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REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

*God our Father,
help us to hear your Son.
Enlighten us with your word,
that we may find the way to your glory.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers **Dorothea Renner**, the aunt of Syl & Vincent Pavlicek. May we remember those families and friends who have gone before us marked with this sign of faith. May they enjoy the fullness of God's love.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SPRING BREAK

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EMBER DAY

Wednesday, March 23 is an Archdiocesan Ember Day. Traditionally, Ember Days are days of prayer and fasting. The intention of this Ember Day is for effective faith formation of children and adults. Observance of the Ember Day is encouraged but no obligatory.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

March 25, 2011, the Feast of the Annunciation, is a Friday in Lent. Since it is a solemnity, there is no obligation to abstain from meat.

FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Don't forget to join us for our weekly Friday Night Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross. Parish groups and organizations or individual families are invited to sign up to provide and prepare a simple soup supper or to lead the Stations of the Cross. Supper is served at **6pm** followed by the Stations of the Cross at **7pm**. A sign-up poster is posted in the vestibule of the church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lent is a great time to come on Thursdays and sit in the presence of Jesus and allow yourself to "rest" in his presence. Hours of Adoration are between 12noon and 8pm.

We've all met folks who are a stick in the mud. Earthquakes, tornadoes, twenty-foot waves couldn't move them. Content and satisfied, they stay put doing the same things eating the same foods, watching the same TV shows. Often these folks have few friends. For most of us, our natural instinct is to move on, searching for new experiences, new possibilities, new challenges. Peter in this gospel is acting like a stick in the mud. His first response to Jesus' transfigured glory is to stay put: "Lord, it is good that we are here." He wants to erect tents; he wants to stay on the mountain top. Jesus has other plans. Yes, when Jesus takes his three closest disciple friends "up a high mountain" and is "transfigured before them," the disciples are eager to stay. But when the voice from heaven announces who Jesus is and commands them to "listen to him," their mood shifts: they became afraid. Why are they afraid? Because listening to Jesus means not staying put, but moving onward into the unknown. The destiny is transfiguration, but the journey is a costly one. The first reading is about venturing forth and the cost to Abram-kinsfolk and homeland. Abram is commanded by God to leave his homeland and live on a promise of future blessing. Abram lives on a promise; so do we. This promise does more than better the condition of humankind; it offers us a share in divine life. It does have its cost; we must listen to Jesus, follow him, carry forth his saving mission, even when it leads to Jerusalem. The radiance of the transfiguration of Jesus overwhelms the disciples and even makes the greatness of Moses and Elijah-symbols for the law and prophets-pale in comparison. Yet the call of God to us is the same as that to Abram and to Peter, James, and John: be willing to leave everything to go where God wills. Be willing to listen to Jesus, learn of his ways and embrace his journey. Our journey as disciples leads us to eternal glory-foreshadowed by Jesus' transfiguration. This is worth any cost. In comparison to the glory that God offers us in Christ, the offering of our lives as disciples is puny in comparison. All we need do is listen to Jesus.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF BINGO!

St. Patrick Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a fun afternoon of Bingo this Sunday, **March 20th** from **12:30pm to 4:30pm** in the Parish Center. Hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, brownies, and cookies will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy a great afternoon with your parish family and enjoy a game or two of bingo.

THE RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 pm the Catechumens and Candidates from St. Patrick will take part in the Diocesan wide celebration of the *Rite of Election*. This event takes place at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Portland and will be preceded by our parish celebration of the *Rite of Sending* during the 11:00 Mass. This Rite involves being called before the assembly to sign the Book of the Elect and then being "Sent" from the parish community to the church of the Archbishop, St. Mary's Cathedral. During the Rite of Election the names of our catechumens and candidates will be read and presented to the Archbishop in recognition of the progress they have made on their journey toward the Easter Sacraments. From this time until Easter these men and women, and the hundreds of men and women throughout our Archdiocese, will be known as *The Elect of God*. Please keep *Lynnette Masterson* and *Krissy Pankey*, Catechumens and *Juan Garlicia-Porfirio* and *Chris Keifer*, Candidates for Full Communion in your prayers as they make their final preparations for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter.



BULLETIN NEWS ITEMS FROM LORA HELI:

Are you interested in serving our Lord through the ministry of music? You are invited to share your talents by joining the Adult Choir, open to parishioners high school age and above, in preparation for the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter. Rehearsals take place on Saturday mornings in the church, beginning at 9:30am. For more information, please call Lora Heli at 503-263-3840.

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your donations to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! Your generosity will provide vital assistance to the essential pastoral needs of the region's Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about what your donation have achieved.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all of the families at St. Patrick's Church who visited Burgerville on Tuesday, March 15th to support the Whiskey Hill Lego Robotics Team. We raised some much needed funds toward our upcoming trip to St. Louis, Missouri and we appreciate your support.
Ryan and Jack Bigej of St. Patrick's Parish



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Parish Happenings

Sunday	NO REP for grades 1-5
12:30pm	Knights of Columbus Bingo
3:00pm	Children's Baptismal Preparation class [RCIC]
3:00pm	Spanish Sacramental Prep
5:00pm	Spanish Bible Study
Monday	
9:15am	Bible Study
5:00pm	Spanish Music Rehearsal
6:00pm	Intercession Prayers
7:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Gr
Tuesday	
7:00pm	Tuesday evening Mass
Wednesday	
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS, JOURNEY IN FAITH OR FAITH IN ACTION	
Thursday	
8:00am	Daily Mass
12:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
NO Spanish Religious Education classes	
7:00pm	Bible Study
8:00pm	Benediction
Friday	
7:00am	Marian Prayer Group
8:00am	Daily Mass
6:00pm	Soup Supper
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group
Saturday	
9:00am	Marriage Prep workshop - Hispanic community
9:30am	St. Patrick Choir Rehearsal

Parish News

OUR PRIVILEGE, OUR RIGHT, AND OUR DUTY

As it is written 'even if these forget, yet I will not forget you.'
(Is 49:15):

We in the Catholic Church in the Community of St. Patrick
remember, hold in our memory, and pray



for the men and women who serve in the

Armed Forces especially: *Cody Amick,
Ryan Thomas Blackwood, Ryan Bridges,
Aaron Burch, Isaiah Creel, Tanner*

*Cushing, David Davis, Loyd Davis,
Kenny Doleac, Bryan Dykeman, Brad*

*Dunn, Bill Ellis, Adam Ferrell, David Hannon, Nolan
Henden, Joe Hauck, April Kennedy, Patrick Kirsch, Mike
Krzmarzick, Sarah Losson, William Losson, Johnny Lugo,
Adam Lulay, Alonzo Maronilla, Jordan Martinez, Jordan
Morelli, Joey Nikkirk, Daniel Olsen, Keith Schantin,
Matthew Schmader, Robert Selner, Kristian Spencer, Tarl
Spencer, John Suchanek, Brian Thomas, CJ Trillo, Jonathan
Turner, William Walsh, Ivan Wilson and John Zagyyva. May
they be servants of Christ through service to those in need,
and may they be kept safe from all harm.*

PARISH SUPPORT

March 13th, 2011

Funds Collected for Others:

Cemetery	\$15.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$20.00
Central & Eastern E.	\$1143.82
Total:	\$1178.82

Collection Parish Operating Expenses:

Envelopes'	\$6694.29
Loose	\$367.89
Children's	\$1.00
Poor	\$25.00
Unemployment Fund	\$185.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Total	\$7373.18

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OUR PRAYERS FOR HOLINESS OF LIFE

*For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at
every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the
sacraments, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and
consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

*That each member of the church have the strength to venture
forth on the Lenten journey of discipleship with courage, we pray
to the Lord.

*That those living in the darkness of poverty and injustice be led
to the light of God's glory, we pray to the Lord.

*That each of us listen to Jesus as he daily teaches us how to be
better disciples, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 22 , 2011

+Dallas Meyerhofer by Clem & Patty Meyerhofer

Wednesday, March 23 , 2011

Special Intention for the Victims of Japans Earthquake/Tsunami

Thursday, March 24 , 2011

+Intention of the parishioners

Friday, March 25, 2011

+Intention of the Trumm family by the Trumm family

Saturday, March 26, 2011

5:30p.m. +Sam Latham by Marilyn Latham

Sunday, March 27, 2011

8:30am Intention of the parishioners

11:00am Intention of the parishioners

4:00pm Intention of the parishioners

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Jesus commands the disciples to "Rise, and do not be afraid." The
journey of discipleship has its dangers (temptations), but we still
venture forth on the journey to eternal glory. We trust in God's
guidance (given through the law, prophets, teachings of Jesus,
Gospel living modeled by others) and surrender ourselves into
God's hands. All we need do is listen.

Listening to God can come through the readings and homily on
Sunday. It can come through our practice of taking some time
every day to read God's word in Scripture. It might come through
the good modeling of discipleship by another. It might come
through the guidance we seek in spiritual direction. It might come
through the disciplines we choose for lent. There are many ways
God makes known the divine will for us. Listening means all
these things but, most important, it means that we keep our eyes
focused on the vision of Jesus transfigured and know that God, in
great love and divine mercy, intends that we share in that same
glory. We cannot lose sight of Jesus himself.

Religious Education

LENTEN ACTIVITY

Throughout the Season of Lent, the elementary students of St. Patrick will be writing letters and collecting supplies to send to the soldiers that we, as a parish, are praying for. If you have a family member that we are praying for, please contact Jody Patershall (this week) with contact information, so that we may send your family member a letter and a care package. We would like to open this up to the whole parish. In addition, if we have enough supplies, we will send them to soldiers who do not receive letters and care packages from their families. We are asking for your support in collecting items that the soldiers may need. Please look for a list of supplies in this week's bulletin.

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CONFIRMATION AND SACRAMENTAL SUNDAY

Our next Sacramental Sunday will be Sunday, March 27th. We will bless our Confirmandi at the 8:30am and 4:00pm Mass. It is not necessary to bring your sponsor.

CONFIRMATION OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Our next and final overnight retreat opportunity will be Saturday, April 9th. Permission forms were due Wednesday, March 16th. Please contact Frances Parker at 503-266-9411 or fparker@canby.com for more information.

LENTEN PRAYER

God of love and forgiveness,
you give us this season of Lent to call us back
to you through repentance and acknowledgment
of our sins and offences.

Through our prayer draw us closer to you
and help us to know the depth of your love.

Through our fasting help us to rely on you
as we put aside our own wants and needs.

Through our almsgiving make us aware
of the needs of our brothers and sisters
whose only hope is often in you alone.

In your great mercy, heal us from our sins
and wipe out our offences, so that,
renewed in your grace and revived by your love,
we may rejoice in your saving power.

Amen

EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER PRESENTS LENTEN RETREAT: MARY: WITNESS & RESPONSE

We remember the great faith of the Virgin Mary while we imagine the greatest challenge to that faith on Good Friday. What was Mother Mary feeling, remembering and hoping for her son, for God's will? In a similar light, how do our own past experiences and expectations of the future color our faith responses as we journey through Lent to the Cross and beyond? What do we expect of ourselves? What does God expect of us? Please bring a sack lunch.

When: Saturday, April 16th

Time: 9:30am-3:00pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Facilitator: Carolyn Wilhelm

MOTHER TERESA AND YOU

Through prayer, music, reading, reflection, discussion and simple writing exercises, we will seek a deeper understanding of our own faith out of our encounter with Mother Teresa.

Franciscan Spiritual Center - Milwaukie, OR

Date: Saturday, April 30

Time: 12:30pm-5:30pm

Cost: \$50 per person

Facilitator: Shirley Tormey

HOLY WEEK

Shalom Prayer Center welcomes you to come for a private retreat during all or part of Holy Week. There will be abundant time for silence, reflection and joining the monastic community for the liturgy of the Hours and the Paschal Triduum liturgies. \$64 per day includes your room and meals. Please contact: Shalom Prayer Center - 503-845-6773.

VIETNAMESE SPIRITUALITY AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

will be presented by Fr. Anthony Vu Hung Ton on April 2 at the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon Motherhouse in Beaverton from 9:00am-noon. Fee: \$15. Please call Sr. Noreen to register: 503-644-9181. Expand your knowledge of how God is experienced in another culture through religious practices, devotions and celebrations.