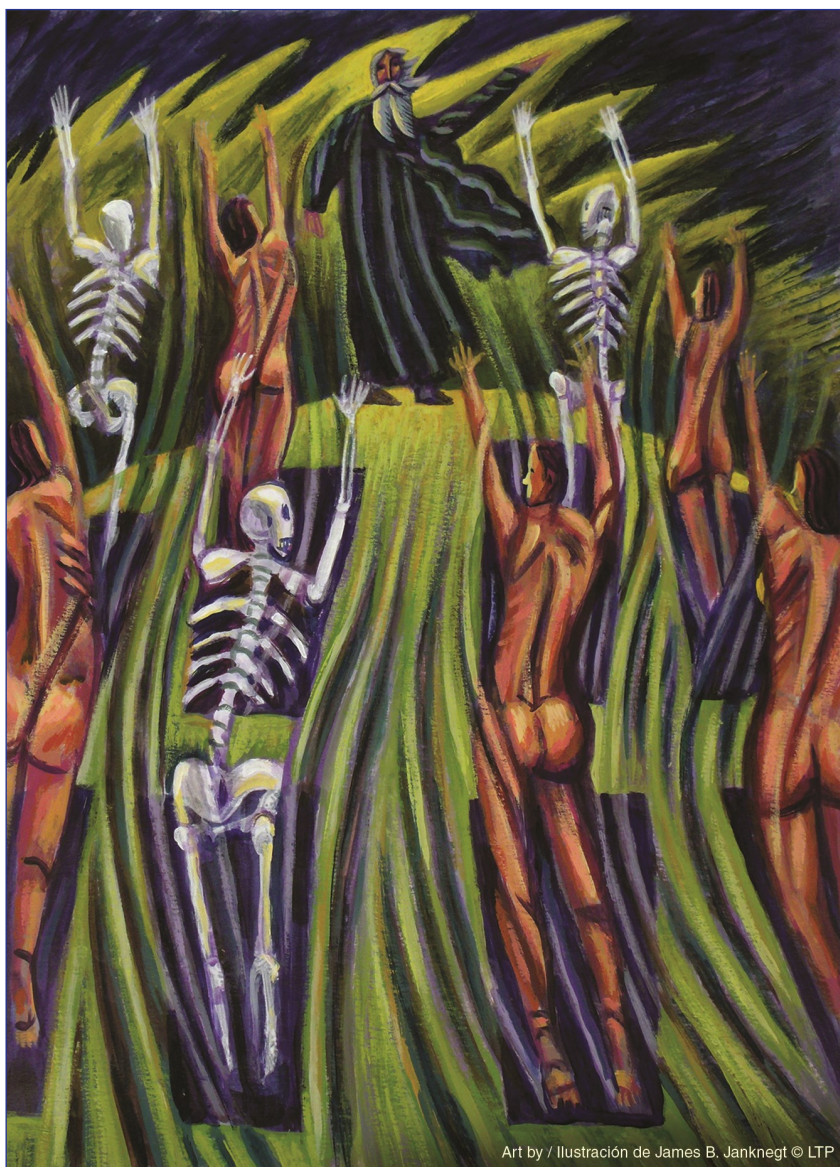
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM; Wednesday 9:30 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Update on Water Damage in the Building. On March 4-5, we unfortunately had a water leak in the breezeway women's restroom (between Brioschi Hall and the school building) which caused water damage on the lower level in the Old Church, rooms 107 and 108 (located near the Old Church) and the school library. There is also damage in the women's breezeway restroom. We are working closely with Catholic Mutual, the restoration contractor and our plumber to return the water damaged areas to full use. During the restoration process, it was determined that the Old Church and rooms 107 and 108 contained asbestos in the flooring tile and glue. Abatement of the floor tile and glue has been completed. Floor preparation and carpet installation will take place soon on the lower level. The breezeway women's restroom will undergo repairs including a new tile floor and new water-efficient, commercial toilets to replace the existing ones. We are exploring the cost of new shut-off valves and water flow meters that could help us if a water leak happens again in the future. Most expenses for the repairs will be covered by our insurance carrier. We will evaluate any upgrades or changes to the scope of work. We are grateful that our cash reserves are strong, and we will make every effort to use our resources carefully. Stay tuned for more updates.

Join us in Brioschi Hall on Monday, March 27, at 6:30 PM for Session 4 of our Lenten Parish Mission. During this final session, we will learn about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Cost: Free

Water, Light and Life: A Lenten Parish Mission

The Raising of Lazarus: The Resurrection and the Life

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Committee

Parish Contact: Kim Roering - kim.roering@stpascals.org

Is it ok if I missed any of the sessions so far? Yes!

What will be discussed? The Lenten journey for the baptized is one of preparing for the renewal of their baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil; it is a journey of conversion. Session 4 will engage participants in the story of the raising of Lazarus. Like the narratives of the woman at the well and the man born blind, it is a story of enlightenment, a story of conversion from unbelief to belief. This journey from unbelief to belief hopefully leads to repentance, new wisdom or insight, and a deeper life in Jesus Christ. Ultimately, it leads to a renewal of baptism, a renewal of the commitment to live as a disciple of Christ. If you long for eternal life, come join us! Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March 2023: *For victims of abuse.*

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Volunteers for the Triduum—Help Bring the Triduum to Life

Bowl Tenders Needed for Holy Thursday (April 6 at 7:00 PM)

Foot Washing in the assembly is back! Can you help with this ritual on Holy Thursday? This is one of the most prominent and important ritual actions for this liturgy, as it helps to demonstrate what it means for us to serve one another. As in pre-COVID years, everyone in the pews will be invited to participate, and 8 individuals are needed to assist those who take part. A rehearsal will be held on Saturday, April 1, at 9:00 AM.

Water Bearers Needed for Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 PM)

Can you help with our Blessing of the Water at the Easter Vigil? At this liturgy we bless the water in our font, renew our baptismal promises, and come to the font to be blessed with this new water. Three people are needed to carry water to the font in procession for this ritual. A rehearsal will be held on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 AM.

If you are willing to help at either of these liturgies, please contact Keri Mader at 651.432.4957 or keri.mader@stpascals.org.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Fill your yard with flowers and fresh veggies from Gertens!

Check out the wide assortment of bedding plants available from our Spring Plant sale! St. Pascal's Women's Club is selling Gertens plants and plant cards online. Go to the Gerten's fundraising site at gertensfundraising.com and enter the Women's Club store number **447**. Over 80 fantastic items are available: Gertens plant cards, hanging flower baskets, patio containers, bedding flowers, vegetables, and perennials. Order from the comfort of your own home. If you need help ordering Women's Club members will be available after all Masses on April 1 & 2 or contact Ellen Aeling. **Sale ends Thursday, April 6.** Your orders will be available for pick up after all Masses on May 13 & 14—just in time for Mother's Day!

This is a major fundraiser for the St. Pascal's Women's Club—please support us! If you have any questions or need help ordering, please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenaeling@gmail.com.

Fish Fry Bake Sale on March 31

Could you bake a treat for the final Fish Fry of the season? Drop off your items at the parish office on Thursday or Friday before the bake sale or in Brioschi Hall the night of the bake sale. Proceeds will go to international concerns including Earthquake Relief for Syria and Turkey through Catholic Relief Services and Mater Dei Africa in Tanzania. Thank you!

Questions? Please contact Cindy Reisdorf at 651.734.8937 or jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

CRS Rice Bowls: 5th Sunday of Lent The Power of Sacrifice

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

In Christ We Live Forever

Please remember in your prayers...

Louis Continenza

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends, and pray for his soul's eternal peace.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Honor Roll for Trimester 2

We want to congratulate all of our middle school students who made the second trimester honor roll. We are so proud of you all. Keep up the good work!

'A' Honor Roll students: Liya Daniel, Mason Foster, Thomas Harthorn, Derrick Irabor, John Omoyeni, Trenton Patzward, Abigail Rockenback, Sebastian Santoyo-Hernandez, and Joanna Velez

'A/B' Honor Roll Students: Bernadette Alfaro, Lukas Amde, Andrea Araujo, Betre Belay, Ehizode Busayo, Juan Cervantes, Nicholas Crist, Nahom Daniel, Lilibeth Dominguez-Cruz, Cain Franco, Adan Gastelum, Yonel Garcia, Kimberlie Haugh, Jackson Luu, Ashley Moreno, Alexander Rojas, Mailyn Sanchez-Estrada, Gabrielle Twyman, and Jhonatann Valencia

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action

Deacon Rich recently offered two powerful opportunities for us to expand our knowledge and image of Islam. He suggested the YouTube documentary, *Stranger at the Gate*, and attendance at an Iftar. The Iftar in particular raises some questions: How willing are we to move outside our comfort zone? Do we avoid mixing with those who are different? Jesus reached out to those beyond his religion and culture—are we willing to do the same? Do we only cultivate friends who look like us and think like us? Do we avoid or reject those who are different? What would Jesus do?

Food Distribution:

Merrick Community Services at St. Pascal's
Monday, March 27. Happy Spring!

We unload the food delivery at 1:30 PM, pack the food at 2:00, and distribute it from 3:30 - 5:00 PM (or until gone). We are always welcoming new volunteers! If you would like to serve with our amazing team or to get more information, please email Mary Weyandt at mlweyandt@mac.com.

The St. Pascal's Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry—LAST ONE! Friday, March 31 4:30 - 7:00 PM in Brioschi Hall (Please use the Flandrau Street entrance.)

The "All-You-Care-To-Eat" buffet will offer fried and baked cod, coleslaw, mixed steamed vegetables, au gratin and seasoned fried potatoes, mac-n-cheese, dinner roll, and coffee/water. Milk, bottled water, and pop are available for purchase.

Adults (12 and up): \$16.00 | Children (6-11): \$8.00 | 5 and under: Free

Cash, check, or card accepted. Takeout is available if the hall is full or the wait is too long.

All proceeds benefit St. Pascal Regional Catholic School's K-8 PhyEd program and other parish/school needs.

— ADULT FAITH FORMATION —

Do This in Memory of Me: What is the THIS that we do?

—with Fr. Paul Feela

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall
The liturgy is an encounter with the patterns of the Lord's life, and by our embodiment of his patterns of living, we can be confident that Christ remains present among us. Spend an evening exploring the implications of a Eucharistic life so that you too may encounter Him alive as did his early disciples.

Pre-registration is preferred. Use the link on the parish website or call the parish office.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

RCIA Session

Salvation, Morality and Sin

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Founders Room

Sin is something we are very aware of in the world around us and in our own lives. We will talk about our Catholic understanding of sin and morality. Of course, any discussion of sin, morality, and forgiveness leads to salvation, who is saved and what are heaven and hell? What is the Church's role in providing us with a moral compass through its teachings and how we are called to form our conscience for making decisions in life.

Join us for this discussion of our human condition and the beauty of God's kingdom. All are welcome to join us—Catholics who want a refresher and those curious about the Catholic Church.

Funeral Usher Ministry

Join the ranks of funeral ushers who greet our guests, hand out programs, direct folks to communion and assist the funeral director. When a funeral is scheduled, we send an email to the Funeral Usher list and if you can help, simply reply to the email. If interested, contact Carla Hibbison at 651.900.3180 or carla.hibbison@gmail.com.

C O N T A C T U S

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For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing), call 651.774.1585 and dial 1.

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Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Holidays as announced

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School Office Hours

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

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Ann Karner, Chair (akarner24@gmail.com)

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 5:30 PM

Mike Aeling, Chair

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:45-4:15 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office
Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

One pre-baptismal session is required.
To register for a pre-baptismal session 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 651.342.8879

Pat Kackman

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Due 5:00 PM Monday
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Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

March 26, 2023

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 AM + The people of the parish

Wednesday, March 29

9:30 AM The people of the parish

Thursday, March 30

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, March 31

8:00 AM Men's Club

Saturday, April 01

4:30 PM + Georgine Misukanis

Sunday, April 02

Palm Sunday

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM + Bob & Lorraine Winkel

Use Your Smartphone to Make a Donation to St. Pascal's!

1. Scan this QR code with your phone.
2. Open the secure link and follow the prompts.
3. Thank you!



Sunday: *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130:1-8

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

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:

Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-9

Jn 8:51-59

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

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday, March 26—Lent 5

11:45am Palm Sunday Proclaimer Practice: Church

Monday, March 27

1:00pm Merrick Setup: Brioschi Hall

3:30pm Merrick Food Distribution: Flandrau lot

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Staff Lounge

6:30pm Lent Reflection Series: Brioschi Hall

Tuesday, March 28

8:45am Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

6:30pm Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

Wednesday, March 29

8:45am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm RCIA: Founders Room

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, March 30

9:30am Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

6:30pm SJCC: Zoom

Friday, March 31

9:00am Fish Fry Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

4:30pm Men's Club Fish Fry: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

7:00pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Saturday, April 1

8:00am Palm Sunday Decorating: Church

9:00am Holy Thursday Practice: Church

10:00am Easter Vigil Practice: Church

11:00am Easter Vigil Proclaimer Practice: Church

11:30am Good Friday Practice: Church

After Mass Women's Club Spring Plant Order asst.: Brioschi Hall

After Mass Friends & Family Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

After Masses Women's Club Spring Plant Order asst.: Brioschi Hall

After Masses Friends & Family Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

EASTER FLOWERS

You may purchase a plant or make a donation (any amount) in honor of a family member, loved one or someone who is ill or homebound. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Suggested donation is \$10. 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.

2023 Friends and Family Event: "Off to the Races"

Saturday, April 22 from 5:30-9:30 PM in Brioschi Hall

Dinner and Fundraiser

Don't miss the 2023 rendition of our famous indoor horse racing down the middle of Brioschi Hall! If you would like to help with planning, help on the day of the event or if you are interested in coordinating this event in the future, please let us know!

Mike Aeling: 651.307.8237 (mjaeling@gmail.com)

Ellen Aeling: 651.307.8241 (ellenoaeling@gmail.com)

Look for a mailing this week with details about the dinner and our new multi-year fundraising goal for a new boiler.

Friends and Family Tickets

Tickets will be available for sale after all weekend Masses on April 1 & 2. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person. If you want a group to sit together, buy your tickets early. *There are a limited number of seats available.* Tickets are also available on the parish website through SignUp Genius.

Any questions, please contact Mike or Ellen Aeling.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Guide Us

God of life,
you raised Lazarus from death
and in doing so revealed your divine love.
Open our ears to your truth,
help us see your glory,
and empower us to trust and believe.
Guide our minds and hearts
in these final days of Lent,
purify us from anything
that blocks us from belief,
so that we will be ready
to sincerely profess our faith
with the Church community at Easter.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Do You Believe This?



Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:12–14; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; Romans 8:8–11; John 11:1–45. The readings from the Gospel of John proclaimed on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent are explicitly tied to the scrutiny rites celebrated with those preparing for baptism at Easter. Throughout Lent, the assembly participates in these rites that are part of the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The assembly, too, benefits spiritually as all pray that the candidates be enlightened with a deeper knowledge of Christ and purified from anything that blocks their full assent of belief. Those seeking baptism are preparing to approach the font and make a profession of faith in front of the community. Simultaneously, the rest of us are preparing to renew our baptismal promises with full hearts.

These Gospel accounts guide us so that we may hear and believe (like the Samaritan woman), see and believe (like the man born blind), and finally believe without proof (like Martha, Mary, and Lazarus). In each of these Gospels, Jesus reveals his true identity. They culminate in the exchange between Jesus and Martha on the road to Bethany. Jesus proclaims to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25) and then asks Martha, “Do you believe this?”

This final week of Lent invites us to join those preparing for baptism in prayer and reflection. Are you ready to affirm with Martha: “Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world” (John 11:27)?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 27

True Justice

Daily news sources regularly report stories of innocent people wrongly imprisoned. Seeking exoneration for the wrongfully convicted is the life work of many people committed to truth and justice. Today's Scripture stories remind us that this sin has repeated itself across the centuries. One of the corporal works of mercy urges care for the imprisoned. How are you called to a deeper awareness of the need for an unbiased criminal justice system? *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 28

Not Alone

Patience runs thin in today's Scripture readings. The Israelites complain with weariness on their sojourn to the Promised Land. The Pharisees of Jerusalem shudder in exasperation at the words of Jesus. Jesus offers a message of assurance in response, "The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone." No matter our frustration or lack of understanding, God remains steadfast and close to us. When impatience flares, try this antidote: take five deep breaths, recall God's nearness, and then respond. *Today's readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.*

Wednesday, March 29

Keep Holy the Lord's Name

There is a beloved *VeggieTales* episode recounting the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's trust in God's faithfulness in the face of King Nebuchadnezzar and the fiery furnace. These trusting servants of God stand in the fire and sing with one voice to God, "Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages" (Daniel 3:52). They provide a poignant model of trust in God and reverence for God's holy name. Pay attention to your use

of the Lord's name today. Are there instances when you do not honor the name of the Lord in your speech? *Today's readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.*

Thursday, March 30

Remain Steadfast

As Holy Week draws near, the promises made to the faithful through the covenant with Abraham echo stronger in our daily Scriptures. Jesus faces threats from all sides and the psalmist assures us that the Lord "remembers forever his covenant" (Psalm 105:8). We are close to the end of our Lenten journey. God has constantly communicated his desire to be close to us. Have you responded with faithfulness to your Lenten intentions? *Today's readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.*

Friday, March 31

The Lord, Our Strength

The prophet Jeremiah, the psalmist, and Jesus all face threats and enemy attacks. Yet all three readings echo trust in God's mantle of protection and steadfast faithfulness. They provide a powerful reminder for us that God is near in times of great distress. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.*

Saturday, April 1

Dwell in God

The promises of the prophet Ezekiel are a source of hope for the faithful across all generations. Ezekiel delivers the assurance of God, "My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Ezekiel 37:27). The enemies of Jesus circle in close and the Scriptures remind us that God is even closer, "like a shepherd guarding his flock" (Jeremiah 31:10). Holy Week begins tomorrow. Make plans to accompany Jesus through the solemn remembrances of his journey from suffering to resurrection. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.*

