

**The Pastor's Corner . . .**

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most solemn week of the year which ends in the joyous feast of Easter. But before we get to the Resurrection, we need to work our way through Holy Week. We need to put ourselves fully in the events of this week.

We need to be part of the cheering, palm waving crowd that greets Jesus as he arrives in Jerusalem. We need to feel the excitement and anticipation as we greet our King and Messiah. We need to lift our children and grandchildren high enough to see Jesus.

Then we need also to put ourselves in the crowd on Good Friday that screams "crucify him". But you say that you would not have any part of that crowd! We need to be reminded that although it was the Roman soldiers who beat Jesus and nailed him to the cross, it was our sins that actually drove the nails into his hands and feet.

We must come to the realization that at times in our lives we have become like Peter and have denied Christ. Those times in our lives when we were confronted by the enemies of Christ and his Church, and we remained silent or denied our faith, we became like Peter in his denial. Then again, if like Peter we realized our error, and we wept tears of repentance, we returned to Jesus' side.

When we stand with Mary and the Apostle John at the foot of the cross, and with them share the pain and sorrow watching Jesus die a slow and agonizing death, we put ourselves fully into the Gospel. Then, if we truly understand the gravity of what we have done to our Savior, we can begin to reform our lives. Then we can begin to understand the depth of Jesus' love for us.

Then we can nourish our hope and confirm our faith and with great anticipation await the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

*Peace in Christ, Fr. Joe*

**AROUND ONE TABLE • THE DIOCESAN CHURCH**



Consider Hope: 9. "Hypomone is normally translated as "patience" - perseverance, constancy. Knowing how to wait, while patiently enduring trials, is necessary for the believer to be able to "receive what is promised" (Hebrews 10:36). In the religious context of ancient Judaism, this word was used expressly for the expectation of God which was characteristic of Israel, for their persevering faithfulness to God on the basis of the certainty of the Covenant in a world which contradicts God. Thus, the word indicates a lived hope, a life based on the certainty of hope. In the New Testament this expectation of God, this standing with God, takes on a new significance: in Christ, God has revealed himself. He has already communicated to us the "substance" of things to come, and thus the expectation of God acquires a new certainty."

*May God bless you. +Bishop Vasa*

**PLEASE SEE THE SPECIAL INSERT FOR PENANCE SERVICE, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 19. AND-TRIDUUM CEREMONIES DETAILS.**

**PLEASE NOTE  
There Will Be No Morning Masses or Confessions  
March 20, 21, 22.**

**The Benedictine Monks at Mount Angel Abbey & Seminary invite us to pray their St. Joseph Novena, March 11-19. Packets are located at the entrance of the church.**

**REHERSAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK  
HOLY THURSDAY: 2:30 ON PALM SUNDAY,  
CATHOLIC CENTER  
GOOD FRIDAY: 7PM TUESDAY, MAR. 18,  
DOWNTOWN CHURCH  
HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL: 3PM, SATURDAY, MAR. 22,  
DOWNTOWN CHURCH**

**Everyone is encouraged** to bring a bell from home to ring during the Gloria on Holy Thursday. Bring a piece of cloth to silence the bells thereafter until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil. You are also encouraged to silence your cell phone ring and put it on vibrate after Mass on Holy Thursday until after the Vigil on Saturday as a way of living out the great mystery we celebrate.

**During Holy Week**, all are encouraged to cover crucifixes at home, school and offices until Easter morning.

**EXPLORATIONS IN SPIRITUALITY with Fr. Logan**  
**We will resume Monday, April 14, 7:00PM** in the Faith Development Seminar Room at the Catholic Center, and continue through May 19. We will explore the life and spirituality of Mother Teresa of Calcutta with the Book, *Come Be My Light*, available at the Shalom Shop.

**Aloha** We are excited to announce the **26th Annual St. Francis School Auction.**  
*The dinner and auction will be held Fri., May 2 at the Catholic Center. This year's theme is a "Hawaiian Luau" featuring authentic Hawaiian food, drinks, and entertainment by Bill Keale.*  
**Tickets: \$60.** To purchase or for info please stop by the School office or call 382-4701.

**"An Evening With the Satellite Sisters"  
A Benefit for St. Francis of Assisi School  
April 4, 2008**  
Tickets are now on sale  
at St. Francis School

## PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, MEETINGS, FINANCIAL UPDATES

### RCIA—"Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults"

**NEW INQUIRERS** - Every Thursday, from 7-8:30 PM, in the RCIA Workroom. No meeting on Holy Thursday, Mar.20. Please join us for Mass 7PM, Catholic Ctr.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Meeting Mon., Apr. 14**, 6 PM Business & General Meeting 7 PM in the Seminar Room 1. For info call Grand Knight Bob Latham, 382-1927.



**Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.** Please call George Neal, 388-8481 for dates & place.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

will be collecting money for the Easter Flowers after all Masses on March 15-16.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**K-5:** Mar. 19, 2008 at 4 PM. Class ends at 5:30 PM.  
**1st Eucharist:** Next class Sun., Mar. 16, at 2:30 PM at the Catholic Center.

**TEEN SEEKERS-** Teen Seekers 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Celebration is Saturday, April 5, 5 PM Mass Downtown. Be at the Church at 4:30 for practice. Contact Susie, 382-3631 ext. 110 for more details!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Thank you for supporting our Retreat program with a donation on March 9. Next Meeting, Sunday, March 16, 4 PM at the Downtown Church for Stations of the Cross! Please bring \$10 for dinner. We need 5 Parents for chaperones. God Bless!



### CONFIRMATION

Next Meeting is Wednesday, Mar. 19 at 6:30 PM, Catholic Center. Journals are **MANDATORY AT ALL MEETINGS!**...finishing up Unit 3.  
New interview times are available on Susie's office door in the Parish Office -



### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Ministry** gathering is Sun., March 16, after the 5 PM Mass. For more info please email June at youthministry@stfrancisbend.org



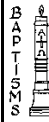
### LATINO MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Tamales Sales Sun., March 16, after 7:30 AM & 9 AM Masses

*Please remember those who have died, especially.  
Jack Lonien, Charles E. Donley, Father Harold Fumo.  
May they rest in the Peace of Jesus Christ.*

### INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

The next class will be held Apr. 3, 2008 at 7 PM. Please call the office, 382-3631 to register.



### A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

*"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"* shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we always be ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

**HELP NEEDED...**Easter Cleaning for the Downtown Church will be Tuesday, March 18th, 8:30 AM. IF you can help, please call 382-5335.

**ALTAR CARE** • Mar. 20, 21, 22- Ann Woods, Debbi Huber, Pat Wibel, Terry Chaney

**We are pleased to announce** that Sally Smith, our long-time Volunteer Coordinator, has accepted the position of Office Manager. Please stop by the office to welcome Sally.

### ONE OF GOD'S GREAT BLESSINGS!

Have you ever thought what a blessing it would be to serve our Lord, and our brothers and sisters, at the same time? God has the answer! Jesus said, *"Whatever you do for one of my brothers or sisters, however humble, you do for me."* (Matthew 25:31-46) Just a one-hour training session and a heart full of compassion will prepare you for a lifetime of God's blessings. You can become a Eucharistic Minister of the sick and shut-in. Please call Larry McCormack, 389-0467.

### Readings for the week of March 17-23 2008

#### Easter Sunday

**Mon. Mar. 17-** Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1,2,3,13-14;

John 12:1-11

**Tues., Mar. 18-** Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2,3-4a,5ab-6ab,15&17

**Wed. Mar. 19** -Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Matthew 26:14-25

**Thurs., Mar. 20-** Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; Psalm 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18; John 13:1-15

**Fri., Mar. 21-**Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-16,17,25; John 18:1-19:42

**Sat Vigil, Mar. 22** -Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,13-14,24,35; Psalm 33:4-5,6-7,12-13,20,22; Psalm 16:5,8,9-10,11; Matthew 28:1-10-

**Sun., Easter Mar. 23-** Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43; Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22,23; John 20:1-9

### SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR March 9 2008

Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$17,402.00
Actual Collection 3/9/08	\$12,434.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ 4,968.00)