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Saints and Feasts: Saint Francis de Sales



Today marks the feast of the patron of our Diocese, St. Francis de Sales. Born in France of a noble family in 1567 and very well educated, Francis surprised his father (who had definite plans for his highly talented son) by becoming a priest and then bishop (at age 35). At that time the line of division between Catholics and Protestants was less than 100 years old, but the young and genial Bishop of Geneva fearlessly crossed over it to engage his opponents in respectful

dialogue that drew thousands back to the Church. His peaceful spirit prepared the way for the ecumenical openness that flowed from the Second Vatican Council 350 years later.

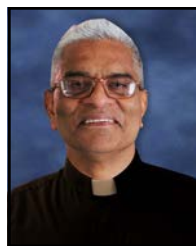
The effect St. Francis had on others can be seen in the testimony of a very good judge of character who knew him briefly near the end of his life (he died in 1622 at the age of 55). "This servant of God conformed so well to the divine pattern," St. Vincent de Paul said, "that often I asked myself with amazement how a created being . . . could reach so high a degree of perfection. Going over his words in my mind, I have been filled with such admiration that I am moved to see in him the man who, of all others, has most faithfully reproduced the love of the Son of God on earth."

- ♦ Feast Day: January 24
- ♦ Type of Feast: Memorial
- ♦ Born: August 21, 1567 (Thorens, France)
- ♦ Died: December 28, 1622 (Lyons, France)
- ♦ Symbol: Sacred Heart of Jesus
- ♦ Patron of: Catholic press, confessors, deaf people, educators, journalists, writers
- ♦ Beatification: January 8, 1661, by Pope Alexander VII
- ♦ Canonization: April 8, 1665, by Pope Alexander VII; proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX on November 16, 1877

"Have the utmost confidence that in His mercy and kindness Our Lord will not forsake you; yet for all that, do not relax your hold on His holy cross."

— St. Francis de Sales

Clergy Assignments



Fr. Abraham Manthuruthil, S.D.B., has been assigned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Chiloquin and its mission, St. James in Bly, effective January 7, 2015. He replaces Fr. Andrew Szymakowski, J.C.L.

Fr. Andrew Szymakowski, J.C.L. returns to St. Thomas Church in Redmond as Parochial Vicar and continues his weekly pastoral visits to the inmates at Deer Ridge Correctional Institute in Madras.



Fr. Szymakowski, J.C.L., is the Defender of the Bond for the Office of Canonical Affairs and Tribunal for the Diocese of Baker.

Mother Mary's Daughters

Mother Mary's Daughters is very pleased to have received the donation of the Nativity Set (purchased through Hobby Lobby) by Owen and Becky Larkin, parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Redmond. The beautiful set will be used for Mother Mary's Daughters' events to promote the Beauty and Sanctity of Family Life through the Greatest Pro Life Story Ever Told...Marian, Eucharistic, Spirit-filled.





Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

An Indulgence of Mercy

This Jubilee Year the Divine Mercy will take flesh in many different ways for those who seek it. One such opportunity is that of gaining an indulgence. “An indulgence,” the *Catechism* teaches, “is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven . . . through the action of the Church.” The Church forgives on the authority of Jesus Himself. On the night of His Resurrection our Lord entrusted the fruit of His victory over death into the hands of His Apostles and commanded them to dispense to sinners the treasury of grace which His sorrowful Passion drew forth from the infinite depths of the Father’s merciful love. “Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them,” Jesus said; “whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.”

Forgiveness of sin is one thing; healing the ongoing effects of sin is quite another. Like infection in the body, sin corrupts our thinking, our feeling, and our willing; serious habitual sin leads to self-inflicted spiritual destruction; it evicts the life of grace from the soul. After a surgeon removes a cancerous tumor (which we could liken to a priest forgiving a mortal sin), the patient goes to the recovery room to begin to heal the potentially lethal damage the tumor has done to the body. So it is with the cure of the soul. Divine forgiveness removes the malignant tumor of sin, but even the best confession cannot call back the sin-spreading consequences of what we’ve done or failed to do. They continue to play themselves out independent of our best intentions. Wounding words shouted out publicly, for example, harden the hearts of absent others through the reports of bystanders who pass on the bad news indiscriminately. Within ourselves we can detect sin’s ongoing corruptive effects on our memory in what St. Francis de Sales calls our “affection for past sins.” They’ve been confessed and forgiven, and we’ve ceased to commit them, but we recall them with a strange, lingering attachment, as if a low-grade spiritual infection still circulated in the blood stream of our soul.

Jesus is the Divine Physician who came to heal us through and through, and the indulgences of the Church offer a remedy for the unhealthy spiritual state we find ourselves in. It is customary in a Jubilee Year for the Pope to extend these sin-destroying favors to already pardoned sinners who perform specified religious acts or works of charity in order to gain freedom “from every residue left by the consequences of sin,” in the words of Pope Francis. You will find information on how to take advantage of this truly special offer on the diocesan website and in printed materials available in your parish

and at the Holy Doors in Baker City and Powell Butte.

Don’t let this Holy Year pass you by. Put yourself in a position to let the Mercy of God take you by surprise.

Information on Pilgrimage, obtaining an Indulgence and the 40 Hour Devotions may be found at <http://dioceseofbaker.org/yom.htm>

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Una Indulgencia de Misericordia

Este Año Jubilar de la Divina Misericordia tomara forma de muchas maneras diferentes para los que la buscan. Una de esas oportunidades es el de ganar una indulgencia.

“La indulgencia”, el Catecismo enseña: “es la remisión ante Dios de la pena temporal por los pecados, la culpa ya perdonada. . . a través de la acción de la Iglesia”. La Iglesia perdona por la autoridad de Jesús mismo. En la noche de su resurrección nuestro Señor confió el fruto de su victoria sobre la muerte a las manos de sus apóstoles y les dio instrucciones para distribuir a los pecadores el tesoro de gracia que su dolorosa pasión consiguió de las profundidades infinitas del amor misericordioso del Padre. “Los pecados que perdonen, quedan perdonados”, dijo Jesús; “Los pecados que detengan, quedaran detenidos.”

El perdón del pecado es una cosa; sanar los efectos continuos del pecado es otra muy distinta. Al igual que la infección en el cuerpo, el pecado corrompe nuestro pensamiento, nuestro sentimiento y nuestra voluntad; un pecado habitual serio conduce a la destrucción espiritual autoprovocada; que desaloja la vida de la gracia del alma. Después que un cirujano extirpa un tumor canceroso (que podríamos comparar con un sacerdote que perdona un pecado mortal), el paciente va a la sala de recuperación para comenzar a sanar el daño potencialmente letal que el tumor le ha hecho al cuerpo. Lo mismo sucede con la salud del alma. El perdón divino elimina el tumor maligno del pecado, pero incluso la mejor confesión no puede evitar las consecuencias que el pecado provoco por lo que hemos hecho o dejado de hacer. Ellos siguen perjudicando por sí mismos independientes de nuestras mejores intenciones. Palabras hirientes deshonran públicamente, por ejemplo, endurecer el corazón de los demás a través de los que transmiten las malas noticias de manera indiscriminada. Dentro de nosotros mismos podemos detectar los efectos continuos de corrupción del pecado en nuestra memoria en lo que San Francisco de Sales llama nuestro “afecto por los pecados del pasado.” Ellos han sido confesados y perdonados, y hemos dejado de cometerlos, pero los recuerdo con un extraño apego persistente, como si una pequeña infección espiritual todavía circulara en el torrente sanguíneo de nuestra alma.

Jesús es el Médico Divino que vino a sanar de todo, todo, y las indulgencias de la Iglesia ofrecen un remedio para el estado espiritual malsano en que nos encontramos. Es habitual que en un año jubilar el Papa extienda estos favores destructores de pecados a los pecadores ya perdonados que realizan actos religiosos específicos u obras de caridad con el fin de obtener libertad “de todos los residuos dejados por las consecuencias del pecado,” en palabras del papa Francisco. Encontrará información sobre cómo aprovechar esta oferta especial en el sitio web de la diócesis y en los materiales impresos disponibles en su parroquia y en las puertas santas en Baker City y Powell Butte.

No dejes pasar este Año Santo. Ponte en una posición para que la Misericordia de Dios te sorprenda.

Información sobre Peregrinación, como obtener una Indulgencia y las Devociones de las 40 Horas pueden encontrarse en http://dioceseofbaker.org/yom_spanish.htm

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend



The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass will be offered at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church on:

Jan. 24, 2:15 p.m. High Mass (Sung)
Feb. 7, 2:15 p.m. Low Mass
Feb. 21, 2:15 p.m. High Mass (Sung)

A High Mass (also referred to as *Missa Cantata*) is celebrated with a schola (choir) and almost all the priest's parts are sung (chanted), as are all the Ordinaries, i.e. the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus Dei and Dismissal. The cantor chants the Introit (Entrance Antiphon), the Gradual and Alleluia, the Offertory Antiphon, and the Communion Antiphon.

Mass times are listed in advance on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofbaker.org and The Society of St. Gregory the Great website at www.ssgg.org or call (541) 388-4004.

40 HOURS DEVOTION FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis is inviting all people to participate by first meditating on the mystery of mercy. Participation in an upcoming Forty Hours Devotion is an opportunity to do just that.

Beginning the first week of Lent and continuing each week there is an opportunity to participate in a 40 Hours Devotion near you. This devotion will be rolling across the diocese at six different locations as highlighted below. To participate in one or more devotional hours, contact the parish closest to you and sign up.

The **Year of Mercy** is also a time to act, engaging in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

“God wants to touch others mercifully through us. But for that to happen we must first be touched by his merciful love ourselves. We must let ourselves be found anew by God's forgiveness so that He can pass it along through us to others.”

– Bishop Liam Cary

40 Hours Devotion Schedules

St. Pius X, Klamath Falls

Begins Thursday February 11 8 AM
Ends Saturday February 13 1 AM
Parish Contact: (541) 884-4242

St. Thomas, Redmond

Begins Sunday February 14 5 PM
Ends Tuesday February 16 10 AM
Parish Contact: (541) 923-3390

Blessed Sacrament, Ontario

Begins Tuesday February 23 8 AM
Ends Thursday February 25 1 AM
Parish Contact: (541) 889-8469

St. Peter's, The Dalles

Begins Monday February 29 9 AM
Ends Wednesday March 2 6 PM
Parish Contact: (541) 296-2026

St. Mary, Pendleton

Begins Monday March 7 6 PM
Ends Wednesday March 9 11 AM
Parish Contact: (541) 276-3615

St. Francis de Sales, Baker City

Begins Monday March 14 9 AM
Ends Wednesday March 16 2 AM
Parish Contact: (541) 523-4521

Go to <http://dioceseofbaker.org/yom.htm> for online signups.

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Bishop Cary's Schedule

Jan. 24 Mass at Sacred Heart in Klamath Falls
Jan. 28 Presbyteral Council Meeting
Jan. 29 Oregon Catholic Conference in Portland
Jan. 29 Oregon Catholic Press Board Meeting in Portland
Jan. 30 First Confessions in Bend

Feb. 2 School Mass 8:00 a.m. in Bend
Feb. 3 School Mass 10:00 a.m. in Redmond
Feb. 5 Planning Meeting-Catholic Extension
Feb. 6 Travel Day
Feb. 7 Confirmation at St. Andrews Mission

Parish News: St. Mary, Hood River

On December 9th, St. Mary's Youth Group presented a play about the arrival of Baby Jesus. After the play they surprised the 450 parishioners who were present with a visit from Santa Claus and along with the three Wise Kings they presented gifts of bags of candy to all the children. Then the Children of St. Mary's did a posada to continue with the traditions. Parents of both groups brought trays of food and goodies to share with all. It was a very special night.

El 9 de Diciembre, el Grupo de Jóvenes de Santa María presentó una obra sobre la llegada del Niño Jesús. Después de la obra, sorprendieron a los 450 parroquianos que estuvieron presentes con una visita de Santa Claus y junto con los Tres Reyes Magos, presentaron regalos de bolsas de dulces a todos los niños. Luego los Niños de Santa María hicieron una posada para continuar con las tradiciones. Los padres de ambos grupos compraron charolas de comida y golocinas para compartir con todos. Fue una noche muy especial.

— Patty Romero, Youth Minister



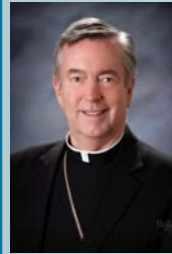
St. Mary's also offered a Day at the Armory with food, dancing and prayer on Saturday, December 12th, for the Feast of Guadalupe. Misa de Gallo and Mañanitas at 5:00 a.m. were followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m., accompanied by Mariachis. After Mass all were invited to the Parish Hall for Pan Dulce and hot chocolate.



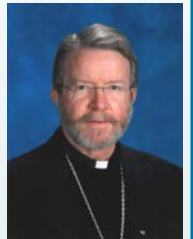
Northwest Catholic Men's Conference



Conference Speakers: February 26-27, 2016



Most Rev. Peter Christensen
Bishop of Boise



Most Rev. Liam Cary
Bishop of Baker



Fr. Kumar Udagandla
Pastor, St. Mary's, Pendleton



Fr. Theodore Lange
Oregon State Chaplain of
Knights of Columbus



Mark Shea
Author

Conference begins Friday at
4 p.m. with registrations
and ends Saturday at 5 p.m.
with a final blessing.

Cost is \$40
includes 3 meals

Fathers and sons, ages 15 and up,
are welcome

Registration forms and additional information
available at www.nwcmg.com

or call St. Mary's Parish
(541) 276-3615

Pendleton Convention Center
Pendleton, Oregon