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## EIGHTH ANNUAL CHRISM MASS & WOMAN'S SILENT RETREAT:

*A Marian Retreat of prayer for our Holy Father, Bishops, Priests, Religious, Vocations, and us, the priestly people, to bring peace to the world.*

**RETREAT:** Friday, March 23 - Monday a.m., March 26

**WHERE:** Diocesan Retreat Center, Powell Butte

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Lynne Bissonnette, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Fr. Robert Greiner, presiding

### CHRISM MASS:

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral,  
Baker City, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29.

The complete schedule, pricing information, and registration information can be found on the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org). For more information, please call Judy Newport at (541) 923-6946. To register, please call Patti Rausch at (541) 388-4004.

### WHY THE CATHEDRAL?

The Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese of Baker, and where the Chrism Mass is held annually, as well as where most Ordinations and other major functions take place.

The offices of the Chancery were moved to Bend in 1985, but the Bishop still celebrates Christmas and Easter at the Cathedral.

The St Francis De Sales Cathedral was constructed between 1906 and 1908, and was dedicated on April 9, 1908. It was built from volcanic tuff stone that was hauled from nearby Pleasant Valley. A St. Francis Academy was built next to it with the same stone, but was unfortunately torn down in 1970, after educating hundreds of students over the years.



Chrism Mass 2011, Bishop William Skylstad presiding.

Various renovations took place over the years, particularly in 1944, when many stencils were painted on the walls. Unfortunately, these were covered up in 1958.

In 1980, a wooden screen was installed behind the altar and removed again in 2007, when a baldacchino was erected and the tabernacle replaced in the center. The Cathedral sanctuary was finally returned to its original beauty.

Stained glass windows, crafted in 1923, 1958 and 1965, adorn the sides of the Cathedral and four smaller stained glass windows were added in the day-chapel in 2005.

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral is frequented by many parishioners in the Diocese, especially around the Chrism Mass every year. Many people however are not aware of the day-chapel that is behind the Cathedral and where Mass is celebrated three times a week. The day-chapel was crafted by John Fuzi, a local parishioner between 2004 and 2005, and was opened officially in the spring of 2005, just before Fr. Julian Cassar arrived as the new pastor. Four beautiful stained-glass windows adorn the windows, crafted by Conrad Schmidt Company, depicting the Divine Mercy, St. Jude, St. Therese of Liseiux and Our Lady of Lourdes (above). The chapel was recently repainted by another parishioner, Art Corona, and it was blessed again during one of the daily Masses on Thursday, February 16. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday between 6 a.m., starting with Mass and ending at 3 p.m. with the Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction.



The photo above shows John Fuzi (left) and Art Corona (right) next to the tabernacle in the day chapel.

## REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP SKYLSTAD

### The Lenten Journey



For some reason this year, I have been especially touched by the series of miracles Jesus performed as we have listened to the Gospel readings the last few weeks. More specifically, I appreciated hearing from the Gospel of Mark the cure of the paralytic once again. There is a mixture of seriousness and humor in the story. First of all, the paralytic is an invalid. He can't walk. He needs to be carried. There is a huge crowd surrounding Jesus so there is no way this man and his friends can get close. But there are options...through the roof after lifting up some of the tiles. What a riot! And how clever! Jesus heals him and also forgives his sins. No mention is made of what kind of sin, but it really doesn't matter. The general description can refer to sins in every one of us.

The condition of paralysis at the time of Jesus must especially have been a burden. Yet this man is hopeful, and we don't know if he persuaded some of his friends to help him or they were the ones who took the initiative. In any case, the situation of paralysis has great symbolic value for all of us. Paralysis can be spiritual as well as physical. Sin is an indication of some kind of spiritual paralysis. Everyone one of us has it. In the case of the paralytic in the Gospel of Mark, he searches out Jesus for healing. The efforts to which his friends and he go indicate how focused they were in seeking healing. Forgiveness of sin was part of the package.

The Season of Lent is a good time more than any other to recognize our particular kind of paralysis, great or small, and search out the Lord. We can do so in prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation, devotional practices, fasting, alms giving. And we don't even have to climb on top of the roof to do it although the firm intention of the paralytic is something all of us could well emulate. Lent is a good time for firming up our good intentions and resolutions.

The paralytic was helpless. He couldn't do it alone. His friends, symbolic of our community of faith, came to the rescue. We can't do it alone either. When we hear Jesus talk about loving one another, forgiving one another, reconciling with one another, we remind ourselves of how interconnected we are as a community of faith. Communities of faith can also be impacted by some kind of paralysis that needs healing. Or take a look at what is happening in some of the countries around the world. Some of them are terribly afflicted with the paralysis of violence, ethnic and/or religious tension, greed, arrogance, just to mention a few realities.

As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in his Lenten message this year, we need to pay attention to relationships, to community. The better we do community, the more effective we will be in assisting others with their paralysis of life. May we all work hard at that challenge! Blessings and peace.

## REFLEXIONES DESDE OBISPO SKYLSTAD

### El camino cuaresmal

Por alguna razón, este año, me ha llamado la atención especialmente por serie de milagros realizados por Jesús, en el Evangelio de las últimas semanas. Específicamente, escuchar una vez más la curación del parálítico del Evangelio de Marcos. Hay una mezcla de seriedad y de humor en la historia. En primer lugar, el parálítico es un inválido. Él tiene que ser transportado. Hay una gran multitud rodeando a Jesús y no hay forma de que él y sus amigos pueden acercarse. Pero hay opciones... por el techo después de quitar algunas tejas. ¡Qué desbarajuste! ¡Y qué inteligente! Jesús le cura y perdona sus pecados. No se menciona qué clase de pecado, pero no importa. La descripción general puede hacer referencia a los pecados de cada uno de nosotros. El estado de parálisis especialmente, en la época de Jesús, deben haber sido una carga. Sin embargo, este hombre tiene esperanza, y no sé si él convenció a sus amigos para que lo ayudaran o ellos tomaron la iniciativa. De cualquier manera, la situación de parálisis tiene un gran valor simbólico para todos nosotros. La parálisis puede ser espiritual, así como física. El pecado es indicación de algún tipo de parálisis espiritual. Cada uno de nosotros la tiene. En el caso del parálítico en el Evangelio de Marcos, busca a Jesús para ser sanado. Los esfuerzos que él y sus amigos hacen nos indican las ganas de buscar la curación. El perdón de los pecados era parte del paquete.

El tiempo de Cuaresma es un buen momento, más que cualquier otro para reconocer nuestra parálisis particular, grande o pequeña, y para buscar al Señor. Podemos hacerlo en la oración, en la reconciliación, las prácticas de devoción, el ayuno, o la limosna. Y no tenemos que subir al techo para hacerlo aunque la firme intención del parálítico es algo que todos deberíamos imitar. La Cuaresma es un buen momento para reafirmar nuestras buenas intenciones y resoluciones.

El parálítico no podía hacer nada solo. Sus amigos, simbolizan a nuestra comunidad de fe, que viene al rescate. Tampoco podemos hacerlo solos. Cuando oímos a Jesús decir amarse unos a otros, perdonarse unos a otros, la conciliación de uno con otro, nos recuerda lo conectados que estamos como comunidad de fe. La comunidad de la fe también puede verse afectada por algún tipo de parálisis que necesita curación. Echemos un vistazo a lo que está sucediendo en algunos países del mundo. Algunos de ellos son terriblemente afectados por la parálisis de la violencia, tensiones étnicas y / o religiosas, la codicia, la arrogancia, por mencionar sólo unas pocas realidades.

Como el Papa Benedicto XVI nos recuerda en su mensaje cuaresmal de este año, tenemos que prestar atención a las relaciones, a la comunidad. Cuanto mejor hacemos comunidad, más efectivos seremos para ayudar a los demás con la parálisis de la vida. Que todos podamos trabajar duro en ese desafío! Bendiciones y paz.

## SAINTS AND FEASTS: Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary, March 19th.

St. Joseph is called by many names; foster father of Jesus, husband of Mary, carpenter of Nazareth and others. In many ways he is the “forgotten Saint”.

Scripture tells us very little about St. Joseph and he is only mentioned in the first chapters of Matthew’s and Luke’s Gospel. Consider the depth of faith in this remarkable man. When confronted with the news that his betrothed is with child and he is not the father, his first concern is for Mary’s safety; he does not want to put her in danger of stoning. In a dream, he is advised to marry Mary immediately; he does and goes with her to Bethlehem. He follows the precepts of the law and takes Mary and Jesus to the Temple for presentation of the child and his circumcision. Having been advised by an Angel, he takes Mary and the child Jesus to Egypt. He goes without hesitation to a country that hates the Jews, has no job, has no house, has only the meager provisions that they brought with them to Bethlehem. But he goes and stays for two years in this foreign land. He returns to Nazareth and provides for Mary and Jesus never complaining; doing what God calls him to do. He sets an example for all fathers to follow. We do not know where, why or when Joseph died but surely he must be in heaven with Mary and Jesus. Don’t be afraid to ask Joseph’s help, I’m sure he has friends in high places. - Fr. Joseph Reinig

Pope John XXIII added the name of Joseph to the Canon of the Mass. The March 19 feast is a solemnity and is transferred to another date if impeded (for instance, if it falls on a Sunday within Lent).

*Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen*



### BISHOP SKYLSTAD’S SCHEDULE:

-March 3	RCIA Day of Recollection in Powell Butte
-March 4	Confirmation in Chiloquin, Bly
-March 5	Talk in Sisters on Care of Creation
-March 17 & 18	Confirmation in Condon, Fossil and Arlington
-March 20	Department Head Meeting
-March 24	Confirmation in Milton-Freewater
-March 25	Confirmation in Pilot Rock
-March 27	Review Board for Protecting God’s Children meeting
-March 29	Chrism Mass 7:00 PM at the Cathedral in Baker City
-April 1	Palm Sunday in Baker City
-April 5-7	Holy Week in Baker City
-April 8	Easter Sunday in Baker City

## DIOCESAN LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULES:

### CENTRAL DEANERY:

St. Patrick, Madras	March 15, 16	5:00 p.m.
	March 17	4:00 p.m.
St. Thomas, Redmond	March 26	7:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi, Bend (new)	March 27	7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph, Prineville	April 3	7:00 p.m.
St. Edward, Sisters	Please contact parish.	

### EASTERN DEANERY:

St. Francis de Sales, Baker City	March 20	7:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament, Ontario	March 21 (Youth)	6:00 p.m.
	March 28 (Parish)	6:00 p.m.
St. Bernard, Jordan Valley	March 23	6:00 p.m.
St. Bridget, Nyssa	March 30	7:00 p.m.
Holy Family, Burns	April 2	6:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth, John Day	April 3	6:30 p.m.
St. Patrick, Vale	Please contact parish.	

### NORTHERN DEANERY:

Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston	March 20	7:00 p.m.
St. Helen, Pilot Rock	March 21	7:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi, MF	March 22	6:30 p.m.
St. Mary, Elgin	March 22	6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande	March 26	7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony, North Powder	March 27	6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart, Union	March 28	6:00 p.m.
St. William, Lone	Please contact parish.	
St. Patrick, Heppner	Please contact parish.	
St. Mary, Pendleton	Please contact parish.	
St. Andrew Mission, Pendleton	Please contact parish.	

### SOUTHERN DEANERY:

St. Pius X, Klamath Falls	March 26	7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Chiloquin	April 3	4:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls	April 3	7:00 p.m.
St. Patrick, Lakeview	April 3	7:00 p.m.
St. Augustine, Merrill	Please contact parish.	

### WESTERN DEANERY:

St. Alphonsus, Dufur	March 23	7:00 p.m.
St. Mary, Hood River	March 30	7:00 p.m.
St. John, Condon	April 2	7:00 p.m.
St. Peter, The Dalles	April 4	7:00 p.m.

**28 days until Easter:** Perform an examination of conscience and seek healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Take one idea from today’s Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.
- At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Pick one change to make.
- Look for evidence of God at work in your life today.

### PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to Rev. Jude Onogbosele, Judge Pro Tem for the Diocese of Baker and pastor of St. Edward, the Martyr in Sisters. Father Onogbosele was ordained to the priesthood on March 22, 2003.

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our priests. Please keep them in your prayers.



### PARISH NEWS: Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston

For the past 6 years the youth at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston have been participating in the annual "Souper Bowl" event. The event was originally started by youth here in the United States who were concerned that many people would be going hungry while many Americans celebrating the Super Bowl would be overindulging on food and snacks throughout the day. The goal is to ask people to donate at least one dollar, or canned food items, to go towards feeding the hungry. Generous parishioners donated cans of food and \$873.00 in cash.

Groups are directed to give the donations to entities of their choice who serve the hungry. The Youth at Our Lady of Angels chose to split the money between the church's Friday Soup Kitchen and the local food bank, the Agape House.

The youth would also like to extend a challenge to other groups in our Diocese to take part in next year's Souper Bowl event. You can register online and you will receive free promotional materials and ideas. At the end of the event collection totals are reported online and you are provided with a certificate for participation.

***Feed the poor – it's a Corporal Work of Mercy!***



Pictured left to right: Cesar Alvarado, Ashley Moreno, Adriana Rosales, Kneeling, Erik Alvarado - some of the youth who collected at the Masses.



Youth pictured left to right: Evan Yzaguirre, Christian Yzaguirre, JoAnna Pihl, Caitlin Yzaguirre - presenting a check to Jerry Tremblay, leader of the Friday Soup Kitchen crew.



Caitlin Yzaguirre, JoAnna Pihl, Evan Yzaguirre, and Christian Yzaguirre - presenting a "Souper Bowl" collection check to Doug Alvarez, a board member of the Agape House.

### DIOCESAN NEWS: Father Joseph Reinig retiring from Vicar General Position.

After coming out of retirement from parish duties to serve the Diocese as Vicar General for the past 12-14 months, Father Joseph Reinig has determined it is time to truly retire. He plans on offering his services to the Diocese as a supply priest, relieving active priests for vacation, etc., and taking a cruise or two during the year. We are most grateful for his services to the Diocese both as a Pastor and as Vicar General and hope he has many years ahead to enjoy his well earned retirement.

Bishop Skylstad has appointed Father Rick Fischer as our new Vicar General effective March 1. Father Fischer has also agreed to serve again as Vocation Director for the Diocese. He will continue as Pastor of St. Pius X Church in Klamath Falls.

### PARISH NEWS: St. Williams, Lone

For more years than anyone can remember, Loa McElligott quietly and meticulously cared for the altar cloths at St. William's Parish in Lone. Never a wrinkle or pucker was allowed to survive when she changed the cloth from the plain to the ornate to coordinate with the changes in season on the church calendar. Just over a year ago, Loa announced her decision to turn this sacred duty over to the next generation. Then in July of 2011, the then 87 year old pillar of St. Williams took a nasty fall at her home and on Christmas day of the same year, went home to her heavenly Father.



In her honor, Loa's daughter, Melissa Sherlock, donated money for St. William's Altar Society to purchase two new altar cloths, a fitting remembrance. The Altar Society contacted parishioner, Marlene Pointer, who owns a sewing shop in Heppner (Sew On Et Cetera) about making two new sets. One set for special occasions is trimmed in gold while the other is trimmed in white. The new cloths were delivered in time for Christmas.

The church family at St. Williams misses Loa but will remember her faith and devotion each time they admire the new altar cloths.