

MASS INTENTIONS (\$10.00)

April 11—April 16

Tuesday	4/11	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	4/12	8:30 a.m.
Thursday	4/13	7:00 p.m.
Friday	4/14	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	4/15	8:30 p.m.
Sunday	4/16	9:00 a.m. For the Parish

From July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 the weekly need is \$3,885. This does not include Religious Education, Youth Ministry personnel, which could account for \$16,000 or more, nor does it include the Capital Campaign.

<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,885.00
<u>Collection April 1/2</u>	\$ 2,893.00
	\$ -992.00
Easter Flowers	\$110.00

Attendance

April 1	5:00 p.m.	50
April 2	8:00 a.m.	52
	10:00 a.m.	126

PRAYER REQUESTS

James Brown, Patricia Lightner, Barbra Cowlin, Pam Curnutt, Sandy Byers, Pauline Thompson, Chris Arnis, Bernard Offley, Debbie Medeiros, Leon Frappier, Ronald Schaumberg, Leo Carina, Bill Jauron, Marie Anderson, Joey Bates, Patty Lowe, Dick Wall, Lloyd Ebert, JoAnn Evans, Rodney Mann, Jim Fery, Craig Chabala, Marvel Brown, Martin Scheer Sr., Mike Bogdan, Nancy Picco, Marcy Wright, Mary Douthwaite, Virginia Kornegay, Dominique Earl, Geri Berg, Frank S. Austin Jr., Norma Schmidt, and Gail Norwood Young.

Surprise Package for Christmas Bazaar



It's already time again. We need slightly used items for the Christmas Bazaar Surprise Package. These items should be something that you wouldn't mind receiving as a gift (slightly used or new items). Remember us when you do your spring cleaning. Items can be brought to the office during regular hours throughout the year. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

Chrism Mass

April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

1716 NW Davis St, Portland

Everyone is invited

Religious Ed Classes

If public school is cancelled due to weather, Religious Ed will also be cancelled.

Pre-K through 6th grade after 10:00 a.m. Mass in Room 5.

There will be no classes on Palm Sunday or Easter, April 9 and 16.

First Communion practice and First Reconciliation is April 29 at 9:30 p.m.

First Communion is April 30 at 10:00 a.m. Mass

Sacramental Prep Reconciliation and First Communion classes will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Youth Group is on Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center but will not meet on Easter.

RCIA

The RCIA year is coming to an end. There are just a few classes left. Parishioners are always welcome and highly encouraged come to topics that interest them. Join us in Room 5 at 7:00 p.m.

4/25—*Reflection of Holy Week & Sacraments*

5/2—*Eucharist "Sacred Meal" & "Sacrifice"*

5/9—*Eucharist "Real Presence"*

5/16—*Peter and Paul, Missionaries*

Novena to Divine Mercy

We will be praying the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday through Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday (April 23rd).

Time—3:00 p.m. in chapel followed by Stations of the Cross every day of the Novena.

The Novena is also in the Vestibule if you want to pray the Divine Mercy at home.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Information for the April 15/16 bulletin needs to be emailed to stfred@comcast.net or brought in to the office by **Friday, April 7, 2017**.

Palm Sunday

On this Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion we hear, as we do every year on this day, the holy reading of Christ's Passion, from the Gospel of Matthew this year. The Passion is the climax of the entire history of Revelation and Redemption. Interwoven with the realities of Revelation and Redemption are two truths of our lives — human sin and divine love. The Lord died for our sins because He loves us.

Needless to say, this is the longest Gospel of the year. It is almost 2,700 words in length, which is longer than 30 of the Books of the Bible. Although we may find this to be a challenge, it is so important that we hear it on this day, the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week this evening. On this day we receive palm fronds because this is in part a reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. Palm branches are recognized as a symbol of both peace and victory, as this day reminds us of both.

The story of the Passion is so very significant to us as Catholics because it tells us Who God is. In the First Letter of John 4:8 one of the most basic facts about the Lord and our relation to Him is stated simply as "God is love." The Passion shows us exactly what love is. Love empties Himself of the glory at the right hand of the Father, and He takes the form of a slave. The love and humility evidenced within the Words of the Passion should become clear to us. That is why we need to hear it in its entirety. That is why we need to be participants within it because truly the people in the Passion represent us so vividly.

Any reflection offered on this day pales in comparison of the true Words we hear in the Passion. There is neither time nor space to offer a complete reflection on what we hear. Therefore, it might be best to focus on two small parts of this Gospel.

Early in the reading of the Passion, when Christ has gathered His Apostles for the Last Supper, He speaks of betrayal. Of course, all the Apostles are shocked and begin to ask "Is it I?" Jesus tells them, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me." We may think that Jesus is pointing clearly to Judas Iscariot at that point, but because of the customs at that time, all of them had dipped their hands into the dish with Him. Jesus is stating that His betrayer is a friend of His, someone who had shared much with Him in the recent past, someone who had eaten at the same table with Him many times.

What is remarkable about this is that even at that moment Jesus is telling Judas that He loves him, even though the Lord knows full well what Judas has already done, and Judas certainly is aware of what he has done as the betrayer. This love is the first thought which should permeate us as we hear this Passion. Jesus' love for us is so profound, and we are called to respond by loving Him and one another.

The other focus is the Lord's humility throughout the Passion, not just during the Passion, but throughout His entire life. This was a man, yes, but He was also God. Yet, His love was boundless and His humility is so obvious. That should be our concentration as well, especially during this Holy Week we are beginning. If we can love in some small way as Jesus has loved us, and if we can seek and find even an iota of the humility He shows, we will indeed be on the path to holiness.

Catholic Steward

Mater Dei Radio 2017 Spring Sharathon

Mater Dei Radio – KBVM 88.3 FM will broadcast its Spring Sharathon 2017 on May 1st through the 5th. Help them in "Building a Bridge of Mercy" by tuning in for a variety of special guests, inspiring conversion stories, special gifts, and an opportunity for you to support the region's only Catholic radio station. Find out more about Spring Sharathon 2017 at MaterDeiRadio.com or call 1-888-823-5286.

Important Holy Week Dates

Thursday, April 13	Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 14	Good Friday 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 15	Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 16	Easter Mass 9:00 a.m.

CRS Rice Bowl

The Catholic Relief Services' 2017 Rice Bowl campaign ends Easter Sunday, April 16. There are containers at the entrance of the Church for you to drop them in or bring the to the office.

Chili Feed and Raffle

Tickets for the Raffle and Chili Feed will be mailed out soon. This year, we have added a large cash prize raffle. Those tickets will be \$2 each and will be sold separately.

The New Fire Prayer Meeting meets every Wednesday in Room 5 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Betty Foll at 503-397-5894.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

Burgerville

We would like to thank Burgerville for placing an ad in our bulletin!

Pilgrimage to Fatima with Archbishop Sample

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Archbishop Sample will lead a pilgrimage to Fatima to celebrate the occasion. See the attached flyer for the itinerary and more details. Please share this information in your bulletins and newsletters. A copy of the flyer can be found on the home page of the diocesan website: www.archdpx.org. This pilgrimage to Fatima and Santiago de Compostela will be September **14-23, 2017**. The cost is \$3,250 per person departing from Portland. All are invited to join the pilgrimage.

Please let Todd Cooper know if you have any questions: tcooper@archdpx.org or 503-233-8386

Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Local Walking Pilgrimage and Celebration

Join Archbishop Alexander Sample and the World Apostolate of Fatima Portland Division for the Fatima Centennial Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, **May 13, 2017**; the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

To date, we have the following Fatima Pilgrimage Procession locations and starting times:

Holy Rosary Church—12:00 p.m.

Washington Park—11:20 p.m.

St. Stephen's church—10:50 p.m.

St. Michael Church—12:15 p.m.

All Pilgrimage processions have been calculated to converge at St. Mary's Cathedral at approximately 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. (Please note there is a detailed procession route plan that delineates all logistics including Portland's MAX Transit to facilitate large groups and parking.

Come on May 13th for this Centennial event. We invite everyone to join us. Visit MaterDeiRadio.com for more information. Or call, 503-784-8039. And, Learn, Live and Spread Our Lady's Message.

Are you Called to be a Monk?

Monastic Vocation Retreat at Mount Angel Abbey
April 28—30, 2017

Open to all men 18-45 years old; Free of charge
Contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at 503-845-3123
odorecker@mtangel.edu or visit the website:
www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations

Women's Society Event

There will be a Women's' Society bazaar workshop on **April 25th at 10:00 a.m.** in Buccini Hall. Karen Bates will be teaching a class on how to knit and crochet. Other experienced knitters and crochets will be on hand to help. Come have fun and learn a new skill! ALL are welcome.

Men's Silent Retreat

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters at Our Lady of Peace Retreat is hosting a Men's Silent Retreat.

May 5-7, 2017

Our Lady of Peace Retreat

3600 SW 170th Ave, Beaverton

Theme: "Growth in Prayer" with Father Brian Mullady, O.P. Father adds new insights and reflections to his favorite theme. Retreat begins with Friday dinner at 6:00 p.m. and concludes after Brunch on Sunday. The suggested donation is \$150.00. To register, phone the Retreat house at 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org

Hispanic High School Retreat

The annual Archdiocesan Pascua Juvenile for Hispanic youth age 13-18 will take place **April 28-30, 2017** at Aldersgate retreat center in Turner, Oregon. This weekend conference/retreat will feature music, fun, keynote speakers, reconciliation, and a Eucharistic Liturgy with Archbishop Sample. This year's theme is Rise Up with Jesus. Pascua is being planned collaboratively by the Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry and the Archdiocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. Registration is currently open. Additional information and forms are located at <http://hispano.archdpx.org/2017-pascua-juvenil>. The registration fee is \$125 per person and includes retreat materials, T-shirt, five hot meals, and two nights of lodging. The deadline for registering online and turning in all payments and forms is 11:59pm on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

82nd Annual Seminary Tea

At Portland Golf Club

Saturday, **May 3, 2017** from 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$35. For more information call 503-297-2994. The tea is a benefit for the education of seminarians preparing to serve in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.

MARRIED COUPLES

"For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on May 26th - 28th at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton Oregon. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org at www.rediscoverthespark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

Catholic Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values. Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat away with other engaged couples with plenty of time alone together to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together-- their strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, their attitudes about money, sex, children, family, their role in the church and society--in a face to face way. The next weekends are **April 28-30 and May 19-21**. To register contact our registration couple at: (503) 267-3605 or by e-mail at oregoncee@gmail.com.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the June 2017 program beginning with a weekend on **June 23 - 25**, call 503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Faith on Fire Catholic Family Weekend

July 14—16, 2017
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Anacortes, WA 98223

Faith on Fire is a spiritually transformative celebration of Catholic fellowship, family and vocations. It includes dynamic speakers, healing services, free camping, Mass, Adoration, Confession, talks just for kids and teens, and much more. Meals are available as well. Register at www.faithonfirenw.org or call 360-293-2101 for more information.

60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are invited to Ester and Dick Niece's 60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **April 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in Buccini Hall.

Resource, Videos & other Ideas for Lent

Le(n)t the Journey Begin! Did you prepare? It's **not too late to start**. Come learn: why we put dirt on our head, refrain from eating meat on Fridays, and other ancient spiritual practices.

There are many resources ideas and videos on Lent at <https://familife.archdpx.org/lent>

Make 2017 the best Lent ever!

ACCW Retreat: Building Fellowship and Witness

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) calls you to its annual Conference on **April 22, 2017** at **St. Therese Catholic Church Social Center at NE 132nd Avenue and Halsey Street, Portland, Oregon**. The goal of this gathering is to draw Catholic women together for an opportunity to learn more about being strong advocates for our faith and practical ways to educate and share ideas. All are welcome. The cost is \$40.00 which includes registration and lunch. For more information call Sue Anker at 503-252-2574.

Happenings This Week

Monday, April 10

Chrim Mass at the Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

RCIA Practice in the Church at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

Divine Mercy 9:30 a.m. Room 5

St Vincent de Paul meeting 2:30 p.m. Parish Center

New Fire Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Room 5

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Divine Mercy Novena 3:00 p.m. Chapel

Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

Divine Mercy Novena 3:00 p.m. Chapel

Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.