



The Sunday Encore

More News and Announcements from St. Francis de Sales Parish

Sunday, April 10, 2022

The Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

Thoughts Regarding Who Is Jesus For You By Mary M. McGlone

Today, we begin the most solemn, liturgically charged week of the year. When we recite the creed, we bow at the memory of the Incarnation, and this week reminds us that the ultimate effect of the incarnation of Christ is that human nature participates in God.

As we walk through and remember the drama and passion of Jesus Christ this week, let us reflect on the many parts of this story and personalize it with our own stories of being faithful to God in the midst of opposition and rejection.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection Announcement

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provides Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholic around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

School News: Dragon Tales

Extra Extra Read All About It, 5th grade has some news, and we're going to share it!! Grade 5 has been busy! We are *achieving excellence* tracking our progress on our online Reading and Math programs! Last week the 5th grade class completed 148 Reading lessons and mastered 78 math skills online. We are *rooted in faith* as we prepare to celebrate mass with our first grade partners this Friday in the chapel. We are *servng others* throughout the month as we track our service with the help of Mrs. Maly and our service logs. We look forward to continuing to grow as scholars living out our school virtues, as we not only grow academically but as followers of Christ. Jean Meier, Grade 5

Marriage Moments And Parenting Pointers: Food For Thought And Actions

Marriage Moments-In life and marriage there are also times of joy and celebration-like Palm Sunday. What is something that your beloved has done that makes you proud of him/her? Rejoice together today and remember it when the hard times of life also creep in.

Parenting Pointers-Good Friday reminds us of Jesus' extreme physical and emotional suffering. Discuss with your family one hardship that each of you have had this past year. Carrying them together can help. Consider a lesson or a benefit that at least one of your trials has brought you.

Purcell Marian High School Blood Drive: Hoxworth Blood Center

Purcell Marian High School will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, April 26 from 8:00 to 9:45 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The Hoxworth Blood Center bus will be located on the school's parking lot. To schedule your donation, please visit www.hoxworth.org/groups/pmhs or call Hoxworth at 513/451-0910. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcomed.

Living Laudato Si' Eco-Tip Of The Week From The SFdS Parish "Green Team"

Regarding Cleaning Products:

The Easy One: Cleaning is important, but cleaning products often come in plastic containers. This week count how many of your home cleaning supplies come in plastic containers?

The Challenging One: Research which cleaning products can be put in curbside recycling, which you can substitute other products for, and if there are any Zero Waste stores near you.

Children's Ministry Team Update

We've miss teaching the wonderful children of SFDS. We are hoping to re-establish our ministry to children, ages 2-7, during the liturgy of the word at both Sunday Masses.

If you have children you would like to enroll, please contact Gail Miller [gailmillers1@hotmail.com] and let her know the names of the children and ages, or your name and Mass time you attend. We have a number of our previous volunteer teachers who are willing to help but could use a few new volunteers. New helpers will be paired with a veteran who will develop and lead the lessons. The only requirement is certification for Safe Parish. The frequency of commitment is up to you. Contact Gail if you can help. We are looking forward to reconnecting.

Ursuline Academy Spring Open House

Fifth through seventh grade prospective families are invited to come and learn about how Ursuline Academy prepares young women for college and beyond by nurturing her soul, intellect, heart, and imagination!

Ursuline's Open House offers prospective students and their families an opportunity to see the school on a student-led tour, meet Ursuline faculty and staff, and explore all that Ursuline has to offer.

Registering in advance will save time when you arrive at the open house; however, walk-ins are also welcome. Families typically spend one to one and a half hours at the open house.

We look forward to meeting you! Questions? Contact admissions@ursulineacademy.org or (513) 791-5791

This Week From U.S. Catholic Magazine

Please visit *U.S. Catholic Magazine* at www.uscatholic.org for this week's read and other informative and inspiring articles:

**At Mount St. Helens, A Spiritual Insight On Ecological Healing: The Paschal Mystery of Mount St. Helens-Its Life, Death, And Resurrection-A Symbol Of Hope* by Kevin P Considine.

Congratulations Bishop-Elect Earl K. Fernandes!!!

Pope Francis, announced that Father Earl K. Fernandes, of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus in Ohio. Bishop-elect Fernandes will be consecrated and installed as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr writes: "Bishop-elect Fernandes has ministered to the people of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in many ways since his ordination to the priesthood on May 18, 2002. Over the past 20 years, he has served as dean, pastor, parochial vicar, seminary academic dean and associate professor, high school teacher, retreat leader, and regular contributor to *The Catholic Telegraph* and other publications. Father Fernandes also served on the staff of the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C. for three and a half years. Through all his assignments, Father Fernandes has been an ever-joyful witness to the goodness, beauty and truth of the Catholic faith.

Please join me in congratulating Bishop-elect Fernandes on this joyous news. Let us keep our beloved brother in prayer as he starts this new ministry."



Bishop-Elect Earl K. Fernandes

Lenten Reflection On The Russia-Ukraine Conflict

The following is a reflection from Brother Bill Campbell, S.M. addresses major concerns involving peace and justice regarding the Russia-Ukraine conflict for your reading and reflection.

The war in Ukraine helps to focus on how unjust countries can be toward one another. For what reason: Russia sees what it wants and will make every effort to take it. Soldiers have broken down in tears seeing the results of the war. While the global community has tried to stymie the Russian government through monetary punishments, it is not enough.

The call to follow the themes expressed in Laudato Si are front and center in writings, meetings and discussions in the Marianist world. Keeping Marianists focused on these themes helps remind us of the importance of an international response to the value and blessing of creation. One individual may only have a minimal impact on change; the Marianist communities help keep the values expressed in Pope Francis' writing.

Refugees and migrants face an uncertain future. While our concentration is the Ukraine, where thousands of people have been forced to flee their homeland, we cannot forget the suffering on the southern borders of the United States. Story after story reveals the hardship of those trying to cross into the U.S. Families separated and children left without knowing where they are to be taken surely causes Marianists to do what is possible. Prayer is a good start.

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“Passing from one divine feast to another, from palms and branches, let us now make haste, O faithful, to the solemn and saving celebration of Christ’s passion. Let us behold him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake, and let us sing to him with thanksgiving a fitting hymn: Fountain of tender mercy and haven of salvation, O Lord, glory to you!”

Byzantine Vespers
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