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BISHOP CARY VISITS OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY IN LA GRANDE



Parishioners at Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande and neighboring parishes were fortunate to have Bishop Cary visit at the end of October to share his exhortation, the *Geography of Faith*. Inspired by concepts learned from one of his theology professors, Bishop Cary invited attendees to reflect on connections between the Old Testament and individual journeys in faith. He demonstrated that woven throughout the stories of God's promises to Abraham through the arrival to the Promised Land, exile, and return are threads of our own lives seeking freedom.

He highlighted different biblical narratives showing God's faithfulness and action in seemingly impossible situations. People have to be aware that uncertainty, fear, and danger can be challenges when attempting to move towards freedom. As we enter unknown terrain, what we are journeying away from can become distorted in our memory. There can be natural inclinations to return to the comfort of the known.

Sacred Scripture provides a map for each of us to reflect on who we are, where we have been, and where we are going and inspires us to persevere towards the freedom for a purpose. Jesus provided the ultimate example by using his total freedom to align to the Father's will in order to completely offer his life for others. Bishop Cary modeled the power of *lectio divina*, noticing implications for our lives in Sacred Scripture as we journey towards holiness.

Submitted by Amanda Villagomez, Director of Religious Education

ST. THOMAS CELEBRATES OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The pictures below were taken for the 101st Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima on October 13th with the cooperation of America Needs Fatima Marian Apostolate. Those shown have been promoting Our Lady's messages here in Redmond for the past 11+ years carrying her banner in parades, at the Deschutes County Fair, Conferences, public walks, and now on the corner of St. Thomas' church property where we waved at cars, trucks and cyclists holding our Rosaries and Rosary Prayer Cards, Scapulars, displaying picture boards of the Fatima Story for all to see. The passersby showed their interest and approval by honking, waving, thumbs up and calling out "YES"!

This was/is our answer to bringing Peace – not riots. By wearing our Scapulars – not black hoods. By singing and praying – not shouting and throwing rocks.

We plan to use our banner on many occasions going forward. Some of the parishioners were newcomers, some had been praying the Rosary daily before Holy Mass with several previous pastors, and now Father Unger, wholeheartedly promotes Fatima and our Lady's Rosary for Peace (35 years total).

Submitted by Judith Newport, Coordinator





Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

A Miracle On The Way

The four weeks of Advent take us back liturgically to the nine-month pregnancy of the Mother of God. With her we long for the invisible to become visible for all the world to see and hear and hold. With her we marvel at the mysterious gestation of the Word made Flesh in her womb. For the Eternal Son of God “was *incarnate* of the Virgin Mary,” as we say every Sunday in the Creed.

The Son of Mary took flesh from her flesh—that is to say, from *our* flesh, yours and mine. But we learn from the *Catechism* that the Incarnation of the Son of God “does not mean that Jesus Christ is part God and part man.” Not at all. “He became truly man while remaining truly God.” Mary’s Son is as truly and fully human as He is truly and fully God. In His divinity He is “consubstantial with the Father”; in His humanity He is consubstantial with us. Put “incarnate” and “consubstantial” together and you get the name for Jesus we associate with Advent: “Emmanuel,” which means, “God with us.”

The Son of God is Emmanuel because He *wants* to be. You and I had no choice in our flesh-taking; our Creator called us into being without giving us a say in the nature of our human existence. But God the Son *chose* to be “with us” from all eternity. “He did not cling to equality with God,” St. Paul says; rather, He “emptied Himself” to be born as one of us and to dwell and die among us. The Second Person of the Trinity willingly became consubstantial with us so that we might willingly become fully human in Him. This we do when we open our lives to His coming as Mary did and thereby prepare a place for the Incarnation to continue in us.

Advent

*A Season of
Hope and Expectation*



Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Un Milagro en Camino

Las cuatro semanas de Adviento nos regresa litúrgicamente a los nueve meses de embarazo de la Madre de Dios. Con ella anhelamos que lo invisible se haga visible para que todo el mundo lo vea, lo escuche y lo sostenga. Con ella nos maravillamos ante la misteriosa gestación de la Palabra hecha Carne en su vientre. Porque el Hijo Eterno de Dios “se *encarnó* de la Virgen María”, como decimos todos los Domingos en el Credo.

El Hijo de María tomó carne de su carne—es decir, de *nuestra* carne, de ustedes y de mía. Pero aprendemos del *Catecismo* que la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios “no significa que Jesucristo es parte Dios y parte hombre”. De ninguna manera. “Él se hizo verdaderamente hombre mientras permaneció siendo verdaderamente Dios”. El Hijo de María es verdadera y completamente humano y Él es verdadera y completamente Dios. En Su divinidad Él es “consustancial con el Padre”; en Su humanidad Él es consustancial con nosotros. Pongan “encarnado” y “consustancial” juntos y tienen el nombre para Jesús que asociamos con el Adviento: “Emmanuel”, que significa “Dios con nosotros”.

El Hijo de Dios es Emmanuel porque Él quiere ser “con nosotros”. Ustedes y yo no tuvimos opción cuando tomamos carne; el Creador nos llamó a ser sin darnos voz tocante la naturaleza de nuestra existencia humana. Pero el Hijo Eterno *eligió* estar “con nosotros” antes de la creación del mundo. “Él no se aferró a la igualdad con Dios”, dice San Pablo; sino “se anonadó de sí mismo” para nacer como uno de nosotros y morar y morir entre nosotros. La Segunda Persona de la Trinidad voluntariamente se convirtió consustancial con nosotros para que podamos convertirnos completamente humanos en Él. Esto lo hacemos cuando abrimos nuestras vidas a Su venida como lo hizo María. Así preparamos un lugar para que la Encarnación continúe en nosotros.

Adviento

*Una Temporada de
Esperanza y Expectativa*



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Well, it's Advent and the anticipation of the baby Jesus is upon us. At this time of year we are in a heightened spirit of giving. Perhaps because of the celebratory season and our awareness of God's generosity and blessings in our lives? What if I told you, you can share that love and joy while minimizing the cost and maximizing its impact to your recipient without affecting your checking account?

Gifts of appreciated Stock from your brokerage account or those old stock certificates in the lock box can be donated using the Depository Trust Company (DTC) transfer system as easily as a wire transfer. The Diocese and Legacy of Faith (LFF) both have an account that can accept stock on behalf of your parish, school or other qualified religious designate. You can define and change, at any time, how your gifts (net proceeds) are distributed, whether to your parish, school or other Christian valued non-profit organizations such as the Pregnancy Resource Center or Oregon Right to Life. Highly appreciated Mutual funds are also a great gift, although you will have to hurry to make the December 17th deadline. Consult your Investment Advisor or call me and I can help you get the proper DTC instructions.

A little known fact about these types of gifts – there is no capital gains tax for you nor your recipient because they are all qualified 501(c)(3) organizations! It's as though you bought the gift at \$10 and your recipients get a \$30 gift and the government will not try to collect on the \$20 difference, while letting you itemize the \$30 gift. This is especially helpful when you are trying to make the new 2018 itemize thresholds. Lastly, you do not have to give (distribute) the total \$30 gift all in one year... spread it out over a couple and save the trouble of writing checks every month! This is a "well kept secret"... they call it "bunching",

With this, you can stretch your joy further with greater personal benefit. Embrace the holiday spirit and celebrate in a new way... make the call soon about those highly appreciated stock or mutual funds that are great Christmas gifts for all your intentions. There is nothing better than the feeling of finding the perfect gift that doesn't break the bank, won't require wrapping and brings lots of smiles to many people!

Merry Christmas,

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A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HEALING FOR INFANT AND PREGNANCY LOSS

Friday, January 4, 2019, at 6:00 PM
Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston



Our Lady of Angels parish wishes to lovingly extend this invitation to all families, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, grandparents, and all who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or early infant death. These losses can be recent or from years past.

All babies' names will be written on cards and placed on the altar to be prayed over during the Mass. If you are unable to attend, there will be cards available in the narthex the weekend of December 29-30 for you to write your child's name. We hope we can join in prayer with you on January 4th.



If you would like to take part in this very special Mass from afar, please email your baby's name to Kristi at the email address below or call Colleen or Kristi.

For more information call:
Colleen 541-567-3974 or Kristi 541-571-0997
Or email Kristi at smalleys@eotnet.net

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING LIFE! WRAP OUR PREGNANCY CENTERS IN PRAYER!

Sunday, January 20, 2019, visit one of our Pregnancy Resource Centers in Central Oregon. We invite church members, leaders, prayer groups, everyone who believes that the Bible matters and in the power of prayer to change hearts and minds.

Enter our doors, meet our "front-line" staff and volunteers. Take a self-guided prayer walk through our consult areas, ultrasound rooms, baby supply area.

Come pray with us at the locations below from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



Bend Center — 369 NE Revere Avenue
Redmond Center — 950 SW Veterans Way
Prineville Center — 399 NW Deer Street

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT KLAMATH MARKS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Klamath #1295 celebrated its 80th anniversary at Mass on October 21st at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which was founded in 1905 and completed on the present site in 1929.

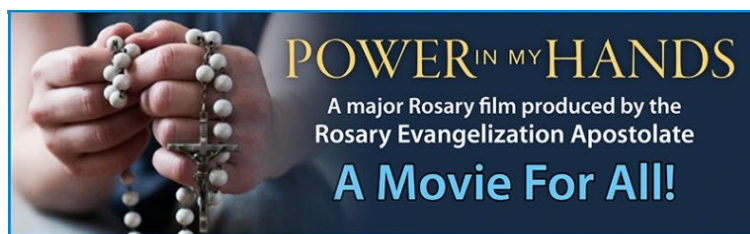


CDA Officers in robes (L-R), are: Recording Secretary Maura Tumpane, Treasurer Carlye Woodman, Financial Secretary Kristin Nelson, Vice Regent Sharleen Hutchison and Regent Marcia Pistone-Metzler.

Among the court's 74 members (second row L-R) are: Anne Hiller Clark, Sharon Elder, Edie Elliott, Jo Ogborn and Mollyn Bohnen.

In back (L-R) are: Jeanne Waid, Marie Wright, Bonita Fillmore, Lynne Butterworth, Mary Cooke, Peggy Wynne, Millicent Fouch, Kryssi Heitman, Loretta Kinnan, and Sarah O'Connor Merck. Patricia Doveri, the longest-serving member for 70 years, is not pictured.

Submitted by Lynne Butterworth, Public Relations Chair



You Are Invited To Bring The Power
Of The Holy Rosary To Your Parish!

The Rosary Evangelization Apostolate has produced the feature length film, *Power In My Hands*. The goal of this 81 minute film on the rosary is to help bring hope to a troubled world through encountering Jesus Christ through Our Lady and the power of prayer.

Power In My Hands conveys the timeless message of hope and power of the Rosary in a way that speaks to the heart of modern viewers.

"A beautiful and captivating film which powerfully reminds us of the Blessed Virgin's ever-present maternal help in the midst of so much spiritual turmoil in our culture today." - DANIEL CARDINAL DINARDO

After a number of popular premieres around the country, you can now buy individual copies of Power In My Hands. Whether you have a regular devotion to the Rosary, wish you could appreciate it more, or know little to nothing about this powerful vehicle of prayer, this film will change your heart.

Visit www.powerinmyhandsthemovie.com to learn more about the purchase of the DVD for your personal viewing or for your parish viewing.



SAINT ANNE MISSION CELEBRATES HOLY SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Most Reverend Bishop Cary visited St. Anne Mission on November 18th after celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church in John Day.



It was a joyful day for the Catholic families of Monument as Bishop Cary confirmed two of our youth. The joy of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation was

shared with a delicious meal prepared by the parishioners at the Monument Senior Center.



We give thanks to God for this great opportunity given to us in order to continue to preserve our Catholic faith even though we live in a remote part of the Eastern Oregon.

Submitted by Father Christie Tissera

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

Dec 18 6:30 PM Penance Service,
St. Francis of Assisi, Bend
Dec 20 6:30 PM Penance Service,
St. Edward the Martyr, Sisters
Dec 23 9:30 AM Mass,
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City

Dec 23 2:00 PM Mass,
St. Therese, Halfway
Dec 24 4:30 PM Christmas Vigil Mass,
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City
Dec 25 9:30 AM Christmas Mass,
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City
Dec 25 12:30 PM Christmas Mass,
St. Anthony, North Powder