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Parish News: St. Francis of Assisi, Bend

Pro-Life Monument



A new Pro-Life Monument has been installed at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bend, adjacent to the new church. The Monument is still unfinished, but it was blessed by Father Julian during the school Mass on January 22, the anniversary of the legalization of abortion. The project was started by the local Knights of Columbus, but other parishioners also helped in the creating of the monument.

Catholic School Week



Bishop Liam Cary was overwhelmingly received by the children, teachers and parents of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Bend, when he visited to celebrate Catholic School week and celebrate Mass with Father Julian. Bishop Cary spoke to the children during his homily and ended the Mass with a time for Adoration and Benediction. Afterward the children greeted him as he visited some of the classes in the school.

St. Francis of Assisi continued...

New Monstrance Donated



A new Monstrance was recently donated by a group of parishioners of St Francis of Assisi parish. The Monstrance will be used during the perpetual Adoration which is held daily in the downtown histor-

ic church from 7 AM till 6 PM, Monday to Friday. Two new chalices were also donated, one for the new church and another one for the historic church.

On the weekend of February 1 and 2, Deacon Dominick Peloso of Menlo Park, California, spoke at all the Masses encouraging more people to spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Quite a few new parishioners signed up to spend an hour with Jesus.

Encountering Christ in Holy Week

RCIA Retreat - March 22 - Powell Butte Retreat Center



The RCIA is a journey unlike any other in this world! It is a journey of faith and conversion in Jesus Christ.

The Diocese of Baker invites all those preparing for full communion with the Catholic Church to spend a day of reflection and prayer with other RCIA participants and sponsors as your journey brings you to the threshold of the "way, the truth, and the life" of Jesus Christ.

Presentations will include:

- ⇒Journeying with Jesus through the *Holy Triduum*
- ⇒Praying the Stations of the Cross
- ⇒How to get the most out of Holy Week
- ⇒Final preparations for Sacraments of Initiation

Information and registration available online: go to the Diocesan website (www.dioceseofbaker.org) and select 'Diocesan Calendar' and then go to March 22. Or call / email Barry at 541-388-4004 / barry@dioceseofbaker.org.

Thoughts Along The Way

—Bishop Cary

Incarnation as Invasion

This column is an adaptation of a homily I gave on January 27th in Ontario, the III Sunday of the Liturgical Year.

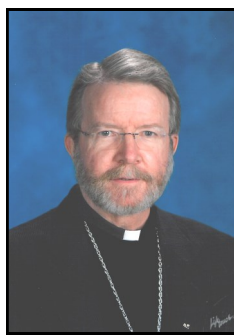
In the Gospel Jesus of Nazareth bursts forth from obscurity into the dramatically public life he will lead until his dying breath. With the arrest of John the Baptist “Jesus began to preach.” He made John’s message of repentance his own, but with striking adaptations. John’s galvanizing baptizing had said to the people indiscriminately, “Come to me” to be washed clean in the Jordan. But Jesus, in contrast, said to a few chosen ones, “Come *after* me.” And “he went around all of Galilee.” His was a message on the move. It would set in motion the lives of those who followed him as well, for he promised to make them “fishers of men.”

The 204 villages around the Sea of Galilee had a long-standing, well-deserved reputation for rebelliousness. Half Jewish and half Gentile, the region was darkened by paganism. The prophet Isaiah called it “a land overshadowed by death”—an apt image of the World in the hold of the dark power of the Devil. This “Galilee of the Gentiles” is the world Jesus invaded with his preaching. I like to think of the Incarnation as an invasion. In order to overthrow the dominion of the Devil, the Son of God had to invade his domain, just as the Allies had to invade Europe at Normandy in 1944 to set the captive peoples free. Hitler did not expect the invasion to occur there because the Allies tricked him into thinking they would land elsewhere. As a result he did not send enough troops to Normandy to keep them from securing the beachhead.

Jesus secured the beachhead for the Incarnation in a place Satan was not expecting either—the obscurity of a stable in Bethlehem. But his agent Herod was quick to react when Magi from the East came in search of “the newborn king of the Jews.” He slew the Holy Innocents and probably thought he had repulsed the invasion. Nothing in the next thirty years of the Incarnate Son’s hidden life at Nazareth would have aroused his suspicion anew.

In today’s Gospel the Incarnate Son launches a frontal attack on the Devil’s dominion, announcing the invasion in words Satan most fears to hear: “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” The walls have been breached; Satan’s hold has been broken: another authority is at loose in his land. A rival King says, “Come, follow *me*.”

In this war of liberation the Devil, like Hitler with “Fortress Europe,” sets up strongholds to thwart the invasion. The first is ignorance—of God’s power and grace, of the depths of human depravity and the heights of human sanctity. The second is fear—of God’s wrath, of human revenge. The third is sickness of body and mind.



Jesus’ formidable assault on these fortresses begins with his *teaching* in the synagogues. “You shall know the truth,” he assures the ignorant, “and the truth will set you free.” Next he *proclaims the Gospel*—Good News to those who fear the future: “Behold, I make all things new.” And the Devil’s last stronghold falls to the healing power of divine love as *Jesus cures illness and casts out demons*.

The war of liberation that began with the invasion of the Incarnation goes on to this day, but the Victory has been won. The Lamb who was slain has conquered death forever and shares his triumph with those who “come after” him.

The Victory has been won, but Satan refuses to accept defeat. Hitler, too, refused to surrender in 1945; and the War went on to claim many more lives before all the captives could be freed. So it is with the war of liberation Jesus wages on our behalf. “Come after me,” he says. “I need *you* to help me make all things new. I need *you* to help me win the battle for the glorious freedom of the children of God.”

Pensamientos Del Camino

—Obispo Cary

Invación de la Encarnación

Esta columna es una adaptación de una homilía que di el 27 de enero en Ontario, el Domingo III del Año Litúrgico.

En el Evangelio Jesús de Nazaret sale del anonimato a la dramática vida pública y Él los guiará hasta su último aliento. Con el arresto de Juan Bautista “Jesús comenzó a predicar.” Hizo suyo el mensaje de Juan al arrepentimiento, pero con notables adaptaciones. Juan incitaba a la gente a que fueran bautizados y le decía insistentemente, “Venid a mí” para ser lavados y purificados en el Jordán. Pero Jesús, por el contrario, les dice a unos cuantos elegidos, “Venid en pos de mí.” Y “recorrió toda Galilea.” El suyo fue un mensaje en movimiento. Ponía en movimiento la vida de los que le seguían pues él les prometió hacerlos “pescadores de hombres.”

Los 204 pueblos alrededor del mar de Galilea tenían establecida, una reputación de rebeldía bien merecida. Mitad judío y mitad gentiles, por eso la región se vio ensombrecida por el paganismo. El profeta Isaías la llamó “tierra ensombrecida por la muerte” y completa imagen del mundo en el poder oscuro del Diablo, Esta “Galilea de los gentiles” es el mundo que Jesús invadió con su predicación.

Me gusta pensar de la Encarnación como una invasión. Con el fin de derrocar el dominio del Diablo el Hijo de Dios tuvo que invadir sus dominios, al igual que los aliados tuvieron que invadir Europa en Normandía en 1944 para liberar a los pueblos cautivos. Hitler no esperaba que la invasión se produjera por allí pues los aliados lo engañaron haciéndole creer que entrarían por

otros lugares. Como resultado, él no envió suficientes tropas a Normandía para evitar que tomaran las playas. Jesús aseguró las playas de la Encarnación en un lugar que Satanás no esperaba como en la oscuridad de en este blo en Belén. Pero su agente Herodes reaccionó rápidamente cuando los Reyes Magos de Oriente llegaron en busca de “el Rey de los Judíos recién nacido.” Él mató a los Santos Inocentes y probablemente pensó que había repelido la invasión. No hubo nada en los próximos treinta años de la vida oculta del Hijo encarnado de Nazaret que hubiera despertado sus sospechas de nuevo.

En el Evangelio de hoy, el Hijo Encarnado lanza un ataque frontal contra el dominio del Diablo, al anunciar la invasión en las palabras que Satanás más teme escuchar: “Arrepíentanse, porque el Reino de Dios está cerca.” Las paredes han sido traspasadas; el cerco de Satanás se ha roto: otra autoridad está ganando terreno en su tierra. Un rey rival que dice: “Vengan, síganme”. En esta guerra de liberación el Diablo, como Hitler al “Fortalecer Europa”, establece barreras para frustrar la invasión. La primera es la ignorancia del poder y la gracia de Dios, desde las profundidades de la depravación humana y las alturas de la santidad humana. El segundo es el miedo a la ira de Dios, por la venganza humana. La tercera es la enfermedad del cuerpo y de la mente.

El Formidable asalto de Jesús a estas fortalezas comienza con su enseñanza en las sinagogas. “Y conoceréis la verdad”, asegura al ignorante, “y la verdad os hará libres.” Enseguida proclama el Evangelio-la Buena Nueva a los que temen el futuro: “He aquí, yo hago nuevas todas las cosas” y el último baluarte del Diablo cae al poder curativo del amor divino al Jesús curar enfermedades y expulsar demonios.

La guerra de liberación que se inició con la invasión de la Encarnación continúa hasta nuestros días, pero la victoria ha sido ganada. El Cordero que fue inmolado ha vencido a la muerte para siempre y comparte su triunfo con aquellos que “vienen a seguirlo”.

La victoria ha sido ganada, pero Satanás se niega a aceptar la derrota. Hitler también se negó a rendirse en 1945, y la guerra siguió y cobro muchas más vidas antes de que todos los cautivos pudieran ser liberados. Lo mismo sucede con la guerra de liberación que Jesús hace en nuestro favor. “Venid en pos de mí”, dice. “Necesito que me ayudes a hacer nuevas todas las cosas. Necesito que me ayudes a ganar la batalla por la libertad gloriosa de los hijos de Dios.”

Bishop Cary's Schedule

Feb. 23:	Mass at Athena, Confirmation at St. Andrew's Mission
Feb. 24:	Confirmation at Condon
Feb. 28-Mar. 2:	Idaho Catholic Youth Convention
Mar. 8:	Klamath Falls, Sacred Heart, “Hour of Prayer” Talk 9-11 AM Rite of Election 1:00 PM
Mar. 9:	Rite of Election 2:00 PM, Redmond

A Stewardship Moment Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus continues to teach his followers how to embrace his attitude toward the Law, and its fulfillment. Among these familiar teachings, Jesus enjoins his followers to be generous givers without regard to whether they will receive equally back from those to whom they are being generous. He directs them not to refuse either the person who begs or the person who wants to borrow from them. They are not to react in these situations by trying to protect themselves and make sure that they will be treated fairly. Jesus wants his listeners to have an attitude toward another person that transcends the other person's character, motives or behavior. In this way, he maintains, they must be perfect, as their “heavenly Father is perfect.” How might we cultivate such an attitude toward giving?

We are presently working towards the launch of the Bishop's Annual Appeal this spring. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a pledge program, which is an easy way to give and allows us to make a more generous and affordable gift. Pledging allows us to spread out our gift over several months. This year our focus is in growing our ministries to include new and much needed services to our parishioners throughout our vast diocese. More on this in the following weeks ahead.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries in March.

Rev. John McGuire, Condon	Mar. 06, 1976
Rev. Jude Onogbosele, J.C.L., Sisters	Mar. 22, 2003

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our Priests and Bishops. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

“Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs...Let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic Bread. Amen.”

Liturgical Observance for Lent and Holy Week

Lent begins with *Ash Wednesday on March 5. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City, Thursday, April 10 at 7 PM.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, April 13, and includes *Holy Thursday, *Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil on *Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday is April 20.

Check with your parish for schedule of services.
(* Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Parish News: Blessed Sacrament, Ontario

Border Installations, Prisoners, Parishioners, Priests and Catholic School Children receive blessings by busy Bishop.



The Oregon-Idaho border parish of Blessed Sacrament was a busy place for Bishop Cary the last weekend in January beginning Friday evening, the 24th, when Bishop gave his *Hour of Prayer* presentation to Blessed Sacrament parishioners in Spanish and again Saturday morning, the 25th, in English with mealtime fellowship at both presentations. Saturday evening, he said Mass for Catholic prisoners at the Snake River Correctional Institute just outside Ontario. On Sunday, Bishop Cary celebrated all of the Sunday Masses at Blessed Sacrament and conducted the installation ceremony for seven Acolytes and five Lectors. Monday, the 27th—the beginning of *Catholic Schools Week*, Bishop Cary visited the children of St. Peter Catholic School and gave them his blessing.

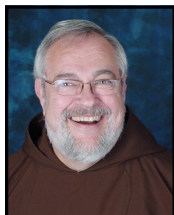


Bishop Cary was also on hand to help Father Christi celebrate the 30th anniversary of his 25th birthday and to help Father Jose celebrate the 12th anniversary of his Ordination with a potluck dinner.

Blessed Sacrament in Ontario was truly blessed that weekend by our very busy Bishop Cary. Thank you so much. Pax Christi!

Blessed Sacrament Parish Mission 2014

Capuchin Franciscan preacher Father Bill Cieslak will be conducting a parish mission entitled *Recalculating: Renewing Our Lives So That We Can Live Life More Abundantly* at Blessed Sacrament Church in Ontario from March 29 through April 3. The renewal event begins at the weekend Masses and will take place at 7 PM on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, followed by a



reception. On Wednesday evening, a special presentation for children will take place at 6:30 PM. It will feature a communal penance service. Each evening will include a presentation, prayer and music.

Father Bill explains, "God's unrelenting love for us is ours no matter who we are and no matter where we've been. Being open to God's love in our lives keeps us on track. Unfortunately, we allow our lives to get complicated and that means God needs to compete for our love. This presentation will allow the opportunity to recalculate our lives so we get into alignment with God."

There is no charge for this event. For more information, call (541) 889-8469.

Father Bill Cieslak is a Capuchin priest and taught liturgy and sacraments at the Franciscan School of Theology (Graduate Theological Union) in Berkeley, California, for 25 years. He is the director of Preaching and Evangelization for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, MI. Besides liturgy and sacraments, Father Bill's interest is in Franciscan spirituality and theology.

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in a variety of ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincy, retreat houses and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Arizona, California, Nicaragua, and Panama. Established in 1857, there are currently 174 members in the St. Joseph province.

Office of Youth Ministry: All Ages Event


A JOURNEY TO TRUTH
The story of one man's return to the faith


**GATHER and BE INSPIRED as we
WORSHIP, PRAY, PRAISE and
ADORE our God**

St Francis of Assisi Parish
2450 NE 27th St, Bend

Sunday March 16, 2014
3pm—5:30pm

All are welcome


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