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CHRISTMAS AT ST. ELIZABETH, JOHN DAY

After many years, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in John Day is blessed with quite a number of children. Their presence has brought joy and excitement to our parish family resulting in love and affection for all this Christmas season.

This year Christmas Eve Mass was especially organized with the participation of the children. As Father Christie Tissera read, the children of the parish acted out the

gospel reading and Christmas songs were sang by the choir led by Peggy Neal. Then the three shepherds changed roles and became wise men bringing up the gifts to the altar.

After Christmas Mass we gathered in the parish hall for fellowship while the children served a birthday cake for the birthday of Jesus.

Submitted by Sena Raschio,
Parish/Finance Council President



A
Holy
and Blessed
Christmas



ST. THOMAS' CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Approximately ninety members of St. Thomas parish in Redmond consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary on the Feast Day of the Mother of God, January 1st. The consecration was a follow-up to the Fall adult bible study "Divine Mercy - The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" presented on Formed.org by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. After the 10 week session was over, participants were encouraged to read Fr. Gaitley's book "33 Days to Morning Glory" as a voluntary do-it-yourself home retreat, in preparation for the consecration ceremony.

When the big day arrived, participants wore blue (Blessed Mother's favorite color) processed



into Church together, and placed a single stem flower at the foot of the statue of our Lady recognizing her as our spiritual Mother. Father's homily and the choir's songs about Mary added to the beautiful Mass. Before Mass ended, Fr. Unger led the participants in the consecration.

Lives were touched and the graces expected are many as they added to Maximilian Kolbe's Immaculata Army that day! Those who consecrated themselves were given a special prayer card of reminders on how to live out their commitment and renew their consecration daily if they wish (like St. John Paul II did).

Submitted by Barry and Penny Greig



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Incarnation as Invasion

This column first appeared in the 23 February 2014 Diocesan Chronicle.

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 Herod, the Devil’s agent, 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.

Then, without warning, the Incarnate Son launched 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 Liam Cary

Invasión de la Encarnación

Esta columna apareció por primera vez en la Crónica Diocesana del 23 de Febrero de 2014.

En el Evangelio Jesús de Nazaret sale del anonimato a la dramática vida pública que será la suya hasta su último aliento. Con el arresto de Juan Bautista “Jesús comenzó a predicar.” Hizo suya la llamada de Juan al arrepentimiento, pero con notables adaptaciones. Juan incitaba a la gente a que fueran bautizados y le decía, “Vengan a mí” para ser lavados y purificados en el Jordán. Pero Jesús, por el contrario, les dice a unos cuantos elegidos, “Vengan 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 habían establecido una reputación de rebeldía bien merecida. Mitad judío y mitad gentiles, la región se vio oscurada por el paganismo. El profeta Isaías la llamó “tierra ensombrecida por la muerte”—una imagen conveniente 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 pensaba 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 la playa.

Jesús aseguró la playa de la Encarnación en un lugar que Satanás no pensaba—en la oscuridad de un establo en Belén. Pero Herodes, el agente del Diablo, reaccionó rápidamente cuando los Reyes Magos del Oriente llegaron en busca del “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.

De repente el Hijo Encarnado lanzó un ataque frontal contra el dominio del Diablo, anunciando la invasión en las palabras que Satanás más teme escuchar: “Arrepiéntanse, 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, sigan a mí”. En esta guerra de liberación el Diablo, como Hitler con su “Fortaleza Europa,” establece barreras para frustrar la invasión. La primera es la ignorancia del poder y la gracia de Dios. El segundo es el miedo. 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. “Conocerán la verdad”, asegura al ignorante, “y la verdad los hará libres.” Luego sigue la *proclamación* del Evangelio—la Buena Nueva de la invasión—a los que temen el futuro: “He aquí, yo hago nuevas todas las cosas.” El último baluarte del Diablo cae con la *sanación* de los enfermos y la expulsión de los 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 ya comparte su triunfo con aquellos que vienen “en pos de” El.

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 cobró 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. “Vengan 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.”

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS IN BEND

The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is offered every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church. **In February, there will be EF Masses on the 11th and 25th.**

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

Feb 11 8:00 AM, Mass, Hood River
Feb 11 10:00 AM, Mass, Hood River
Feb 11 12:00 Noon, Mass, Hood River
Feb 12 6:30 PM, Catholic Men's Discussion Club, “Religious Freedom”, University of Portland
Feb 17 11:00 AM, Rite of Election, Redmond
Feb 23-24 NW Catholic Men's Retreat, Pendleton



Sacred Heart – Klamath Falls Lenten Retreat: February 17, 2018

Andrew Steele (S.T.L. Cand.) will guide us to a greater understanding of the importance of grace in our lives. We will also be discussing how grace is understood from the aspect of marriage and family. This all-day retreat is sure to be a time of great meditation, prayer, and communal discussion, so that we can unlock the great mysteries behind grace and how it applies to our everyday lives.

- The retreat begins at 9am and ends at 8pm.
- Dinner will be provided by Sacred Heart after the Saturday Mass.
- There is no fee for registration.
- Childcare will be provided for participants at no cost.
- Registration is available on our website: www.sacredheartkf.org.
- To register over the phone, call Sacred Heart at (541) 884-4566.



In Memoriam:

Reverend John R. Jasper
1930 - 2018

Father John Jasper, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at the age of 87 due to declining health. John Jasper was born in Bakersfield, California, on July 17, 1930. He married in 1953 and raised 10 children. After retiring from Architecture, he went back to college/seminary school and was ordained a priest on June 29, 2000, by Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa at St. Mary's Church in Hood River, OR. He served in the Diocese of Baker for five years as Associate Pastor at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City and then at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston. In 2002 he was made Pastor of St. Bridget of Kildare Church in Nyssa. In December 2003, Fr. Jasper semi-retired due to health problems and in 2004 he returned to California until His Lord and Master called him home on January 9, 2018.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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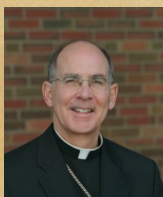
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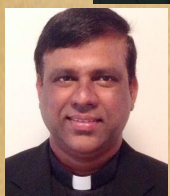
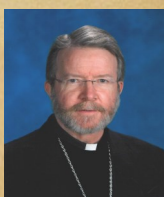
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FEATURING

Most Rev.
J. Peter Sartain
Archbishop of Seattle



Most Rev.
Liam Cary
Bishop of Baker



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



Fr. Luis Alva
Our Lady of
Guadalupe,
Boardman, OR



Dr. Luke
Murry, PhD
Systematic
Theology

Attend Breakout Sessions to promote discussion of issues relevant to Catholics and other Christian men.

Find direction through engaging talks and strength in Fraternity.

Receive His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Spend quite time in Adoration.

- The conference begins Friday at 4:00 pm with registrations and ends Saturday at 5:00 pm with a final blessing.
- Cost is \$40 and includes 3 meals.
- Fathers and sons ages 15 and up are welcome.
- Registration forms and additional information is available on our website: nwcmg.com
- Call St. Mary's Parish (541)-276-3615.
- La conferencia comenzará el viernes a las 4:00 de la tarde con las inscripciones y terminará el Sábado a las 5:00 de la tarde con una bendición.
- El costo es de \$40 e incluye 3 comidas.
- Padres e hijos mayores de 15 años son bienvenidos.
- Formularios de registro e información adicional están disponible en nuestro sitio web: nwcmg.com
- Llamando a la Parroquia Santa María (541)-276-3615.

AN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



On Saturday, December 16th, a joyful gathering took place to celebrate the Advent season by teaching the meaning of Advent through praise, music, and family fun. The afternoon began with Holy Hour in St. Mary's Chapel. "We loved the statement of Mother Theresa with her picture so we kept her image to represent the true

Christmas Spirit: reaching out to The Child Of The Poor," said Judy Newport. Terri Isom led the singing of Advent hymns, which introduced each decade of the Joyful Mysteries, while each Advent candle was lit. Barbara Etter led the recitation of the Holy Rosary, Ray Houghton shared his touching thoughts on the Cardinal Virtues and the Season of Advent.



After the Holy Hour more musicians of all faiths throughout Central Oregon began to gather to sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and then all lifted their instruments of violins, stand up base, cello, guitars, banjos, mandolins, piano, spoons, and laptop drum to begin the Christmas Celebration. The colorfully decorated Center quickly filled with over 100 guests who enjoyed Christmas punch and cookies. A special holiday feature was the festive dancing and singing of the adult and children Spanish dancers from St. Thomas Parish in Redmond. The afternoon brought new friendships and expectations of a joyous Christmas. Everyone found it hard to leave and all look forward to the next gathering.

