



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

April 5, 2009

Passion/Palm Sunday

Good Morning, Good People!

We begin Holy Week in the reality of a world that is stress-filled on many levels. Our headlines are filled with stories that are not “good news:” a missing girl, a nursing home massacre, two wars, economic instability, global warming. This is the backdrop as we commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus this year. It might be appropriate to reflect on what we will be doing this week in light of this reality to recognize that we can live out the Paschal Mystery every day of our lives.

Palm Sunday – Understand fickleness. The same crowd that cheered Jesus as he entered Jerusalem will be the same crowd that jeered him the following Friday, demanding his death. Mob mentality lacks discernment.

Holy Thursday – Serve those in need and Eucharist. Jesus asks us to wash each other’s feet. How can we individually and as a parish help others during these times? We’d like to know: how are you affected by the current economic situation? What are your needs? Do you have gifts, expertise you are willing to offer that could help us meet individual needs? We have the Assistance to the Needy fund that can help with some monetary support. Are there other possibilities: Career coaching? Form a support group? Maintain a Resource list (places to look for jobs, get help with resumes etc.)? Schedule a give away/take away event? Print a list of questions to ask before taking someone into your home as a renter? Give a workshop on financial planning? All of these possibilities could be facilitated by volunteer parishioners. Would any of these be helpful to you? We want to know what you think. Please contact Kay Skonieczny if you can help or are in need of help yourself (kays@stfrancisparish.com or 443-8084 x111).

Jesus gave us the Eucharist. We believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine and shares himself with us. When we share ourselves with each other we also do Eucharist. Am I willing to share myself with the entire parish?

Good Friday – Help others carry their cross. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross. As we pass the cross through the congregation this year, let us focus on helping each other with our crosses throughout the year. As young hands and old hands support the heavy load of the wood, reflect on how each of us supports one another through tough times.



The stories of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus were the first stories that were repeated by the first followers of Jesus. These were the historical events that led them to believe that Jesus was the Son of God.

Reflect on the faith of Jesus as he places his entire life into the hands of God. For me, this is the ultimate paradigm of faith, to believe that God knows what is best and to trust God completely

in the face of death.

Easter Vigil – Rise with Christ. “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.”(Romans 6) When our reality touches us with sin and death, our faith steadies us to trust that we will live.

Our faith frames our reality this holy week.

Fr. Anthony

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:15 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

(in St. Clare Chapel)
12:10 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm*
or by appointment

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUN APRIL 5

8:30-11:30am Library Hours Library
 1:00pm Secular Franciscans Parish Center
 3:00pm Sacred Movement Church

MON APRIL 6

8:10am School Prayer Service Church
 6:00pm Contemplative Prayer Parish Center Chapel
 7:00pm Lectors Church

TUE APRIL 7

1:00pm Contemplative Prayer St. Clare Chapel
 6:00pm CIC I Brunsman Hall

WED APRIL 8

6:00pm Taizé Prayer Church

THU APRIL 9 – HOLY THURSDAY

10:30am Holy Thursday School Prayer Service Church
 8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Church

FRI APRIL 10 – GOOD FRIDAY

12:10pm Service of the Lord's Passion Church
 3:00pm Stations of the Cross Church
 8:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion Church

SAT APRIL 11 – HOLY SATURDAY

7:00am Church Cleaning Ministry Church
 8:00am Bread Baking Ministry PC Kitchen
 9:00am Tai Chi Sutter's Fort Park
 8:00pm Easter Vigil Church
 followed by reception in Brunsman Hall

SUN APRIL 12 – EASTER SUNDAY

7:30am, 9:30am, Noon Mass Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
 Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
 Jn 18:1 — 19:42

SATURDAY: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mk 16:1-7

SUNDAY: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4
 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Mk 16:1-7

THIS WEEKEND

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS FOR EASTERTIDE



You may pick up a copy of this very popular guide for the Easter season after Mass or during the week at the Parish Center. \$1 each.

PARISH COUNCIL MEET & GREET

AFTER ALL MASSES



Interested in more information about our parish? Something on your mind? Parish Council members are ready to assist you!



PARISH LIBRARY

OPEN

8:30-11:30AM

Ring the doorbell on the K St. side of the Parish Center!

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

WHAT'S FOR DINNER DURING LENT: HOLY WEEK



During Holy Week, we remember that Jesus celebrated Passover with his friends. 2,000 years later, Jewish families continue to enjoy the Seder meal, read from the Torah and eat matzoh. Often translated as "bread of affliction, matzoh literally means "poor person's bread." Remember that our collection on Holy Thursday is for Loaves & Fishes.

To find beautiful readings and prayers for Passover and learn about the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, go to www.coejl.org. Click on "resources" and go to "celebrate." You may wish to say this weekly Sabbath prayer by Michel Smart with your own family:

*Even if our own mouths were as full of song as the sea,
 And our lips as full of praise as the breadths of the heavens,
 And our eyes as bright as the sun,
 And our hands as outstretched as the eagles of the sky,
 And our feet as swift as gazelles,
 We could not thank you enough.*

Have a blessed Holy Week.

The Adult Faith Formation Advisory Committee

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



We begin our journey together with palms and hosannas, and end waiting with the women at Jesus' tomb.

How do we sustain one another's hope in the midst of sorrow?

HOLY WEEK/TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



PASSION SUNDAY (APRIL 4/5)

5:15pm (Saturday)
7:30am • 9:30am • Noon (Sunday)
Mass with distribution of palms

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 9)

8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by:

9:30pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Brunsmann Hall)

NO 12:10pm Mass on Holy Thursday

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 10)

9:00am Sacred Silence

12:10pm Service of the Lord's Passion
w/Veneration of the Cross & Communion
followed by Sacred Silence

3:00pm Stations of the Cross:
"Jesus Suffering and Crucified in
the Children of the World Today"

8:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion
w/Veneration of the Cross & Communion

NO 12:10pm Mass on Good Friday

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 11)

8:00 pm Easter Vigil
followed by reception in Brunsmann Hall

*NO scheduled confessions
or 5:15 PM Mass on Holy Saturday*

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 12)

7:30 am, 9:30 am, Noon Mass



HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM



THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The word Triduum (pronounced "TRIH-doo-uhm") comes from the Latin and means "three days."

Triduum refers to the three most sacred days in the church year, beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaching its high point at the Easter Vigil and concluding with evening prayer on Easter Sunday—one liturgy in three interlocking movements: we wash one another's feet (Holy Thursday), reverence the cross (Good Friday), light fires in the night, proclaim the stories of our salvation, and welcome new members into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (Easter Vigil). All are especially invited to come together as community to celebrate these sacred days.

HOLY SMOKE!

If you are allergic or sensitive to incense, please note: we will use incense during our Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil liturgies.



HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

At the beginning of Lent, the Adult Faith Formation Committee suggested that we donate money saved by not eating meat to Loaves & Fishes, and they provided special envelopes for our donations (available at the doors of the church). In addition, our Holy Thursday collection will go to feed the hungry at Loaves and Fishes.



HOLY THURSDAY FOOTWASHING

As part of the Holy Thursday Liturgy of the Word, we remember that moment of the Last supper when Jesus washed the feet of the apostles. In the quiet of the first evening of Triduum, after weeks of Lenten journeying, we bathe one another's feet.

Stations will be placed throughout the church as we are once again invited to do as Jesus instructed: to be washed and to wash—acts of humility and charity. Those who would like to participate will remove their shoes and socks, and wait, seated, until invited by the ushers to move towards the nearest station. Participants will have their feet washed and will then turn to wash the feet of the next person.

This is a grace-filled experience, an opportunity to practice the gospel message—to be of service to one another, especially to those who are strangers to us.

ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us in the church at 8:10am this Monday for our weekly Prayer Service, led by our 4th grade.



ALFOMBRAS EASTER CARPET

Please join our school on Holy Thursday at 10:00am in the schoolyard for our annual "Alfombras," an Easter carpet, created from dyed sawdust. Alfombras is a tradition that takes place each Holy Thursday in Latin American countries.

Grades 5-8 will create a carpet path which will lead all of us into church for our Holy Thursday Prayer Service. It is a beautiful, contemplative procession and we would love to have you join us!

EASTER VACATION

Our school will begin Easter vacation on Good Friday, April 10. We will resume school on Monday, April 20. May our loving God bless you and your family this Easter season!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Children are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during 9:30am Mass.

Parents are welcome to accompany their children to the Parish Center Chapel during the Liturgy of the Word and return with them for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. *No registration fee.*

NURSERY

Children ages 1- 4 years are welcome to attend the "Little Lambs" nursery program, which is staffed by volunteer teens and parents during the 9:30am Mass in the Assisi Room in Brunsman Hall.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WELCOME

We welcome and are committed to providing religious education and Sacramental Preparation for children with disabilities.

Children's Faith Formation contact: *Georgie Saydak*
(443-8084 x112 or GeorgieS@stfrancisparish.com)

WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



John and Anastasia Bartle
Tiffany Bautista
Kelly Bolderson-Baglin
Ethan and Carmela Dye
Bridget and Anthony Pesce
Misty Sanders
Antoinette Stratton
Theresa Stratton

FRIARY REWIRING UPDATE



Our engineer is working on load calculations. Our goal is to rebalance electrical loads, so that we can use as much of the present wiring as possible.

Thank you to all who have contributed so far. Your donations now total **over \$32,000!** If you would like to make a contribution, please use one of the yellow envelopes available in your pew labeled "Friary Rewiring."

Your parish and friar communities
thank you for your generosity and concern!

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

for THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Sean Hudnall • Maria Mercedes Castro
Arturo Lara • Gilberto Lara

for THOSE CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Thad Parry

for THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

for the FAITH COMMUNITY of

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in Vallejo (*feast day: April 5*)

Prayer Request contact: *Kay Skonieczny*
(443-8084 x1111 / KayS@stfrancisparish.com).



OPPORTUNITIES



FEAST FOR THE STREETS

THIS WEDNESDAY • APRIL 8

5:30-8:30PM • SCOTTISH RITE
MASONIC CENTER

Proceeds benefit Francis House. More info or to purchase tickets: (www.francishouse.info or 443-2646).

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY • APRIL 10

8:45AM-11:15AM

GATHER AT CROCKER PARK
(3RD & N STREETS)



You are invited to join this procession of the cross to the Capitol steps and ending at the Cathedral, where you are invited to participate in the Good Friday Liturgy. This event is organized by the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation in cooperation with the Diocese of Sacramento. More info: www.clonline.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

MONDAYS • APRIL 13-MAY 18

7:00-8:00PM

PARISH CENTER LIBRARY



Were you baptized as a child but never completed your initiation with confirmation? Something happened as a teenager and you put it off? Thinking about being confirmed now?

Once a year, we offer 6 sessions in preparation for adult confirmation. Take this opportunity to ask questions, review our faith, and talk about the sacrament of confirmation. Call Sr. Peggy (443-8084 x103) to make an appointment for a brief conversation BEFORE the sessions begin. The fullness of the Spirit is offered to you, and the world awaits your gifts!



WANT TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

WEDNESDAYS • STARTING APRIL 15

6:30PM • PARISH CENTER

You are welcome to join us for a six-week RCIA Inquiry session. At the end of six weeks, there will be a retreat and opportunity to participate in the Rite of Acceptance for those discerning God's call to take the next step in the RCIA process. Please contact Sr. Peggy for more info (443-8084 x103 or PeggyC@stfrancisparish.com).

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK...

TUESDAYS • STARTING APRIL 21

6:30PM • ST. CLARE CHAPEL



There are many reasons why you may have left the Church. No matter what they are, we are here to listen and support you., to help you make peace with whatever may have caused you to leave. If you want to explore today's church, we can give you a start. That's just one option. We seek to offer whatever you need to continue your spiritual journey, wherever it takes you. More info: Sr. Peggy (443-8084 x103 or peggyc@stfrancisparish.com).

ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY PRESENTS...



3RD ANNUAL FERIA: A NIGHT IN SPAIN

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

5:30PM

ST. FRANCIS "PLAZA"

Celebrate Spain's rich culture— its cuisine, wines, and (live) Flamenco music and dance performances. Live and silent auctions; proceeds benefit St. Francis Elementary School. Tickets available for \$50. Ticket forms available at www.feriasacramento.com or the school office.

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL EARTH DAY EVENT

SATURDAY • MAY 2

8:30AM - 3:30PM • BRUNSMAN HALL

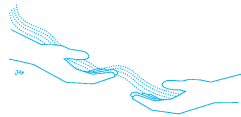


The Adult Faith Formation Committee invites you to its third annual Earth Day Event. Back by popular demand, Dominican Sister Linda Gibler will present "Non-Violent Ideals in a Violent Cosmos." Gibler is Associate Academic Dean and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX and author of *The Evolutionary Epic: Science's Story and Humanity's Response*. She's also a dynamic and engaging presenter. \$20 includes lunch. More info: Sandra (457-9489).

AN EVENING OF HEALING MUSIC

"Celebrating the Love You Are" with Ashana, who has graciously donated her time to do this benefit concert for Healing Journeys, Loaves and Fishes and Franciscan Living, non-profit organizations whose missions support healing and care of the body, mind and spirit. Thursday, May 14, 7:30-9:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Buy tickets at Sunlight of the Spirit or online at www.sunlightofthespirit-books.com. \$20 advance or \$25 at the door.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES



TITHING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Please consider serving on our St. Francis Tithing Committee, which meets quarterly to select for the pastor's approval local, national and international justice/advocacy organizations whose missions are compatible with our own.

The number of organizations to receive awards and the amounts awarded are determined each year as part of the parish budget process. For our fiscal year 2008/09, \$3,000 was budgeted for grants of \$250/ organization. 3rd and 4th quarter 2009 recipients are: Foundation for Int'l Community Assistance, Heifer Int'l, Loaves and Fishes, Solar Cookers Int'l, W.E.A.V.E, and New Ways Ministry.

If you are interested in volunteering for the committee, or if you have a charity you would like the committee to consider, you are welcome to attend a meeting or contact the committee (TithingCom@stfrancisparish.com).



ENGAGED SPIRITUALITY AND BIRTH OF A CHURCH

What is "an option for the poor?" How can we live our faith? Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM has some answers and experiences to share. If you weren't able to attend our Lenten Retreat – and even if you were – you may want to read *Engaged Spirituality and Birth of a Church*. To purchase copies of these books, contact Br. James (443-8084 x106 or JamesS@stfrancisparish.com). \$16/book.

OUR SHELVES RUNETH OVER!

We are grateful for the many generous donations to our parish library, but our shelves are literally

overflowing and many of the donated books and other materials are duplicates or not a "good fit" for our small collection. Please check with Pat Pavone, our Library Coordinator, if you have books or DVDs that you would like to donate (library@stfrancisparish.com or call her at (916) 397-7831). Thank you!



CHECK OUT CHAPTER 4 (c 1900 - c 1910)

What was a "city scavenger?" The "miasma" theory of disease? Why was Sacramento's water known as "Sacramento Straight?" Where did Sacramento sewage go before there was a sewage system? Find out the answers to these questions and learn about our church in the first decade of the 20th Century in this latest chapter of our website history project (www.stfrancisparish.com/history).



Due to the many period photos, maps and other graphics that illustrate this chapter, it takes about 20 seconds to open, but it's worth the wait!



EASTER FLOWERS

Help us to celebrate Easter with flowers! Please use one of the offering envelopes marked "FLOWER DONATION" in your pew to contribute to our Easter Flowers Fund. Thank you!

MYSTICS, REBELS AND PROPHETS

Save the date: Edwina Gateley will present a week on "Mystics, Rebels and Prophets: Women Who Went before Us and Walk with Us Today," June 21-28 at Mercy Center Auburn. More info or to register: www.mercycenter.org. \$450 resident or \$275 commuter.

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Sacramento County's nationally-recognized community chaplain program provides immediate on-scene personal support to people traumatized by suicides, homicides, accidents and other daily tragedies. Lay volunteers preserve a ray of hope in the darkest times of people's lives. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, or if you just want to learn how to care for people in crisis, visit www.sacchaplains.com or email director@crisiscare.us.

PASTORAL CARE RETREATS FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE OR VIOLENCE

If you have been touched or affected by abuse or violence, consider participating in two special retreats that focus on healing and turning to God for strength, guidance and hope as we journey to heal the wounds in our lives. Friday April 24 (Journey into Healing: A Silent Retreat) and Friday October 2 (Healing the Mind, Body and Spirit – a Therapeutic Approach). Christ the King Retreat Center, 9:00am to 4:00pm. More info or to register: Esther Castillo (733-0142).

FINANCE AT-A-GLANCE

WEEKLY COLLECTION	Mar 28/29	\$6,133
DIRECT DEPOSIT*	March	\$6,255
YEAR-TO-DATE	July 01-June 30	\$468,158
BUILDING FUND	March	\$6,367
STEP MINISTRY	March	\$3,205
TAIZÉ PRAYER	March	\$60
FRANCIS HOUSE	March	\$1,480
FRIARY REWIRING	To Date	\$32,142
HOME MISSION APPEAL		\$976

*\$382 Building Fund; \$390 Step Ministry; \$30 Taizé

Thank You For Your Generosity!

CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. FRANCIS

Direct deposit: Enrollment forms are available online at www.stfrancisparish.com, in the church literature racks, & at the parish center). **Donations may also be made to the Building Fund, Step Ministry or other parish programs using direct deposit.**

Personalized offering envelopes: To request envelopes, contact Barbara Bucher, Membership Coordinator (443-8084 x101 or Membership@stfrancisparish.com).

PARISH INFORMATION

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ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 2500 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 • **PHONE:** 916.442.5494
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PARISH REGISTRATION & CONTACT INFO UPDATE FORM

NAME 1: _____ (Last Name, First Name)	NAME 2: _____ (Last Name, First Name)	
ADDRESS: _____ (Street Address)	_____ (City, State)	_____ (Zip Code)
HOME PHONE: () _____	WORK PHONE 1: () _____	WORK PHONE 2: () _____
CELL PHONE: () _____	E-MAIL (h): _____	E-MAIL (w): _____

Please place this form in the **collection basket** or

• **MAIL it:** 1066 26th St., Sacramento CA 95816

• **FAX it:** 916-443-7356

• **REGISTER ONLINE:**

www.stfrancisparish.com/membership.htm

CHILDREN'S NAMES	M/F	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE

Please use this form to **let us know if your information has changed.** Thanks!