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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

### **PALM SUNDAY – THE PASSION**

This week we walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are also called to give our life for others. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl has helped us walk with our sisters and brothers who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation. Operation Rice Bowls are collected on Holy Thursday at the 7:00pm Mass.

### **REMEMBRANCE EASTER LILIES**

We will be decorating with Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. Please bring your Easter lily to The Belisle Library by Wed., Mar. 31. At that time be sure to add the 'loved ones' name or 'celebrated event' to the sheet.

### **CHURCH DECORATING**

We will be decorating on Holy Thu., Apr. 1 at 10:00am downstairs on the stage for the altar of repose. Easter decorating will be Sat., Apr. 3, 10:00am. If you would like to help with the decorating, please call Mary Talbitzer, 834-5470. Thank you!

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

On Apr. 1, 7:00pm we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Rice Bowls are collected. Following the Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight will be held at the altar of repose in the Hall.



### **NO ADORATION**

From Holy Thursday evening Mass, 7:00pm through Easter Sunday, 1:00pm there will not be Eucharist Adoration in the Chapel.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

On Fri., Apr. 2 Stations of the Cross will begin at 12:00pm. Confessions will be heard 12:30-3:00pm. At 3:00pm we'll say the Divine Mercy Novena and then we'll be singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Liturgy of the Passion will begin at 7:00pm with Veneration of the Cross. There will be a special collection for the Holy Land at this service.

### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Jesus told St. Faustina, "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy." (diary 301) The Feast of Divine Mercy is Sun., Apr. 11. The Novena to the Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday, Apr. 2 at 3:00pm and ends on Sat., Apr. 10. The novena will be prayed daily at 3:00pm in the church and can be found on pages 85-90 in the *St. Thomas Book of Prayers*.

### **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to Friday's special collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

On Apr. 3 the Easter Vigil begins at 8:30pm with the Service of Light. This Mass is one of the biggest celebrations within the church year. We will welcome new members.



## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

### **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

(Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-7:15pm)  
NO CLASS THIS WEEK! Happy Spring Break!  
Apr. 7, 14, 21 & 28

### **VBS**

Aug. 2-6, 10:00am to noon.

### **BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE**

Classes are on Sunday mornings before and during 9:30am Mass. This is a faith formation class designed for children who need a non-traditional classroom setting. Contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393 or [pathwaystolearning@live.com](mailto:pathwaystolearning@live.com).

### **ATTENTION ALL! 1ST HOLY COMMUNION...**

will be celebrated at the 5:00pm Mass on **May 1**. If you usually attend this Mass, please kindly consider attending a Sunday Mass as this Mass will be very full. Thank you!

### **ATTENTION—HOLY WEEK PRACTICES**

TODAY, Mar. 28 practice for servers, acolytes, & sacristan will be at 1:00pm for those serving Holy Thursday, Good Friday. Practice for the Easter Vigil practice is on Sat., Apr. 2 at 10:00am for servers, acolytes, & sacristan and those who are being baptized at this Mass.

### **ATTENTION GIRLS!**

Girls of St. Thomas, would you like to get involved in some fun and fellowship this spring? The Girls' Club will meet Mondays, Mar. 29 and Apr. 12 at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. On Mon., Apr. 26, also at 6:30pm, we'll bake granola in the parish hall kitchen. Then, on Mother's Day we'll host the Sunday coffee hour and have some surprises for our wonderful Moms. Questions? Call Justine Varsek at 834-3658 or Teresa Fry, 624-0031. Come join us!

## **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

### **NO CONFIRMATION CLASS TONIGHT**

Youth Confirmation class will resume April 11.

### **NO YOUTH FAITH FORMATION TONIGHT OR WED.!**

Class will resume April 11.

### **NO DTS THIS WEEK**

### **GOING DEEPER**

The blog that answers teen questions for deeper Catholic understanding. At [goingdeeper-catholic.blogspot.com](http://goingdeeper-catholic.blogspot.com)

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE ANNUAL REPORT**

As members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council, we assist Archbishop Brunett and his staff in the oversight of financial matters of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Each year we provide an Annual Report to keep you apprised of the financial condition of our Church and to keep you informed about some of the issues and challenges we are addressing. This report is published in our Catholic newspaper "The Catholic Northwest Progress". You can also find the report on the Archdiocesan web site [www.seattlearch.org](http://www.seattlearch.org). The link is [Annual Report 2008-2009](#). Lou Dell'Osso Jr. Chair, Archd. Finance Council.

**THE 2009 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IS WINDING DOWN.**

**ALL FINAL PAYMENTS ON PLEDGES ARE DUE BY APRIL 20. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET FULFILLED YOUR PLEDGE PLEASE SEND IT IN SO WE CAN MEET OUR ASSIGNED GOAL.**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR FINAL PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL OFFICE  
710 9TH AVENUE, SEATTLE WA 98104.**

**NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS**

**FINANCE COUNCIL OPENINGS**

The Finance Council is a consultative body that provides the pastor with advice concerning the stewardship of the parish's fiscal resources. We have 2 positions opening later this summer. We are seeking parishioners with experience in the areas of business, finance, administration, or accounting. You must be a baptized, confirmed Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church, registered with and supporting the parish, committed to prayer, study, listening and dialogue. Anyone interested should contact Jim Potter, ext 208 or jim@st-thomascamas.org.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CELEBRATION**

On Wed., Mar. 31, 4:00-5:00pm at Vancouver Planned Parenthood, 5500 NE 109th Ct., will be the site of our 40 Days for Life wrap-up celebration for Lent 2010. We have educated 100's of women that we feel strongly they should never consider abortion. Come and celebrate a job well done. Jerry Ross, 673-2376.

**BIRTHRIGHT**

Comfort, knowledge and hope are here for her at Birthright. Practical help and caring pregnancy support. Learn about volunteering. Speak with fellow parishioner, Jeanette Gaug, 834-2622 or our coordinator Angela, 882-1824.

**RETREAT FOR RETURNING CATHOLICS MAY 28-30**

Maybe you've been away from the Church for awhile. Maybe you're not sure if you want to return, but you are willing to at least take a second look. Come on a retreat for Returning Catholics on the week-end of May 28-30 at The Palisades Retreat Center, Federal Way. It will be a faith sharing retreat with large group presentations and communal prayer. We will also give you time to rest, reflect and encounter God. Scholarships are available. For more information, visit [www.seattlearch.org/palisades](http://www.seattlearch.org/palisades) or call 206 748-7991 or 1-800-330-7622.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

We now have the following openings so your help is needed:

- Monday, 2:00-3:00am
- Wednesday, 3:00-4:00am & 4:00-5:00am
- Friday, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am



Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill an hour 834-2126 ext. 0 or [jeanne@st-thomascamas.org](mailto:jeanne@st-thomascamas.org) Schedules are in the adoration chapel and you are welcome to take one home as we have many times with only one person in the chapel as well as the above space which no one is covering.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CALLED TO PROTECT FOR MINISTRIES**

On Mon., Apr. 19, 6:30pm in the Fireside Room this three-hour training is designed to teach participants (catechists, ushers, homebound ministers, drivers etc.) how to recognize the signs of abuse, how to respond to suspected abuse and how to keep our ministries, programs and children safe. Register at: [www.seattle.setanet.org/classes.php](http://www.seattle.setanet.org/classes.php) or call Jim Potter, ext. 208.

**TAIZE PRAYER**

The next Taize prayer night in the Fireside Room will be on Tue., Apr. 20 with gathering at 6:50pm and prayer beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 2010**

On Tuesday evenings, beginning April 27 with gathering at 6:50pm and sessions, 7:00-8:30pm, the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* will be coming to our parish. Each week for 7 weeks, witness talks will be followed with small group discussions including question and answer time. Sign up by calling 834-2126 ext. 263.

**ECUMENICAL TEA**

The Aquinas Guild is hosting a tea for all church ladies of Camas and Washougal on Apr. 17, 1:00-3:00pm in the Hall in this the 60th Anniversary of the dedication of St. Thomas Aquinas Church. RSVP at ext. 264, the mark your calendar! Remember to invite your friends.

**MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?**

The first-ever St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Pacific Crest Academy Father Daughter Dance will take place Fri., May 22, 6:30-8:30pm in the Hall. Spend an evening with your princess(es) as you dance, enjoy dessert, refreshments, take pictures, and listen to music. There is no age limit. Mark your calendar for this memorable evening with your little girl.

**DEO GRATIAS AWARD**

This long-standing St. Thomas tradition recognizes two parishioners who have gone above and beyond their call of duty in helping our parish build up the kingdom of God. Previous winners' certificates are in the hall and a list is in the Easter SUMMA as they are not eligible to win. The Pastoral Council will be voting at the May 24 meeting and winners will be announced June 13. Your nominations may be dropped in the collection or sent to [jeanne@st-thomascamas.org](mailto:jeanne@st-thomascamas.org).

**OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY**

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS & BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)  
OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2009 THROUGH 6/30/2010

Actual Collection 3/21/2010	\$9,150
Planned Collection 3/21/2010	\$10,300
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) 7/1/2009 thru 3/21/2010	-\$15,542 -3.2%
<b>It is easy, convenient, safe, and secure to give you donations to the church electronically.</b>	<b>Contact the office for information 834-2126 ext 208</b>



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**  
**Called to serve**

The prophet Isaiah's four "servant songs" (Isaiah 42:1-7; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12) describe the qualities of the ideal servant leader. To begin with this person is the "chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations" (42:1b). It's not surprising that the early Christians saw in the servant songs a remarkable similarity to Jesus' life and ministry. The third song (which is proclaimed today) talks of a suffering servant. This passage helped Jesus' followers understand his death on the cross in a new and hopeful way. We are all God's servants; how is this truth expressed in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49*  
*"The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced."*

**MONDAY, MARCH 29**  
**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
**Honestly assess your motives**

It's good to keep in mind that Jesus chose a thief to be one of his 12 apostles. Otherwise we might think Jesus chose *us* because we're so good! It's also ironic that Judas' false protest that the money spent to anoint Jesus should have been given to the poor elicited this famous rebuke from Jesus: "You will always have the poor with you." We use that quote today to put off giving to the poor. In reality the money we possess has been entrusted to us to help the needy. When we refuse to do so, we are thieves like Judas. There's one week left to repent.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11*  
*"He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief."*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30**  
**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
**Look to yourself**

We move into Holy Week with a sober reminder of our imperfect nature, exemplified by predictions of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial of Jesus. It would be easy to point a finger at their failings while denying our own potential to do the same. At one time or another we all disappoint those who count on us for support. Today is a good day to make some amends for past shortcomings or betrayals. Then you can move toward Easter with a lighter spirit and a more joyful heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38*  
*"Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me."*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**  
**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
**Listen up**

As Holy Week continues you might stop to think about the importance of *listening* for your Lenten journey. In *prayer* you listen for the Spirit of God and the promptings of your own heart. In *almsgiving* you listen for the voices of those in need and then respond. In *fasting* you listen to your own spiritual and physical hungers to sort out what is truly important. In these last few days of Lent take some time to listen.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25*  
*"The Lord God has opened my ear."*



**THURSDAY, APRIL 1**  
**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**Live the memory**

The liturgy of Holy Thursday is rich in symbolism and meaning. The stories of the first Passover and of Jesus celebrating the Passover with his friends contain images foundational to our self-understanding as Christians, images that for centuries have inspired our prayer, art, imagination, and theology. Today we do not merely remember the story of the Last Supper and the washing of feet; we open ourselves to God's presence here and now, which we experience in communion with our family and friends over a meal, during a liturgy, and by caring for one another and for those in need. May Holy Thursday be nourishing to you this day and may you find ways to make present the reality of God's deep love for you and for the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15*

*"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you."*



**FRIDAY, APRIL 2**  
**GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**  
**Allow yourself to be raised up**

On this most solemn of days we focus on the Passion and death of Jesus. But remember what happens tomorrow night: resurrection. The story is not over until that happens. Beyond the darkness of Good Friday will shine Easter light. God reaches out a hand to raise us up out of suffering, sin, even death, and calls us back to God. And the crucified Jesus shows us God's love: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends," Jesus says in the Gospel of John (15:13). Jesus is the human hand of God; all we need to do is grasp it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42*

*"See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up."*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**  
**VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER**  
**Nothing but the truth**

In a world that so often teeters between white lies and damnable ones, God speaks the truth. God is truth, so when God says, *Let there be light*, prepare to be dazzled! And when Jesus says, *I am the light of the world*, trust that we can follow him through the dark valley of death and find our way. Jesus also says to his friends: *You are the light of the world*—which means it's up to us now to carry "Christ our light" higher than the darkest deceptions of our times. He is risen! Who needs to hear this message tonight?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12*

*"Then God commanded, 'Let there be light'—and light appeared."*

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Mar. 27 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Marie Godsil (Smedley)

## Mar. 28 PALM SUNDAY



Mass begins in the Hall—No Coffee Hour

Liturgy of the Hours for week 2

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-7

New Testament: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

The Passion according to Luke 22:14-23:56

8:00am Fr. Allison Mass

9:00am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Old Rectory

9:30am Fr. Allison Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Fr. Allison Mass

1:00pm Altar Server Practice for all the Masses of the Triduum, Church

NO Confirmation or H.S. Faith Formation

## Mar. 29 MONDAY

8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Raymond Hunt

9:10am Rosary

6:00pm Scouts, Hall

## Mar. 30 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass for the Lela McMachlan (Kelly)

4:30pm Study & Prayer Small Group, Fireside Room

6:50pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, & Choir Church

## Mar. 31 SPY WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of Jasper Lyons (Kelly)

9:10am Rosary

5:30pm Vox Clara, Church

NO Faith Formation or Dead Theologians Society

7:00pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17

## Apr. 1 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration until midnight at the altar of repose



## Apr. 2 GOOD FRIDAY

(Fast & Abstain)

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church

12:00pm Stations of the Cross

12:30-3:00pm Confessions & meditations

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet

7:00pm Liturgy of the Passion



## Apr. 3 SATURDAY

10:00am Vigil practice & Church decorating

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

## Apr. 4 EASTER SUNDAY

Coffee Hour hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Liturgy of the Hours for week 1

8:00am Mass

No Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate

9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Mass

NO Confirmation or H.S. Faith Formation



# Easter

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 10 First Communion Retreat

Apr. 17 Ecumenical Tea

Apr. 19 Called to Protect for Ministries

Apr. 27 Life in the Spirit Seminar begins

May 1 First Communion Mass, 5:00pm

May 10 Summa deadline

May 14 Couples Night Out

May 15 Boys'/Young Men's Vocation Dinner

May 22 Father-Daughter Dance

May 23 Confirmation Mass, 11:30am

June 6 Corpus Christi Procession

June 12 The 13th Day, movie showing

Jun.18-20 Summer Camp



### IS THE NEED FOR AN ANNULMENT PREVENTING YOU FROM EXPERIENCING THE FULLNESS OF YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

St. Thomas Aquinas parish has a team of trained volunteers who are available to help you through the process. This service is confidential. We would like to dispel any myths or anxieties you may have regarding this deeply personal issue. Please contact the office for more information.

### CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2010



To celebrate the Year of the Priest during Lent: Each Friday (the day of Our Lord's Blessed Passion) pray the Stations of the Cross for priests and/or pray the *Litany of the Precious Blood* or the *Litany of the Sacred Heart* for them.

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