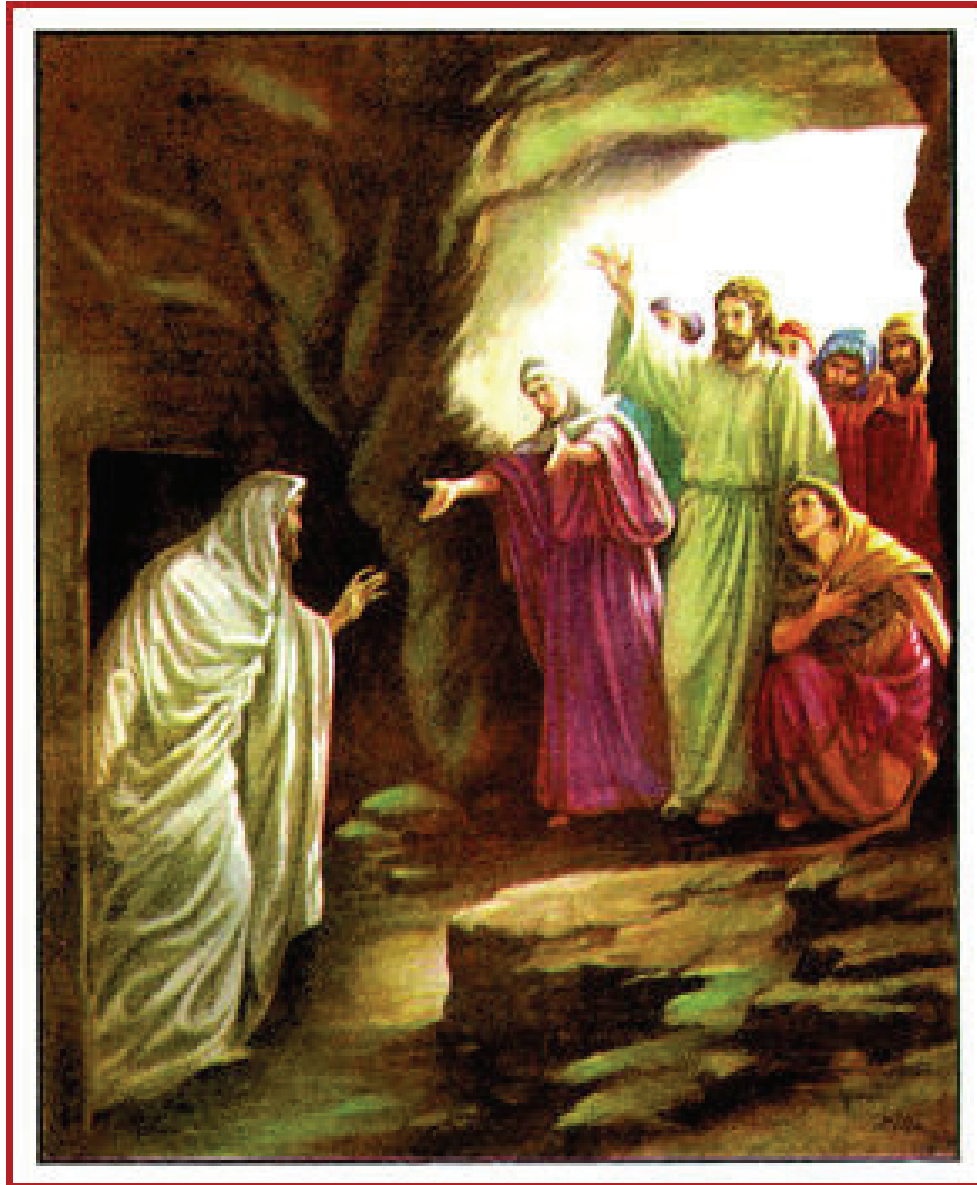


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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5th Sunday of Lent - April 10, 2011

HOPE IN CHRIST



**Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.
John 11:1-45**

Our Mission

*St. John the Baptist
Catholic Community,
inspired by
the Spirit of Christ,
reaches out, educates,
helps and nurtures all
people, as we worship
and serve
Our Heavenly Father.*

All are Welcome Parishioners, New Members, Visitors and Guests:

Thank you for joining our worshipping community. Please stop by our parish office to register and let us know if we can be of assistance.

Sunday Mass

English:

7:30am, 10:00am,

6:30pm

Spanish: 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30pm

Daily Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed, Fri,

7:00am Mass

Thursday & Saturday

8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00-5:00 Sat. or by
appointment

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours for
prayer. Call the office
for the code.

Parish Office

Tues. - Friday

9am - 5pm

HOPE IN CHRIST, HE OFFERS LIFE

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you and your loved ones in this joyful season of Lent.

Each day in Lent we are given the opportunity to refresh our lives by reflecting on the sacred scriptures more especially during the Sundays in Lent. The last two Sundays we, along with the RCIA elect and candidates, were invited to experience Jesus as the source of Living Waters, the Light of the World. Today's gospel invites us to experience Jesus the Resurrection and the Life. Water, Light and Life are the great symbols of Easter and are special to our parish community as we prepare to celebrate the baptism of ten elect during the coming Easter vigil. The gospel stories on the Samaritan Woman (Water), the Blind Man (Light) and Lazarus (Life) are rich symbols for each of us who are already baptized, to renew our baptismal commitment at Easter time and use these couples of Sundays in Lent to transform our lives through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and a good examination of conscience followed by confession.

Please continue to pray for our RCIA elect and candidates who, in the third scrutiny, are called to confront the ways in which they are bound to tombs of sin and to let the risen Lord Jesus call them forth.

I would like to ask each of you to make plans to be at our Easter Triduum starting with Holy Thursday (April 21st), continuing with Good Friday (April 22) and completing the Triduum with the Easter Vigil on Saturday (April 23rd). In the Easter Triduum liturgies, the church remembers the suffering, passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord (the Paschal Mystery). Even though these liturgies are full of drama (washing of the feet, crucifixion, veneration of the cross), the liturgical remembering is not about the past history but of the present and current truth. The Church makes God's saving grace available to the faithful so that there will be transformation of lives and an experience of rising to newness of life in every age and season. May this be our thirst as we prepare to be part of this great Easter Triduum.

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Many blessings,

Rev. Maxy D'Costa, Pastor



Calendar for This Week

Monday, April 11

Mass	7:00am	Church
After School Care	3:15-6:00	Daycare Room
Beginners	6:45pm	Parish Center
Spanish Prayer Grp	7:00pm	Church
Monday Night Live	7:00pm	Teen Room
AlaTeen/AA/Alanon	7:30pm	Parish Center

Tuesday, April 12

Mass	7:00am	Church
Good Grief Group	10:00am	Saalfeld
Grief Group	1:00-3:00pm	Saalfeld
Grief Group	1:30pm	Church
After School Care	3:15-6:00pm	Daycare Rm
YLI	6:30pm	Jordan
RCIA	7:00pm	Saal/Cafe/Ch
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00pm	Church

Wednesday, April 13

Mass	7:00am	Church
Senior Potluck	11:30am	Jordan
Pinochle	1-4pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	2:15-6:00	Daycare Rm
Religious Education	5:30pm	Parish Campus
Legion of Mary	7:00pm	Jordan

Thursday, April 14

Mass	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15-6:00	Daycare Rm
Estate Planning Mtg	6:00pm	Saalfeld
Parish Choir	7:00pm	Church
Spanish Bible Study	7:00pm	Cafeteria

Friday, April 15

Mass	7:00am	Church
After School Care	3:00-6:00	Daycare Rm
Twilight Retreat	3:00pm	Parish Center
Soup Supper	6:00pm	Cafeteria
Stations of the Cross	7:00pm	Church

Saturday, April 16

Men's Group	7:00am	Jordan
Twilight Retreat	7:00am	Parish Center
Mass	8:30am	Church
Spanish Baptismal Cls	10:00am	Jordan
Encuentro Mat	12:00-8:30pm	Saalfeld
Confessions	4:00-5:00	Church
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Church

Palm Sunday, April 17

Masses: 7:30am, 10:00am, 6:30pm; Sp Mass: 12:00noon		
Blood Pressure Screening after AM Masses in Saalfeld		
Liturgy of Word	10:00am	Jordan
Spanish Band	10:45am	Jordan
Youth Band	11:15am	RE Office
Spanish Lit of Word	12:00noon	Cafeteria
Boy Scouts	5:00pm	Cafeteria
Girl Scouts to host coffee & donuts		

The Lower Level Meeting room is being used through May 5th for the Historical Committee.

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Scrutinies

The Scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The word scrutiny means literally to "search". During these liturgies we too are called along with the Elect to undergo a scrutiny or to search out that which is weak, defective or sinful in our hearts in preparation to renew our baptismal relationship with Jesus. During the Scrutinies, the Elect are called forward with the godparents and the entire assembly prays for them that they may scrutinize their hearts honestly. The candidates are asked to kneel in their place and also scrutinize their hearts and honestly recognize all that is weak and sinful and in need of healing.

The prayers over the Elect and Candidates are first intercessions and then an Exorcism. The Church prays that the Elect will be free from Satan's grasp and the power of sin. The truth is, evil does exist with and all around us and through honest scrutiny we can all come to identify these areas of sin that need healing (exorcism) so that, come Easter, we can truly say that only the power of Christ compels us.

The gospels for these Sundays are taken from John. From the missal of the first millennium the church has used these powerful three Gospel stories and have relied on them to help the Elect in their self-searching. These stories focus on spiritual thirst (woman at the well), blindness (man born blind), and death/decay (the raising of Lazarus). These Gospel stories can act as a light that shines on our lives and illumines those areas that need to be healed.

(Sources: Bringing Catechesis and Liturgy Together and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Study Edition).

Estate planning made easy!

You are invited to an Estate Planning workshop this coming Thursday, April 14th, from 6 – 8 pm, in the Saalfeld Room, with complimentary wine/beer and appetizers provided. Our estate planner, Gene Christian, will provide updated information on the tax codes and other considerations. This event is sponsored by the St. John's Catholic Community Foundation and there is no charge to attend.

Baptism

NO Baptism's will be held in April or May. The next celebration of the sacrament will be June 5th following the 10am Mass. Are



you expecting or do you have a baby who you would like to baptize? St. John's offers baptism once a month on the first Sunday of the month. First the parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact Pat at 503-654-5449 or email at pat.raschio@gmail.com.

Advertiser of the Week

Olson Brothers Tire Factory

Automotive Service 503-659-5141

Open 6 days a week.

Senior Potluck

Please join us for the Senior Potluck this Wednesday, April 13th at 11:30am in the Jordan Room.

A-M bring a Salads

N-S bring a Hot dish

T-Z bring a Desserts

Fatima Prayer Group



The Fatima Prayer group meets this evening, Sunday, April 10th, at 7:00pm to pray for world peace in the Saalfeld Room. All are welcome to join us.

Collection	This week	BUDGET (Average/week)	
04/03/2011	\$12,565	\$14,135	
Week 40 of 52	2010/2011	2010/2011	Over (Short) Year to Date:
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$541,595	\$565,400	(\$23,805)
Prior year to Date (2010):	\$540,163		
Building Maintenance Fund this week: \$999			
Catholic Relief Services: \$4,092			

Living Your Strengths and Growing Spiritually

Do you know what specific gifts you have been given by God? Discover your God-given gifts (also known as *signature themes*) in the book, **Living Your Strengths**, available at no cost through the parish office. In the first letter of Peter, Chapter 4, he says:

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. If you have the gift of speaking, preach God’s message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies. Everything should be done in a way that will bring honor to God because of Jesus Christ, who is glorious and powerful forever.”

This week we look at the gift of Input. People with this gift are inquisitive, they collect things like information or facts, or more tangible things like baseball cards, dolls or coins. You find the world interesting and exciting especially because of the infinite variety and complexity. You tend to not throw anything away.

One piece of scripture that relates to this gift comes from Proverbs 2:1-6:

*My son, if you receive my words
and treasure my commands,
Turning your ear to wisdom,
Inclining your heart to understanding:
Yes, if you call to intelligence,
and to understanding raise your voice;
If you seek her like silver;
And like hidden treasures search her out:
Then will you understand the fear of the Lord;
The knowledge of God you will find
For the Lord gives wisdom,
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding*

Do you recognize yourself? The gift of Input keeps your mind active; you are apt to be an expert in one or more subjects. One way to grow spiritually is to consider taking a trip to the Holy Land; your faith may come alive as you experience the places in biblical and Church history. You could also volunteer monthly to help with the parish library. As LYS says, “Partnering with someone particularly talented in Activator or Achiever strengths will help you accomplish great things for God.



Please contact Libbie Allen in the parish office at 503.654.5449 to get your copy of **Living Your Strengths**.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 11

Daniel 13:1-62; Psalm 23:1-6; John 8:1-11

Tuesday, April 12

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-21; John 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 13

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-95; Daniel 3:52-56;
John 8:31-42

Thursday, April 14

Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-9; John 8:51-59

Friday, April 15

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-7; John 10:31-42

Saturday, April 16

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10-13;
John 11:45-56

Sunday, April 17

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-24;
Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, April 11

7:00: Frank & Rick Aracri (d)...Marie Aracri

Tuesday, April 12

7:00: Norma Magill (Int)...Pauline Boyes

Wednesday, April 13

7:00: Scott Winter (d)...Don Adams

Thursday, April 14

8:30: Anna & John Slowikowski (d)...Austin Family

Friday, April 15

7:00: Barbara Eigner (Int)...Mary Vaetz

Saturday, April 16

8:30: YLI Members...YLI Members

5:30pm: Hal Bauer (Int)...Howard Easton

Sunday, April 17

7:30am: Don McCarthy (d)...Barbara McCarthy

10:00am: For the People of the Parish...Pastor

12:00pm: Paula & Felipe Gomez (d)...Irma Gomez

6:30pm: Lonna (Int)...Mom & Dad

Altar Servers

Saturday, April 16

5:30 Mass: Jeff & Danny Austin, N. Childs, E. Hawkins

Sunday, April 17

7:30 Mass: Henry & Nadine Prentice, Emily Hawkins

10:00 Mass: L. & D. Pisaneschi, B. Landrus, L. Casey

12:00 Mass:

Ulises Correa, Bart Torres, Izrael Chavez,
Alexander Becerril

6:30 Mass: Jarrett Anderson, Ben Snyder,
Ashley Biteng, Peter Faber

Adult Education

Save the date! **Mary Sharon Moore**, founder of Awakening Vocations and frequent guest on KBVM-FM, will lead our two-day Parish Immersion, "Getting to Pentecost," Thursday, **June 2**, and Friday, **June 3**. The 9:45am sessions repeat at 7:00pm. New and returning Catholics, our newly confirmed, parents, retirees, young marrieds—all will benefit. contact the parish office now (503-654-5449 or pat.raschio@gmail.com) to reserve your immersion packet.



Prayer Concerns for April

Hal Bauer, Ernie Bisio,
Jim Geber, Ann Hale,
Norma Magill
Kathy Matton,
Paul Newman,
Sheryl Perri,
Amalia Pienovi

These names will remain through April. If you want them to stay for May, please call the parish office.

If you are unable to attend Mass due to a chronic illness or are recovering from surgery, please call the church office if you would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick and/or weekly communion visits.

Lent: During Lent we are called to repentance (conversion) and deepening our discipleship. We are to pray, fast and give alms to lead us to conversion. To be a disciple of Jesus means to practice discipline and Lent is our “practice” season. We “practice” by allowing our old selves to die so that a new person may be born in Christ at Easter. The practice of prayer, fasting and alms giving are non-negotiable for disciples of Christ and we practice these disciplines in an intense way during Lent knowing that to live as a true disciple of Christ we will be called upon to exercise them year-round.

As we are deciding how we will fast this season we need to focus on why fasting is one of our disciplines. We are not to just substitute one food for another; eat a nice salmon dinner in place of a steak dinner. We are called to sacrifice, to deny ourselves of that which we do not truly need. This denial may come in the form of food or from those things in our lives which separate us from God. Such as the time we spend being too busy for God; TV, computers, games. We might need to fast from unkind words and focus building up someone’s confidence.

What have been your experiences of past Lenten seasons?

What did you do that made you a better disciple of God?

When did you fall down?

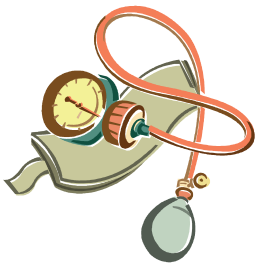
If we are to truly go through a conversion, then at the end of the 40 days we should be noticeably different. This could be through a more active prayer life, or fasting from those things that separate us from God, or a willingness to share with others our “alms.” (resources, Ministry & Liturgy and Bringing Catechesis and Liturgy).

Lenten Regulations:

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the season of Lent: The faithful should be clearly and positively encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.



Blood Pressure Screening

will be available on Sunday,
April 17th after the 7:30 A.M.
and 10:00 A.M. Mass

Controlling High Blood Pressure: High blood pressure is called the silent killer. This is because many people who have it don’t know it. Normal blood pressure is less than 120/80. Know your blood pressure and remember to check it regularly. Doing so can save your life.

Here are some things you can do to help control your blood pressure:

Choose heart –healthy foods, Maintain a healthy weight, Get up and get active, Manage stress, Limit alcohol and quit smoking.

Blessing Banks Update!

We will have a collection box
In the front of the church on
Easter for your full
Blessing Banks.
If you have filled one already,
please feel free to take another
and return them both
on Easter.
Thanks you so much for your
wonderful support!!





Lenten Schedule

Theme: Hope in Christ

St. John's Church will be open for quiet prayer and meditation during Lent (after morning Mass until 5:00pm)

Friday, April 15th - Soup Supper 6:00pm in Cafeteria

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm in Church

Sunday, April 17th - Palm Sunday

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday Mass, April 21st - 7:00pm

Good Friday Service, April 22nd - 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, April 23rd - 8:30pm

Easter Sunday Masses, April 24th -

7:30am

10:00am

12:00 Spanish Mass

NO 6:30 evening Mass

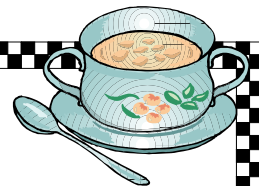
If you were not able to join us for our **Penance Service:**

St. John the Apostle
Wed., April 13th at 7:00pm

St. Philip Benizi
Friday, April 15th at 7:00pm

The Adoration Chapel will be closed during the Triduum, from Holy Thursday at 6:30pm until Easter Sunday at 2:30pm!

Friday night Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper during Lent



Lent is upon us once again. How do you plan to make it different, holy? A simple supper of meatless soup and bread will be served in the cafeteria at 6:00pm during Lent on Fridays through April 15th.

All are welcome! Please join in this wonderful parish community activity on each of the Friday's of Lent. this is a great opportunity to get acquainted with parishioners who attend Mass at a different time than you do. Bring a friend and introduce your fellow parishioners to this very welcoming, communal activity.

Bring your own bowl and spoon and we will fill them with something delicious!

Stations of the Cross follow at 7:00pm in the church. Please join us as we spiritually accompany Jesus on His sorrowful journey to Calvary.



April 11th
April 15-16th
April 25th
May 15th
May 15th

Youth News

Monday Night Live
Middle School Retreat
Monday Night Live
First Communion
Confirmation

Parish Center/ Teen Room
Parish Center
Parish Center/ Teen Room
St. John's
Christ the King Catholic Church

Outside News

St. Philip Benizi

Parish Lenten Mission at St. Philip Benizi with Fr. Louis Guardiola, C.P.M., Fathers of Mercy
Sunday, April 17th, 7:00pm: Value and Importance of Eucharistic Adoration
Monday, April 18th, 7:00pm: Sacred Heart and the Eucharist
Tuesday, April 19th, 7:00pm: The Church and the Eucharist
Wed., April 20th, 6:00pm: Eucharist as Communion and Real Presence and Sacrifice
Free Will offering in support of Fr. Louis' Ministry.

Catholic Charities-Project Rachel

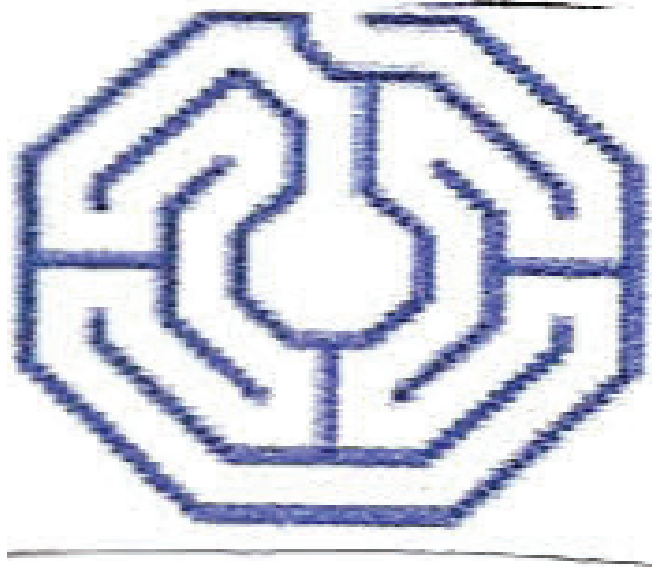
Did your abortion change you? Is there a dividing point in your life between "before the abortion" and "after the abortion"? Have you convinced yourself that you have dealt with the abortion? Have you been looking at the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat ad in the bulletin for years and never acted on it? Please join us for a Project Rachel retreat May 13-15, 2011, in Bend, or June 24-26, 2011, in Portland. Participation is strictly confidential. Contact Project Rachel Coordinator Lori Eckstine at 1-800-249-8074 or via e-mail at ProjectRachel@catholiccharitiesoregon.org. The cost is \$150 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Generous financial assistance is available. The national website is: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

KBVM 88.3FM Catholic Radio Presents....

Divine Mercy Sunday benefit concert featuring Donna Cori Gibson on May 1st from 3:00-5:00pm at the Grotto's Chapel of Mary.

- *Music by Donna Cori Gibson
- *The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- *Sacrament of Reconciliation
- *Benediction

A free will offering will benefit KBVM.



St John's Lenten Labyrinth

(pronounced: Labyrinth)

You will have noticed the vast, grassy labyrinth in front of the church.

Walk on the grass, prayerfully to the middle of the labyrinth, pause, and prayerfully walk back out.

Say "Amen"

The labyrinth is for your own personal, meditative prayer walk. You are welcome to come at any time of the day or night for your own reflective time walking with God.

The directions below will be posted in the church, but it's easy if you remember that **the way in, - is the way out. You cannot get lost!**

Many people can walk the labyrinth at the same time.

The path is wide enough to pass one another coming in and going out. Naturally, we want to respect our fellow walker/prayers, with silence while in the area of the labyrinth.

There is no right way to walk a labyrinth. You have only to enter and follow the path. Your walk can encompass a variety of attitudes. It may be joyous or somber, it might be thoughtful or prayerful, and you may use it as a walking meditation or a walking rosary.

Some general guidelines for walking the labyrinth are:

Focus: Pause and wait at the entrance. Become quiet and centered, give an acknowledgement and reverence by a bow, nod and then enter.

Experience: Walk purposefully. Observe and feel the process. When you reach the center, stay there and focus for several moments. Leave when it seems appropriate. Be attentive on the way out.

Exit: Turn and face the entrance. Give a reverent acknowledgement of ending, such as "Amen".

Reflect: After walking the Labyrinth reflect back on your experience. Say a prayer of thanksgiving or gratitude.

Walk: Prayerfully

You are invited to my Pascal Banquet, Love Jesus.

Why, exactly, would I not come to the Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil??

As a group they are referred to as the **Paschal Triduum** and they are the very heart of the liturgical year. The liturgy of the three days are celebrating "the greatest mysteries of the redemption." (*Paschal Solemnitatis*)

One really interesting element of the Triduum is that it is ONE MASS contained in three days. The Mass begins on Thursday evening and finishes at the end of the Easter Vigil. It's quite moving and thrilling.

Not only do we remember what the Lord did for us, we actually experience it!!

Back in the day, 1600 years or so, the pilgrims began to commemorate the Passion of Jesus by going to Jerusalem during Holy Week and go to the places Jesus was; the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Path of the Cross, Crucifixion Hill, and the Tomb.

Over time it has developed into what we know today.

Remembering: In the liturgies of the Triduum, the church remembers the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, but it is more than just remembrance. It is about the present. "When the church remembers, something happens in the here and now. The Triduum is, in a word, *sacramental*; for the Resurrection is not just remembered, as great events in history are remembered, the resurrection *happens*."

Holy Thursday- the Mass of the Lord's Supper

The focus of this Mass is the Mass itself, and there are many distinctive elements.

The Gloria returns, there is a ritual gesture of the washing of feet, and there is a solemn procession of the Holy Oils. Jesus' last supper is emphasized as he unites the community by the sharing of himself. We remember the Lord's Supper is a sacrament of unity, of self giving, transformation, and memory. The evening finishes with a sacred procession transferring the Holy Eucharist out of the church to a place of repose. The theme that unites all of the different elements is Love. Only a community that is united in generosity and love can rightly celebrate the Eucharist, which is Christ's self-gift.

The liturgy of Holy Thursday does not simply tell us about Christ's love, through word, ritual action, and sacrament, *we experience it*.

Good Friday

The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday ends without any formal dismissal; and the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday begins without any formal introduction, not even the sign of the cross. This is one great liturgy, and our prayer flows without interruption from one celebration to the next.

Good Friday's celebration has changed very little over the centuries. In the earliest times it was (and still is) a time of fasting and mourning. In the fourth century the Good Friday celebration would be very recognizable to us today, with the principle parts: Veneration of the Cross, singing of hymns, and reading from scripture, including the passion narratives.

In today's Good Friday liturgy, the veneration of the Cross, is followed by Holy Communion, after which the altar is stripped and only the candles remain. Holy Friday is a very moving, quiet, solemn time. A time for us to come together as a community, to remember and pray about exactly what Jesus went through for each of us.

The Liturgy Commission



Father Robert Beltrami
Adminstrator 1985-1986

We are saddened to learn of the death of Franciscan Father Robert T. Beltrami, who had spent much of his priestly life working here in the Archdiocese of Portland. He was buried in San Francisco on Tuesday, March 29th.

Fr. Beltrami was born on September 28, 1930. He attended Sacred heart High School in San Francisco and the San Francisco State College and San Luis Rey College in San Luis Rey. His theological studies were at the Franciscan School of Theology in Santa Barbara. he was Ordained in Santa Barbara for the Santa Barbara Province of Franciscans on December 22, 1962 by Cardinal Timothy Manning.

In our archdiocese he was parochial vicar at Ascension Parish, Portland, from July of 1973 until July of 1976, at the same time teaching at Central Catholic High School. In 1976 he became pastor of Ascension parish until 1980 when he went on sabbatical to the Pastoral Institute at Notre Came University, in South Bend. On returning to Portland, he served as parochial vicar from 1982 until 1986 at St. Clare Parish, Portland. From 1985-1986 he served here at St. John's as Adminis-trator. From 1986 until 1990, we was pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Stayton; and from 1990 until 1998, he was pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Portland. His final assignment in our archdiocese was as pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Parish, Rainier, with mission at Clatskanie, where he served as pastor from 2002 until his retirement in 2009.

At the time of his death, Fr. Beltrami was 80 years old, 54 years professed as a Franciscan Friar, and 48 years ordained a priest. Please remember him and his Franciscan confreres in your Masses and prayers.

