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St. Pius X, Klamath Falls, Finds Joy in the Midst of the Pandemic!



Father Shiju Thomas, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Klamath Falls, celebrated 12 years of priesthood on April 23rd.

Then, to his delight, the parish parishioners planned a surprise car parade for the following Sunday, April 26th, to wish Father Shiju a Happy Ordination Anniversary. Father was astonished with the number of families who responded—almost 100 cars drove by honking their horns and displaying special signs of

congratulations! I think we all needed this event. We miss our faith, our pastor, and each other. To come together as a parish again, even if it was in our cars, was Absolute Joy. Thank you Mary Lou for the wonderful idea!

Julie Kraan,
Office Manager

If you would like to watch the car parade, you can find it on YouTube by clicking on the picture collage below.



5 MORE
YEARS!!!





Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Communion at Mass

The campaign against the coronavirus has cost Catholics dearly, most notably in having to “fast” from Mass and Holy Communion for nearly two months now. Dispensation from the Sunday obligation may (and should) ease the conscience, but it does not lessen the longing to sit in the pew for the Readings, stand for the Gospel, kneel for the Consecration, and savor the taste of the Bread of Life. Yes, these weeks have exacted an exceedingly high price: The invisible presence of coronavirus has meant the very visible absence of public Mass.

But that deprivation could also be an invitation to appreciate anew why the Church sets such high store on the Day of the Lord. What we come to understand more fully, we may learn to honor more knowingly when “normal” returns. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) can help us find our way.

The God of Israel set in order the rhythm of time for His Chosen People: “Observe the Sabbath day; keep it holy,” the Third Commandment says. In imitation of their Creator the Jews were to rest from work on the seventh day because it “represented the completion of the first creation.” Christians, by contrast, revere the *first* day, Sunday, because it “recalls the new creation inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ” (CCC 2190).

To highlight the surpassing significance of the Lord’s Day liturgical law lays down a simple but character-shaping precept: “On Sundays the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass” (2180). This *once-a-week* expectation of Sunday worship is coupled with another obligation to be fulfilled on an *annual* basis: “The Church warmly *recommends* that the faithful receive Holy Communion when they participate in the celebration of the Eucharist; she *obliges* them to do so at least once a year” (CCC 1417). Catholics *must* go to Mass every Sunday, but we are under obligation to receive Communion only once a year, not once a week.

This distinction would have been familiar to all four of my grandparents growing up in the 1880s. Like the vast majority of Catholics then and for centuries before them, they went to Communion each year to fulfill their “Easter duty.” But they were at Mass every other Sunday without fail and without taking Communion.

Just over a hundred years ago St. Pius X (1903-1914) turned this ancient practice upside down when he lowered the age of First Communion to what we have today and strongly promoted weekly, even daily, reception of the Sacrament. How many more times have you and I gone to

Communion in our lifetime than our grandparents or great-grandparents did in theirs? The answer to that question is a measure of our spiritual indebtedness to the pastoral heart of St. Pius X.

The Eucharistic obligations of Sunday Mass and yearly Communion stem from our baptismal vocation to become children of God, children who need to learn to be grateful. Our whole life long the “school” of weekly Liturgy teaches us that we owe our God worship beyond all telling—I for my life, you for yours, and all of us together for *ours*—the life that keeps the human race going on this earth.

On the day of our adoption in Baptism each of us inherited a place reserved by name at the Eucharistic table. We do not dine there alone. We break bread and drink the cup with those whom Jesus calls “friends.” And our reservation comes with a very specific instruction: “Do *this* in memory of Me.”

“Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging . . . to Christ and to His Church,” *The Catechism* teaches (2182). So important is this testimony of our presence to the growth of the Church that it is not optional. Believers “who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin” by their refusal to take the place of praise assigned them at Baptism (2181). Their absence echoes the words of Peter in the courtyard of the Chief Priest only hours after the first Mass: “I do not know the man.”

During the coronavirus pandemic it has been my overriding concern as bishop to resume as soon as possible the celebration of public Mass, because only there do we receive Holy Communion in the setting our Lord so artfully designed for us. “Do this is *memory* of Me,” He said; do not separate the Sacrament from the Sacrifice. The Sacrament is made present because the Sacrifice “happens” before our eyes. From no other source comes Communion with the Risen Christ. Unless we are sick or homebound, therefore, we “take” Communion where it is *given* to us by the priest—at Mass. It will be a great day for us all when we gather at the Altar again to renew our work of remembrance.

Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

La Comuni3n y La Misa

La campaa en contra del coronavirus le ha costado mucho a los Cat3licos, m3s notablemente en tener que “ayunar” de la Misa y la Sagrada Comuni3n durante casi dos meses ya. La dispensa de la obligaci3n del Domingo puede (y debe) tranquilizar la conciencia, pero no disminuye el anhelo de sentarse en la banca para las

Lecturas, ponerse de pie para el Evangelio, arrodillarse para la Consagración, y saborear el sabor del Pan de Vida. Sí, estas semanas han exigido un precio extremadamente alto: la presencia invisible del coronavirus ha significado la ausencia muy visible de la Misa pública.

Pero, esa privación también podría ser una invitación a apreciar de nuevo el por qué la Iglesia le da tanta importancia al Día del Señor. Lo que llegamos a entender más completamente, podemos aprender a honrar más conscientemente cuando regrese a lo “normal”. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CIC) puede ayudarnos a encontrar nuestro camino.

El Dios de Israel puso en orden el ritmo del tiempo para Su Pueblo Elegido: “Guardarás el día del Sábado para santificarlo”, dice el Tercer Mandamiento. En imitación de su Creador, los Judíos debían descansar del trabajo el séptimo día porque “representaba la coronación de la primera creación”. Los Cristianos, por el contrario, veneran el primer día, Domingo, porque “recuerda la nueva creación, inaugurada por la resurrección de Cristo.” (CIC 2190).

Para resaltar el significado superior del Día del Señor, la ley litúrgica, establece un precepto simple que da forma al carácter: “El Domingo los fieles tienen obligación de participar en la Misa” (2180). Esta expectativa de adoración Dominical cada semana se combina con otra obligación que se debe cumplir cada año: “La Iglesia recomienda vivamente a los fieles que reciban la Sagrada Comunión cuando participan en la celebración de la Eucaristía; y les impone la obligación de hacerlo al menos una vez al año. (CCC 1417). Los Católicos deben ir a Misa todos los Domingos, pero tenemos la obligación de recibir la Comunión solo una vez al año, no una vez a la semana.

Esta distinción habría sido familiar para mis cuatro abuelos que crecieron en la década de 1880. Como la gran mayoría de los Católicos de entonces y por siglos antes que ellos, iban a recibir la Comunión cada año para cumplir con su “deber de Pascua”. Pero estaban en Misa cada otro Domingo y sin recibir la Comunión.

Hace poco más de cien años, San Pío X (1903-1914) revirtió esta antigua práctica cuando redujo la edad para la Primera Comunión a lo que tenemos hoy y promovió fuertemente la recepción del Sacramento semanalmente, incluso diario. ¿Cuántas veces más hemos ido ustedes y yo a Comunión en nuestra vida que nuestros abuelos o bisabuelos en la suya? La respuesta a esta pregunta es una medida de nuestro endeudamiento espiritual con el corazón pastoral de San Pío X.

Las obligaciones Eucarísticas de la Misa del Domingo y Comunión anual provienen de nuestra vocación bautismal de convertirnos en hijos de Dios, hijos que necesitan aprender a ser agradecidos. Toda nuestra vida, la “escuela” de Liturgia semanal nos enseña que le debemos adoración a nuestro Dios más allá de todo lo dicho—yo por mi vida, ustedes por su vida, y todos

nosotros juntos por nuestra vida común que mantiene la continuación de la raza humana en esta Tierra.

El día de nuestra adopción en el Bautismo, cada uno de nosotros heredó un lugar reservado por nombre en la mesa Eucarística. No comemos allí solos. Partimos el pan y bebemos de la copa con aquellos a quienes Jesús llama “amigos”. Y nuestra reserva viene con una instrucción muy específica: “Hacer esto en memoria Mía”.

“La participación en la celebración común de la Eucaristía Dominical es un testimonio de pertenencia . . . a Cristo y a su Iglesia,” enseña El Catecismo (2182). Tan importante es este testimonio de nuestra presencia para el crecimiento de la Iglesia que no es opcional. Los creyentes “que deliberadamente faltan a esta obligación cometen un pecado grave” por su negativa a tomar el lugar de alabanza que se les asignó en el Bautismo (2181). Su ausencia hace eco de las palabras de Pedro en el patio del Jefe de los Sacerdotes a solo horas después de la primera Misa: “Yo no conozco a ese hombre”.

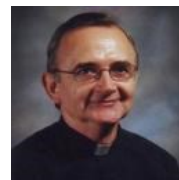
Durante la pandemia del coronavirus, ha sido mi preocupación primordial como obispo de reanudar tan pronto como sea posible la celebración de las Misas públicas, porque solo allí recibimos la Sagrada Comunión en el entorno que nuestro Señor diseñó de manera tan ingeniosa para nosotros. “Hacer esto en memoria Mía”, dijo: no separen el Sacramento del Sacrificio. El Sacramento se hace presente porque el Sacrificio “sucede” ante nuestros ojos. De ninguna otra fuente viene la Comunión con el Cristo Resucitado. Al menos que estemos enfermos o confinados en nuestro hogar, por lo tanto, “tomamos” la Comunión de donde nos la da el sacerdote—en la Misa. Será un gran día para todos nosotros cuando nos reunamos nuevamente en el Altar para renovar nuestro trabajo de conmemoración.



Bishop Cary Announces the following Clergy Assignments effective 7 May 2020



Reverend Bailey Clemens will become the pastor of Holy Family Parish in Burns.



Reverend Stan Strzyz will become the pastor of St. Helen Parish in Pilot Rock, and will also provide ministry at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.



Reverend Shaji Thomas (new to our Diocese) will become the Administrator of St. Bernard Parish in Jordan Valley, and will reside at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Ontario. He will also provide ministry at Blessed Sacrament Church.

May God bless all our priests in their ministries.

Congratulations to our Clergy who celebrate their Ordination Anniversaries in May

Most Reverend Liam Cary,	
ordained as Bishop of Baker	May 18, 2012
Rev. Raymond Hopp, Retired	May 1, 1965
Rev. Suresh Kumar Telegani, Baker City	May 11, 2004
Rev. Mike Fitzpatrick SJ, Pendleton	May 14, 1977
Rev. Louis Albrecht, Retired	May 14, 1986
Rev. Ron Warren, Retired	May 19, 1962
Very Rev. Andrew Szymakowski JCL JV	May 22, 2004
Rev. Daniel Maxwell, Hermiston	May 22, 2009
Rev. Charles Dreisbach, Retired	May 23, 1959
Rev. Bailey Clemens, Burns	May 23, 1998
Rev. Alfred Fisher, Retired	May 26, 1956
Rev. Andrew Colvin LCDR, Guam	May 31, 2002
Rev. Mr. Paul Hillyer, Klamath Falls	May 14, 1988
Rev. Mr. Jesus Esparza, Hermiston	May 27, 2000
Rev. Mr. Irineo Ledezma, The Dalles	May 27, 2000
Rev. Mr. Daniel Martinez, Pendleton	May 27, 2000
Rev. Mr. Omar Torres, Pendleton	May 27, 2000
Rev. Mr. David Raj, Hood River	May 27, 2003
Rev. Mr. Joe Garlitz, Elgin	May 31, 1987

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



5-7-20 DECREE

OPENING PARISH CHURCHES TO THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS

Livestreaming Mass with Bishop Liam Cary:

Sundays: 9am in English & 10:30am in Spanish.

Monday - Saturday: 8:00am ***New Start Time***

Watch: Dioceseofbaker.org

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5/8/20 Video from Bishop Cary: [Reopening Public Masses](#)

Bishop Cary's recorded [Homilies](#)

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5-7-20 DECRETO

APERTURA DE IGLESIAS PARROQUIALES A LA CELEBRACIÓN DE LA MISA

Misa de transmisión en vivo con el obispo Liam Cary:

[Domingos: 10:30am en Español.](#)

Ver: Dioceseofbaker.org

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5/8/20 Video de Bishop Cary: [Reapertura de Misas Públicas](#)

Bishop Cary's [Homilías](#) grabadas



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Fun

Middle School
July 15th-18th

High School
July 22nd-25th

Catholic

Upper Elementary
July 8th-11th

Family Camp
July 11th-14th

Summer



St. Mary's Academy Students Stay Busy Through the Leadership of Teachers

• RELAX • RECHARGE • REFOCUS WEEK

Spring is always a very active time for St. Mary's teachers and staff. We have a great deal to accomplish before the end of the school year to get our students ready as they move on to new adventures and the next grade level. This spring has been exceedingly challenging as COVID 19 has created barriers to education. With schools closing as of March 13, 2020, St. Mary's had to think about what was possible in order to keep education moving forward.

What has distance learning looked like for St. Mary's Academy? We jumped in with both feet, our hearts and prayers. Staff began preparations for distance learning on March 11. By Friday, March 13, students were leaving school, for an undetermined amount of time, with Chromebooks and instructional packets to ensure our students were able to make contact with their teachers and receive ongoing instruction.



Nature Walk (PreK-2nd Grd)

After a couple of weeks, we noticed that some of the other curricular areas were being missed by students and staff. For the week of April 27 through May 1, St. Mary's chose to create a Relax, Recharge, Refocus Week. This was a week for students, teachers, and families to address social and emotional needs, overall health and well-being and most of all to breathe.

Lessons were created for Art, Music, Physical Education, Health, and many other areas throughout the week. Third through eighth grades were given choice boards with STEM activities, life skills, and so much more for students to try. Such as, plan a meal for your family; Do a load of laundry; Create a photo collage.

Take a nature walk; Create art work from things from nature; Create a photo collage.



Nature Art (3-4 Grd)



Building (3-4 Grd)



Baking (PreK-2nd Grd)

After our first week of distance learning, students and families enjoyed spring break, and the state was informed that distance learning would continue. This gave us pause...What were we doing well? What were we missing? How can we help our families, students and teachers be ready to face the challenge of the next five weeks?

Our Pre-Kindergarten teachers created "Happy Boxes". A "Happy Box" contains all the amazing things you want to earn and play with from our Pre-Kindergarten classroom. "Happy Boxes" are provided each week for the students, and our pre-k teachers hand them out and greet the students as they arrive with their parents in our drive-by-pickup each week. We all came back working hard. Our teachers and students poured their hearts into the core subjects, as both teachers and students learned to navigate google classroom, make videos and hold zoom meetings.

Additionally, St. Mary's connected with local Clinical Psychologist, Pamela Miller, to help our families cope with what they are feeling. Dr. Miller created a list of daily activities and daily videos to address these unique challenges and needs of all. We thank Dr. Miller for providing support for families and students when they needed it most.

While we may not be accustomed to distance learning, our teachers have stepped up to the plate and hit a home run with their creativity, dedication, and fortitude given this immense challenge. We thank our families for their support as they have truly become the first educators of their children during this time, with our teachers laying the framework. Without the dedication of all involved, this journey would not be successful. We look forward to seeing all of our students smiling faces in the fall. We will continue to keep learning moving forward, and know this time to engage the mind and body with a Relax, Recharge, Refocus week will get us to the finish line.