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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.

APRIL 2, 2023 | PALM SUNDAY

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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

We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday this weekend. I invite you to join us as much as you are able this week for our Holy Week liturgies.

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Soon the mood changes from triumph to death, and we hear the Passion narrative of the arrest, crucifixion and death of Jesus. We reflect on these momentous events in Jesus' life, and we enter the paschal mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus at the Last Supper. We also celebrate the Washing of the Feet which allows us to remember how Jesus served his disciples as he washed their feet, and we are invited to wash each other's feet. The solemn procession of the Eucharist through the church at the end of Mass allows us to honor our Lord's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday celebrates the Passion of our Lord. It is a solemn liturgy which carries great emotion for us as we remember the suffering and death of Jesus. We will hear the Passion of our Lord from the Gospel of John. We know that Jesus will rise on the third day. Yet, we stay in the present moment and wait at the tomb.

The Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday is the "mother of all vigils". On this holy night, the Church keeps watch (vigil) for Christ. We begin with the Service of Light outside the church doors. The flame of the paschal candle is the symbol of the Light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our minds and hearts. The Liturgy of the Word recounts the deeds of salvation history. Those who have participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults over the last several months will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist tonight. Those of us who are already initiated into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist will renew our appreciation for these sacraments in our life. Christ is risen, he is truly risen!

You are invited to join us this week for Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for April 2023: *For a culture of peace and non-violence.* We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

CRS Rice Bowls: Palm Sunday Modern Day Simon of Cyrene

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

Have you been using a Rice Bowl for Lenten almsgiving?

Turn in your donations in one of three ways:

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 www.crsricebowl.org/give.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Flowers for Mother's Day?

Check out the hanging flower baskets from Gertens Spring Plant sale!

St. Pascal's Women's Club is selling Gertens plants and plant cards online. Go to 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. *Sale ends April 6*. If you need help ordering, Women's Club members will be available to assist you after all Masses this weekend (April 1 & 2). 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 spring fundraiser for the St. Pascal's Women's Club, please support us! If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Aeling at 651.307.8241 or ellenaeling@gmail.com

Fish Fry Bake Sales Success

Thank you to all the bakers for the Fish Fry Bake Sales. Your goods were a huge success! Stay tuned for the final results.

Disbursements Request

The Women's Club will be accepting requests from groups for the funding of a project between *July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024*. Please email Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com for a form. *All requests must be received by Monday, May 1*. Awards will be made at our May 7 meeting.

Women's Club Elections

Election of officers for the 2023-2024 year will be held at the May 7 meeting after the 10:30 AM Mass in Brioschi Hall. Please consider becoming an officer or member of the executive board. For further information, please contact Cindy Reisdorf at jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

Candle Cup Cleaners Needed

Can you help clean the candle cups used during our Easter Vigil liturgy? This is a simple, but very helpful ministry you can do in your home. Instructions are provided. Please contact Sharon Balcom in the parish office at sharon.balcom@stpascals.org or 651.431.4956 if you can help.

Anointing or Pastoral Visit?

If you or someone you know would like to be anointed or have a pastoral visit please contact Barb Uschold Anderson at barb.ua@stpascals.org or 651.432.4959 and we'll set up a time.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

Middle School Science Fair

We are happy to announce the successful completion of our 3rd annual Science Fair in the middle school. Students in 5th through 8th grade worked diligently during science class and at home to design, execute, and present an experiment of their choosing. The projects have been on display for the past two weeks for a panel of judges to evaluate their work as well as for parents and other students to see the completed projects during conferences.

The grand prize winner was Trenton Patzwald.

First place ribbons were awarded to the following students: Christopher Donminguez-Cruz, John Omoyeni, Abby Rockenback, Joanna Velez, Andrea Araujo, Juan Cervantes, Brayden Conway, Aaron Martinez, Liya Daniel, Kimberlie Haugh, Mason Foster, Ashley Moreno, and Mailyn Sanchez-Estrada.

We are very proud of everything that the middle school students have accomplished and want to thank our science teachers, Ms. Allen and Ms. Young, for all of their hard work in making the Science Fair a success. Please check out Facebook and Instagram for pictures from the fair.

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Monday, April 17 at 7:00 PM—please note date change!

Spring has sprung and it's time to come out and join the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club. We're delaying our meeting to the third Monday to allow us to focus on Holy Week and Easter. Ordinarily we meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Staff Lounge, located near the Conway entrance. On April 17, we will discuss *The Last Thing He told Me* by Laura Dave. Next month, on May 8, we will share thoughts on *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich.

"She read books as one would breathe air, to fill up and live."

—Annie Dillard

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.

— FAITH FORMATION —

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

An out-of-this-world VBS experience is coming to St. Pascal's! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT. Ready to blast off for adventure? Registration forms will be available beginning April 1. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action

Unlock the Metro

The Met Council can unlock deeply affordable housing in suburban communities via project based vouchers (PBVs). PBVs are federal rent vouchers assigned to a single apartment unit in deeply affordable housing. An eligible tenant (often seniors or families with children) will pay no more than 30% of their income for rent in that unit. The greatest benefit is to create new, deeply affordable housing where it is most needed. Watch this space to learn more about the need for PBVs and how you can help support this work to house those in need.

April Donation Closet Collection Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf

The Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf at Progressive Baptist Church distributes food from 10:30 AM-12 Noon on Saturdays at 1505 Burns Avenue, with no residency or membership requirements. The items most needed now are **cereal** and **canned soup**.

Items can be left in the donation closet between now and April 30. Thank you for your generosity.

Paper Grocery Bags Needed

The Merrick Food Distribution at St. Pascal's and the Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf at Progressive Baptist have had a lot of visitors recently, so our supply of grocery bags is very low. Donations of PAPER grocery bags are especially needed, in addition to plastic and reusable bags.

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

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

Parish Office Hours

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

St. Pascal Regional Catholic School

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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
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

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

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Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

April 2, 2023

Tuesday, April 04

8:00 AM + Anthony "Tony" Genovese

Wednesday, April 05

9:30 AM + Mary Harvey

Thursday, April 06

Holy Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Friday, April 07

Good Friday

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 08

Holy Saturday

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM The people of the parish

Sunday, April 09

Easter Sunday

8:45 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM The people of the parish

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

Monday:

Is 42:1-7

Ps 27:1-3, 13-14

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Mt 26:14-25

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

Friday:

Passion of the Lord

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

Saturday:

Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Exodus 14:15-15:1

Isaiah 55:1-11

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Romans 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday:

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

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!



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

Saturday, April 22 at 5:30 in Brioschi Hall | Only \$30 per person!

Don't miss the 2023 rendition of our famous indoor horse racing down the middle of Brioschi Hall! A mailing with all the details has gone out to all parish households or see the flyer on the parish website—be sure to join us!

This year's event sees the return of door prizes, games, auction items, community mixers and more! Tickets are on sale after all Masses April 1-2 & 15-16 or online at stpascals.org/parish-news. *Pre-payment is required to attend.* Questions? Please contact:

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

After Masses Friends & Family ticket sales: Gathering Space

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

Monday, April 3

8:00am Window & carpet cleaning: Church level

11:00am Holy Week Decorating: Church

Tuesday, April 4

No scheduled events

Wednesday, April 5

8:45am Rosary: Church

9:30am Mass (not a school Mass): Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

Thursday, April 6—Holy Thursday

8:00am Morning Prayer: Church

8:30am Holy Thursday Set Up: Church

9:30am Bible Study: Parish Conference Room

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper: Church

Friday, April 7—Good Friday

Parish office closed

8:00am Morning Prayer: Church

8:30am Good Friday Set Up: Church

7:00pm Passion of the Lord: Church

Saturday, April 8—Holy Saturday

8:00am Morning Prayer: Church

8:30am Easter Decorating: Church

8:00pm Great Vigil of Easter: Church, Brioschi Hall

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

8:45am Mass

10:30am Mass

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday (April 7) and Easter Monday (April 10). May you have a blessed Easter and enjoy the bright, joyful blessings God offers you during this Easter season.

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

February 2023

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 48,318.36	YTD Giving	\$ 513,462.26
Budgeted	\$ 67,168.74	YTD Budgeted	\$ 555,369.48
+ / -	\$ -18,850.38	YTD + / -	\$ -41,907.22

Mortgage Reduction (as of 12.31.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,854,510.40
Principal:	\$ 12,495.85
Interest:	\$ 9,965.20
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations	\$ 197,330.91
YTD Payment:	\$ 179,688.40
+ / -	\$ 17,642.51

Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 193,695.48
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of payments from Reserve: 9

Thank you for your support!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Open Us, Lord

God of salvation,
you sent your beloved Son to dwell among us
and show us the way, the truth, and the life.
His humble obedience in pouring out his love
for us on the cross
unlocked the path to eternal life with you.
Give us the strength to follow Jesus
through Holy Week

to share in his passion and glory.
Open our hearts to receive his gift of saving
love anew
so that we might in turn share it with
all the world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Actions Speak Louder Than Words



Today's readings: Procession: Matthew 21:1–11. Mass: Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philemon 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66. Today marks a major turning point in the liturgical year, and the way the liturgy is celebrated signals the transition. The assembly processes and waves palm branches just as did the crowds that gathered to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. In the Liturgy of the Word, we participate in the proclamation of the Gospel account that follows that day, detailing the arrest, trial, conviction, torture, crucifixion, and death on the cross. It is heart-wrenching and mystifying.

In looking back at the last three Sundays of Lent, we recall that Jesus reveals his full identity to the woman from Samaria, the man blind from birth, and Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. On trial, however, he is mute before Pilate. His humility and obedience to God reveal his divinity.

Holy Week offers us the opportunity to walk alongside our Lord from the cross to the garden. This week is sacred. Approach it like a week-long retreat. Make arrangements to fully participate in the liturgies of Holy Week and to prayerfully accompany our Lord through it all.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 3 Faithful Friends

Mary anoints the feet of Jesus with perfumed oil and dries them with her hair. This tender gesture took place at a banquet held in Jesus' honor for restoring her brother Lazarus to life. We can look to Jesus and his authentic friendship with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, to emulate in our relationships. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.*

Tuesday, April 4 Wear the Armor of Faith

Both the prophet Isaiah and the psalmist recall the hand of God in our lives from the moment we are created in our mother's womb. The Gospel passage highlights our tendency to forget our origins in God and turn away in betrayal. Reflect on how your Lenten practices have helped you form habits that have strengthened your armor of fidelity. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21–33, 36–38.*

Wednesday, April 5 Spy Wednesday

Wednesday of Holy Week is referred to as “spy Wednesday” because the Gospel reading from Matthew reveals that Judas will betray Jesus. Look for an opportunity to upturn the ignominy of this day. Invite someone to attend Mass with you on Easter. Share your faith in Jesus with someone who doubts. Send an Easter card promising prayer to someone who needs spiritual support. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 69:8–10, 21–22, 31 and 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.*

Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday

The season of Lent ends as the sun sets today and the Sacred Paschal Triduum commences. Jesus, fully aware that “he had

come from God and was returning to God,” chooses the intimate gesture of washing his disciples' feet (John 13:5). He draws as close as possible to those he loves. As he did for his disciples, he does for us tonight at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. *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 7 Bend on Knee

In union with Christians around the world, the faithful assemble on Good Friday to recall the final hours of Jesus' life—when he is condemned to die, beaten, forced to carry his cross, and publicly crucified. Approaching the cross, the faithful offer a gesture of veneration. We touch, kiss, bow, or genuflect to the instrument of our salvation. God steadfastly invites us to draw close. Today we do that on bended knee. *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 8 Keep Vigil

We continue our journey through the Sacred Paschal Triduum after sundown at the Easter Vigil. Through Scripture readings, psalms and prayers, we deliberately recount the entire plan of salvation from God's handiwork in creation to Jesus' overcoming the power of death in resurrection. Listen carefully to the story unfold. It is a magnificent synthesis not to be missed. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4–5, 6–7, 12–13, 20–22; Genesis 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15–15:1; 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; 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 or Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 or Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Matthew 28:1–10.*

