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GOOD FRIDAY

A Pontifical Collection

SUPPORT CHRISTIANS
IN THE HOLY LAND

Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help us
carry the cross in the Holy Land.

Through the Good Friday Collection,
join with Catholics around the world
to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

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Pope Francis has asked our Diocese to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Through the Good Friday Collection at your parish, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

If you would like to contribute, you may do so through your parish, through the Diocese, or visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

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| March 19 | Day of Recollection with St. Francis de Sales Altar Society in Baker City |
| March 20-27 | Holy Week and Easter at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City |
| April 1-3 | Year of Mercy Symposium at the Powell Butte Retreat Center |

Catholic Schools Week - Ontario



St. Peter Catholic School in Ontario celebrated Catholic Schools Week by focusing this year's events on the Jubilee Year of Mercy through corporal works of mercy.

On Monday, the children *Fed the Hungry*, by collecting canned goods for the local Food Pantry. They collected more than 500 cans in one day.



Tuesday, they *Clothed the Naked* by collecting diapers and donating them to the Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery and Hope Pregnancy Crisis Center.

Wednesday, they *Cared for the Sick* by singing at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, delivering homemade placemats for lunch trays and offering prayers.
(children pictured here holding placemats)



The students *Sheltered the Homeless* on Thursday by collecting and donating blankets to Harvest House Mission.

And Friday, they gathered coins to buy water to *Give Drink to the Thirsty* and collected \$244.02 in change.





Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Into Holy Week

At the heart of this Most Holy Week ahead is the harsh truth that death awaits us all—"the last enemy to be destroyed," St. Paul says. But it has been destroyed in the Resurrection of "the Lamb once slain who lives forever." Jesus Christ "broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld," and "in his rising the life of all has risen."

As the Easter Vigil begins, the newly-lit Paschal Candle and the burning tapers of the worshipers make the darkened church glow with "a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by the sharing of its light." The death-destroying love of "Christ our light" is not diminished in passing from one heart to another; nor will His flame in us be extinguished when we pass it on to shine in the heart of another.

On Easter morn that light—the Light of Divine Love in the human heart of Jesus—burst forth from the tomb. In the centuries since, the darkness of this world has never overcome it. Throughout the Easter season, I place myself before that light each day with the ancient words of Isaac of Nineveh:

O Christ, who are covered with light
as though with a garment,
who for my sake
stood naked before Pilate,
clothe me with that might
which you caused to overshadow the saints,
whereby they conquered this world of struggle.
May your divinity, Lord,
take pleasure in me
and lead me above the world
to be with you.

O Christ, upon whom the many-eyed cherubim are
unable to look
because of the glory of your face,
yet out of your love you received spit upon your face;
remove the shame from my face
and grant me an open face before you
at the time of prayer.

May the Risen Lord answer your prayers and give you an ever deepening share in his victory over death.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

En Semana Santa

En el corazón de esta semana Santa nos encontramos con la cruda realidad de que la muerte nos espera a todos—"el último enemigo a destruir", dice San Pablo. Pero ha sido destruida en la resurrección del "Cordero inmolado que vive para siempre." Jesucristo "rompió las rejas de la prisión de la muerte y resucitó victorioso de la tumba", y "en su resurrección ha resucitado la vida de todos."

Con el comienzo de la Vigilia de Pascua, el recientemente encendido cirio pascual y las velas encendidas de los fieles hacen que la oscura iglesia brille con "un fuego dividido en muchas llamas, sin embargo, nunca se opaca por compartir su luz." "El amor de Cristo nuestra Luz" que destruyó la muerte no se disminuye al pasar de un corazón a otro, ni tampoco su llama en nosotros se extinguirá al pasarla para brille en el corazón de otros.

En la mañana de Pascua esa luz—la Luz del Amor Divino en el corazón humano de Jesús—estalló desde la tumba; por los siglos desde entonces, las tinieblas de este mundo nunca la han superado. Durante la temporada de Pascua, me pongo ante esa luz cada día con las antiguas palabras de Isaac de Nínive:

Oh Cristo, que estás cubierto de la luz
como si fuera una túnica,
que por mí causa
estuviste desnudo ante Pilato,
vísteme con esa fuerza
la misma con que cubriste a los santos,
con que conquistaron este mundo de lucha.
Que tu divinidad, Señor,
se plazca en mí
y me guíe encima del mundo
para estar contigo.

Oh Cristo, a quien los muchos ojos de los querubines
son incapaces de mirarte
por la gloria de tu rostro,
aun por amor recibiste escupitajos en tu cara;
elimina la vergüenza de mi cara
y concédeme una cara abierta ante Ti
en el momento de la oración.

Que el Señor Resucitado responda a tus oraciones y te de una participación cada vez más profunda en su victoria sobre la muerte.

Apologetics

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Mt 28, 19-20. With these words Saint Matthew finishes his Gospel. Pope Francis continually calls us out into the street, “I want the church to go out into the street,” he has said in countless occasions and, he has warned us not to shut ourselves.

Today this calling is urgent to go out into “the street,” especially because of the influence of sects that have hurt the unity between Christians. Many Catholics have been affected negatively by this influence, leaving them confused in their faith.

Last May (2015), two religious sisters of the Missionaries Apostles of the Word, came to Hermiston for two weeks. Each night they taught Apologetics (defending the faith) and visited some homes where they had questions about the Catholic faith. The missionary sisters left the seed sown in more the 100 people who participated in these two weeks.

But there was more work to be done, so I continued the preparation of the people for the rest of the year, and this past February 4th I sent “out into the street” the first nine lay people of the parish.

With this first step, we realize the dream of Jesus and of Pope Francis of going out into the street and not to shut ourselves. I see with joy as the Holy Spirit is moving vividly today. Would you like to go out into “the street” too?

- *Father Luis Manuel de Jesús*

Apologetica

“Así que vayan y hagan seguidores en todas las naciones. Bautícenlos en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñenles a obedecer todo lo que yo les he mandado. Tengan presente que yo estaré con ustedes todos los días hasta el fin del mundo.” Mt 28, 19-20. Con estas palabras san Mateo termina su Evangelio. El papa Francisco continuamente nos exhorta a salir a la calle “quiero que la iglesia salga a la calle” ha dicho en innumerables ocasiones y, nos ha prevenido de no encerrarnos en nosotros mismos.

Hoy urge este llamado a salir a “la calle”, especialmente por el influjo de las sectas que ha lastimado la unidad entre cristianos. Y muchos católicos se han visto afectados negativamente por el influjo, dejándolos confundidos en su fe.

El pasado mayo (2015) vinieron, a Hermiston, dos hermanas religiosas de los Misioneros Apóstoles de la Palabra por dos semanas. En estas dos semanas cada noche enseñaron Apologetica (defensa de la fe) y visitaron algunos hogares donde se tenía preguntas en torno a la fe católica. Las hermanas misioneras dejaron sembrada la semilla en más de 100 personas que participaron en estas dos semanas. Pero había más trabajo que hacer, así que continúe la preparación a las personas por el resto del año y el pasado 4 de febrero envié a “la calle” a los primeros 9 laicos de la parroquia.

Con este primer paso, hacemos realidad el sueño de Jesús y el del Papa Francisco de salir a la calle y no encerrarnos en nosotros mismos. Veo con alegría como el Espíritu Santo se mueve de manera viva hoy en la actualidad. ¿Te gustaría también salir a “la calle”?



The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend

Beginning in April, the Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass will be offered every other weekend at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church at 1 p.m.

In April and May, the dates for the Latin Mass are **April 03** (Low Mass), **April 17**

(High Mass), **May 1** (Low Mass), **May 15** (High Mass), and **May 29** (Low Mass).

The Society of St. Gregory the Great, which sponsors the Latin Mass in the extraordinary form every two weeks, is in need of support personnel. Potential **board members** would be asked to help prepare for and clean up after Mass and attend a meeting approximately every quarter. **Servers** will receive Latin training and altar training.

Potential **chant singers** should have a reasonable ability to keep on pitch and sing in either range – baritone or soprano/alto – and be willing to learn the chant notation. There will be at least one schola practice before each Mass, usually at St. Thomas in Redmond.

If you have these talents and want to offer them in the service of worship, please e-mail either John Driscoll at johncdiscoll1068@gmail.com or Stephanie Swee at swee0574@gmail.com.



The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

(Matthew 21:9, NIV)

Our Lady of the Valley takes on Stained Glass Project



The stained glass windows of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Grande are considered to be some of the most beautiful in the Baker Diocese. For over 100 years they have greeted parishioners and visitors with their dazzling colors and finely detailed images of Jesus, Our Blessed Mother, the angels and saints. From early morning until sundown the window radiate as the sun illuminates their outstanding colors, drawing minds and hearts to God.

OLV's magnificent windows are also preserved as works of art containing rare types of glass with colors that can no longer be found. The hand painted portions of the windows use metallic pigments that have been fused into the glass, using a technique developed in Limoges, France, making the painting as long lasting as the glass itself.

It was the first parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley, seeking to glorify God in the best way possible, who used their hard earned resources to bring the windows from Italy to La Grande in 1914. The windows traveled by ship, train and horse drawn wagons to fill the frame work already installed and waiting for them in the soon to be completed church.

Stained glass church windows typically begin to show signs of bulging, sagging, and cracking after 70 years of age. After 90 years of age most stained glass windows have significant bulging and breakage. **Our Lady of the Valley's windows have held up well for over 100 years but now some repair and possible restoration is needed.**

The parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley have started a Stained Glass Project Fund to begin to save for the repairs of the beloved windows that have welcomed so many people entering their church for over a century. The scope of the repairs has not yet been determined.

No other art form can compare with the splendor

and impact of stained glass which makes it a perfect tool for glorifying God and facilitating the sanctification of God's people.

An anonymous donor initiated the Stained Glass Fund on the recommendation of Fr. Rick Fisher and Fr. Saji Thomas, with a starter donation of \$10,000 and parish fund raisers have been planned to add to the sum.

"It's Vegas, Baby"

was the name of Our Lady of the Valley's 10th Annual Dinner Theater and its first official Stained Glass Project fund raiser. On February 5th and 6th, the church hall was turned into a Las



Vegas casino. It was a huge party and everyone was welcomed to a sinister night of sleuthing, scandals and secrets!

The hosts, Ronald and Iguana Trump, hosted the event to celebrate the grand opening of the new Trump Paramount Casino. The Red Carpet event featured celebrities, entertainers, politicians and the quirky Trump Paramount Casino staff. There was even an Elvis sighting! Our guest and very good sport, Bishop Cary, became part of the show.

The audience watched the play, gathered clues and teams were formed to decide, "Who Dunnit?" The good cooks with good looks prepared prime rib and chicken cordon bleu with all the trimmings and a tantalizing desert buffet created by the hard working and generous parishioners of OLV.

The Dinner Theater motto has always been, and still remains, "There may be prime rib and chicken on the menu, but there is plenty of ham on the stage."