May 3, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Mass Schedule**

- **Mon—Fri**: 8:15am
- **Wednesday**: 2:15pm (school Mass)
- **Saturday**: 5:30pm
- **Sunday**: 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
- **Holy Days**: 8:15am, 7:00pm

**Reconciliation**

- **Friday**: 8:45-9:30am
- **Saturday**: 4:00-5:00pm

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- **Mon—Thur**: 8:00-4:30pm
- **Friday**: 8:00-2:00pm

**School Office**

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- **Monday—Friday**: 8:00-3:30pm

**Community Outreach Office**

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- **Tues, Wed, Fri**: 10:00-12:30pm

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Ingrid, our parish and school Business Manager, is stepping down at the end of this week. I am deeply grateful for her skill and dedication to us and as you would guess, she and I have worked closely together. I will miss her big time! Please see her message below:

I want to thank all of you for supporting me in my role as the Business Manager for the parish and school the last 3 1/2 years. It’s truly been my honor!

I’ve decided to leave this role on May 8th so I can spend more time with family and friends. I trust God to lead me to a decision of retirement or some other challenge this coming Fall. Meanwhile, I’ll be volunteering at this wonderful parish and will be at Mass with the rest of you when we can again worship together.

Blessings of health, happiness, and profound peace to you and your families.

Ingrid

Deacon Brett will be shifting roles and will become our Business Manager effective at the end of the week. We are still shuffling his current responsibilities and will keep you in the loop as that gets finalized. Please pray for ME as I have to work even more closely with him! Ha.

Last week, funeral services were held for Kathy Shultz. Rose Hutchinson passed away as well. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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**Help Shape the Future — the 2020 Census is Here**

Every ten years, the federal government is required to count every single person living in the United States through a census in order to determine how billions of dollars in federal funds, as well as political representation, will be distributed among states and local communities for the next decade.

The 2020 Census will impact how many teachers are hired in our local schools and how many nurses and beds are in our local hospitals. From roads to food assistance, when people are not counted, our communities lose out. The 2020 Census will also determine how many representatives Oregon will send to Congress and how our congressional districts will be drawn. State and local governments also use Census data to redraw state legislative districts.

Though the census count has improved over time, certain populations continue to be “undercounted.” According to our local census officials, we are located in an area within Washington County where they are anticipating a low response rate. The pandemic has added additional challenges this year as well. As people of faith, we believe in the divinely given dignity of every person. When we answer the Census and encourage our neighbors to do so too, we declare that we are part of “we the people” and refuse to be excluded from the critical funding and political representation all people deserve.

There are three easy ways to complete it: by phone, by mail, and — for the first time — online. If you haven’t already, head to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) and respond to the census today!
Hello, everyone. Here are some paraprosdokians for your enjoyment, courtesy of fellow parishioner Sue Ann who passed them on to me. Hope you get a good laugh out of them -- I definitely did!

- Where there’s a will, I want to be in it.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- We never really grow up — we only learn how to act in public.
- If I agreed with you, we’d both be wrong.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I didn’t say it was your fault — I said I was blaming you.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- You’re never too old to learn something stupid.
- I used to be indecisive, but now I’m not so sure.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- In filling out an application, where it says, “In case of emergency, notify. . .”, I answered, “A doctor.”
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. . . but it’s still on my list.

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At this time, as indications emerge for a way out of quarantine, we pray that the Lord will grant us the grace of prudence and obedience to these indications, so that the pandemic does not return. #PrayTogether

12:45 AM · Apr 28, 2020

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Support Catholic Charities of Oregon in GivingTuesdayNow

Join with Catholic Charities of Oregon this Tuesday, May 5th for GivingTuesdayNow, an international day of giving and unity in response to COVID-19. Created by the global generosity movement GivingTuesday, GivingTuesdayNow is an opportunity for us all to demonstrate our commitment to healing the sick, caring for the poor, sheltering the unhoused, and keeping our communities safe and healthy as we navigate the hardships caused by the novel coronavirus.

From the beginning of this crisis, Catholic Charities has been on the front lines, working hard to ensure the people we serve have what they need to feel safe. By standing with them — and the world — during GivingTuesdayNow, you can help provide critical resources, including food, cleaning supplies, and emergency financial assistance, to the most vulnerable Oregonians impacted by the fallout of COVID-19.

Generosity is a profoundly spiritual value that unites people of all races, faiths, and political views. It gives everyone the power to make positive changes in the lives of others, nourishing the world and our souls.

Every effort matters in the fight against COVID-19. Your gift to Catholic Charities of Oregon as part of GivingTuesdayNow will help save lives. Please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic Charities in this important work on this global day of giving, at [www.classy.org/give/282636/#!/donation/checkout](http://www.classy.org/give/282636/#!/donation/checkout).
When my wife was very, very pregnant with our first child and began having infrequent and minor contractions, I suggested we go to the hospital (20+ minutes away). She assured me it wasn’t time. As the contractions became stronger and came faster, I insisted we start driving, but was again rebuffed. Too many hours later, when I threatened to go to the hospital with or without her, she reluctantly got into the car.

Ten minutes down the road, she said, “We might have to pull over.” I calmly and gently told her in the strongest possible terms that the car would not be stopping under any circumstances. We tore down the highway and skidded to a stop in the ambulance area, then I ran into the hospital lobby, hopping up and down and hollering “Baby! Right now there’s a baby!” until a small army of nurses and orderlies took over.

May is the month of Mary, and we remember with solemn devotions the life and stories of the mother of Christ. The Bible doesn’t tell us whether she sat calmly on that donkey as it sauntered into Bethlehem or if, perhaps, she and Joseph were engaged in an “urgent dialogue” about when and where the donkey needed to “pull over.” It doesn’t tell us if Mary was the kind of cool mom who would let Jesus eat Cheez-its and drink Pepsi, or if she was a strict “celery sticks and kale chips” mother. And it never explicitly tells us how she was feeling when Jesus told her he would be going into the desert to fast for forty days. How she was feeling as she watched him turn water into wine. Whether she watched as the nails went into his hands, or had to look away.

But in all these stories there are little clues to her character, glimpses of her personality. Tiny insights into the woman whose picture is hanging up in our church—and probably somewhere in your own home. It’s worth our time to get to know her better. And to honor her this month, let’s use this space to do just that.

“Pandemic Ponderings”: I am trying to think about a nice way to say this without ‘beating the heck out of the bush’, so to speak, because I say it as much for myself as I do for anyone who is reading this. We are in really tough times, and though God did not cause this to teach us a lesson, He uses all things for our good. So maybe the answer isn’t to yearn for ‘business as usual’.

Brett talked about the disciples on the road to Emmaus, heading to their Vegas when their times got tough. And then God, in the person of Jesus Christ, reminded them why He had come, and what that meant in their lives. And their hearts burned because what Jesus offered is so much more than anything they could find anywhere else. There was a reason that the Israelites wandered through the desert for 40 years. Are we in our own desert now? They were a stiff necked and obstinate people. Are we any different? Is there something that we need to learn, like the Hebrews, that will take us to a better normal than what we had before?

Can we remember that, unlike the Hebrew’s who “only” had Moses, we have Jesus Christ to rely on, the fulfillment of all of the promises given to our forefathers? Here is Moses’ prayer on the Hebrews behalf when Israel turned their backs on what God was offering: “He said, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though the people are so obstinate, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your own possession.” Ex 34:9

St. Paul, who knew Jesus, says this in Romans 8:37-39: “No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

And here is what Jesus had to say to His disciples (and to us) “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14:27

Jesus also said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

May we find a new and better normal when all of this settles. May God take care of us and our families and keep us safe and healthy. May He lead us to a closer and deeper relationship with Him! Amen+
“Democracy requires that people have a relationship to God.” — Fr. Dave, 2016

With the upcoming election looming before us, the Social Justice and Health Ministries find that our issues, goals, and advocacy priorities are similar. As with any other ministry, we aspire to rely on our faith to guide us. In searching how best to express the relationship between our faith, our ministries, and our advocacy, we rediscovered one of Fr. Dave’s homilies from September 2016, entitled, “I Am Going to Tell You How to Vote.” Fr. Dave’s homily inspires us to rely on our faith to guide us as we actively participate in our democracy.

**Faithful Citizenship**  
*A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries*

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**Respect Life Ministry**  
*Gloria Bernard — 503.579.2562 — globernard2@gmail.com*

**40 Days for Life – Spring 2020 Campaign**

Even though we had an abbreviated spring campaign, we are blessed by the results: 484 babies saved worldwide and 4 babies saved here in Portland! **Our presence is making a difference!**

Join us in the USCCB’s nationwide effort called **Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service**, to assist pregnant moms and families in need. Visit [ht.org/respect-life-ministry](http://ht.org/respect-life-ministry) to learn more.

**Did you know?** The group Precious Children of Portland (PCOP) exists to help pregnant women and families who are facing challenges in raising their babies. PCOP along with the pro-life community helps women with emotional support and resources such as baby items, housing, rent, and utilities.

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**Community Outreach**  
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**Holy Trinity Food Closet is an Equal Opportunity Provider.**

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I am going to ask a very rhetorical question: Are you ready for some uplifting news? If you are like me and 99.99% of the rest of the population, you’re tired of masks and gloves and confinement. Seriously, how many reruns of Friends, MASH, or the 1977 NBA championship can you watch! So, in order to help with everyone’s sanity I thought I would share a little information about some good stuff that has been going on.

I recently received a card in the mail. It read:

> “We picked up two large boxes of food from Elmonica Elementary school to feed our large family, and we were told we have YOU to thank… Thank you with all of our hearts for this loving and generous gift! It means a lot! Happy Easter to you. Lots of love from our family to you and all of your families!”

Talk about making a difference!

A couple of weeks ago I was invited by the Beaverton School District to participate in a call with the Residence Inn near 185th and Evergreen. With their occupancy rate way down they had an interesting proposal that both helps people in need and keeps their staff employed. They have opened up their available rooms at greatly reduced rates for homeless families that we identify. These rooms come with kitchens, wi-fi, and they even provide free use of laundry facilities. All very big deals for families who are living in cars or tents. Because of all of your generosity, I was able to immediately place a family of seven that have been living in their car for an extended time. We have helped them in small ways for a couple of years, but Mom had tears in her eyes when she told me that now her “kids would have a way to get their school work done and she could cook a decent meal.”

**All good news indeed!**
You continue to impress with your responses to our weekly photo/story challenges in the bulletin and on Facebook! I’m amazed at all the things our parish family is up to these days.

In case you missed it, every week I’m offering a different prompt challenging you to show how you’re making the most of things. Prove that you completed the challenge by emailing me a photo or story (your choice) of you and/or your family doing something that fits the prompt.

On the right we have some responses from our bulletin readers and Facebook followers for last week’s challenge, which asked you to show how the people in your household are exercising their creativity. Look at what everyone said!

This week, I’m challenging you to send me a picture or story of someone in your household finding cool ways to relax. Ready, set, chill out!

Anna DeBlois’ family is learning to sew. Her 8-year-old daughter completed her first project: a baby blanket. Looks cozy!

Jennifer Radosavljevic has been exploring her artistic side with these butterflies! Beautiful!

Check out these healthcare-themed cookies that Heidi Szekely made for her local emergency health care workers. Wow!

Linda DiFalco has been “baking” up a creative storm for her neighbor’s birthday!
**Mass Intentions**

Saturday 2nd
Holy Trinity Parish

Sunday 3rd
Holy Trinity Parish

Monday 4th
+Agnes Van Loo

Tuesday 5th
Birthday Blessings to Jacob Anderson

Wednesday 6th
+Cao Relatives

Thursday 7th
+Paul Kohnen
and
Continued Healing for M. Comoda

Friday 8th
+Nguyen Relatives

The flowers this weekend are in loving memory of Agnes Van Loo.

**Holy Father’s Intention for May**

For Deacons
We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**Parish Finances**

For the weekend of April 25-26

- Offertory: $15,884
- Food Closet: $9,530
- Outreach Assistance: $100
- Additional Gifts: $2,560

**Scripture Readings**

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**Sacramental Preparation**

- Baptism: Pat Linton | pat@h-t.org
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**Mass Intentions**

Intensions that had been previously scheduled for our weekend Masses have been moved to a weekday Mass.