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Catholic Schools Week - Redmond

On February 3rd, the Feast of Saint Blaise, the children and teachers at St. Thomas Academy in Redmond were joyous to welcome Bishop Cary at their weekly 10:00 Mass. After his homily, the children presented Bishop Cary with gifts of thanks and then received the blessing of their throats. The staff and students had a great time praying and interacting with the Bishop.



Catholic Schools Week - Bend

The annual Catholic Schools Week was celebrated at St Francis School in Bend between January 30 and February 5 with various activities that included a Mass and Adoration with Bishop Cary, Science Fair Exhibits, a Religion Bee, a Family Fun Night. Students from the school greeted and welcomed parishioners at the opening weekend, various other assemblies were held, a vocations/career day, as well as basketball game between the staff and Middle School students.



What is National Catholic Schools Week?

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2016 is January 31 - February 6. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2016 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

The Chrism Mass

Each year the Chrism Mass beautifully expresses Christ's gift of priesthood to his Church. As high priest of the flock he is appointed to shepherd, the Bishop gathers with his priests in the Cathedral to renew their priestly promises and to bless the Holy Oils they will use in conferring the sacraments after Easter.

The Pope celebrates the Chrism Mass in Rome on the morning of Holy Thursday, the day the priesthood was instituted at the Last Supper. We have the Chrism Mass a week earlier here (March 17th this year) because most priests are too busy during Holy Week to make the long journey to the Cathedral in Baker City.

After the homily, the Bishop asks the priests if they are "resolved to renew" the promises they made on the day of their ordination, when they publicly pledged

- to be faithful to the sacred duties of the priesthood,
- to be "faithful stewards of the mysteries of God," and
- to "discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching."

It is always moving to hear the priests respond with one voice: "*I am.*"

The Holy Oils remind us of the crucial significance of anointing in the life of the Church founded by Christ, whose very name in Greek means, "The Anointed One." From the beginning the Church recognized that the Old Testament practice of anointing priests, prophets, and kings with consecratory oil prefigured The Christ who was to come.

Over the Oil of Catechumens the Bishop prays, "Lord God, protector of all who believe in you, . . . bring [all who are anointed with this Oil in preparation for their Baptism] to a deeper understanding of the Gospel [and] help them to accept the challenge of Christian living." Anointed catechumens receive power from on high to face the challenge of Satan and renounce sin both before and after they are reborn and washed clean. (In the ancient world wrestlers were often anointed with olive oil to be able to slip out of the grip of their opponent.)

As he blesses the Oil of the Sick, the Bishop prays the "God of all consolation" to "send the power of your Holy Spirit, the Consoler, into this . . . soothing ointment" that it may bring healing of body, soul, and spirit to those who suffer serious illness. With the anointing of the sick comes pardon of sin and grace to bear affliction with the patience of Christ.

Sacred Chrism is a sign that Christians—dying, buried, and rising with Christ in Baptism—partake of His kingly and prophetic priesthood and that they share at

Confirmation, as He did at the Jordan River, in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

To consecrate the Holy Chrism the Bishop first pours perfume into the oil and stirs it thoroughly. He then breathes over the vessel as the Breath of God, the Holy Spirit, settled upon the Apostles the night of the Resurrection.

"And so, Father," the Bishop prays, "make this Chrism a sign of life and salvation for those who are . . . anointed [to be] temples of your glory, radiant with the goodness of life that has its source in you. . . . Let the splendor of holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed with this oil."

As the Mass ends, what lingers is the beautiful fragrance of the freshly blessed Chrism. When the women came to the tomb on Easter morn to anoint the body of Jesus with precious ointments, no odor of corruption did they detect. He had risen. The sweet smell of Resurrection passed into the sacraments of the Church, so that Christians might fill the world with the fragrance of indestructible life.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

La Misa Crismal

Cada año la Misa Crismal expresa bellamente el regalo del sacerdocio de Cristo a su Iglesia. El Obispo, como sumo sacerdote, se reúne con sus sacerdotes en la Catedral para renovar sus promesas sacerdotales y para bendecir los Santos Óleos que van a utilizar para conferir los sacramentos después de la Pascua.

El Papa celebra la Misa Crismal en Roma en la mañana del Jueves Santo, el día en que fue instituido el sacerdocio en la Última Cena. Aquí tenemos la Misa Crismal una semana antes (26 de Marzo este año) porque la mayoría de los sacerdotes están demasiado ocupados durante la Semana Santa para hacer el largo viaje a la Catedral en Baker City.

Después de la homilía, el Obispo le pide a los sacerdotes si ellos están "decididos a renovar" las promesas que hicieron en el día de su ordenación, cuando se comprometieron públicamente:

- a ser fieles a los sagrados deberes del sacerdocio,
- a ser "fieles administradores de los misterios de Dios" y
- a "desempeñar fielmente el sagrado oficio de enseñar."

Siempre es conmovedor escuchar a los sacerdotes responder en una sola voz: "*¡ Si, estoy dispuesto !*"

Los Santos Óleos nos recuerdan del significado crucial de la unción en la vida de la Iglesia fundada por

Cristo, cuyo nombre en Griego significa, “El Ungido.” Desde el comienzo la Iglesia reconoció que la práctica en el Antiguo Testamento de ungir a los sacerdotes, profetas, y reyes con aceite consagrante prefiguró Al Cristo que había de venir.

Sobre el Óleo de los Catecúmenos el Obispo reza, “Señor Dios, protector de todos los que creen en ti, . . . trae [a todos los que son ungidos con este Óleo en preparación para su Bautismo] a un entendimiento más profundo del Evangelio [y] ayúdalos a aceptar el desafío de la vida Cristiana.” Los catecúmenos ungidos reciben el poder de lo alto para enfrentar el desafío de Satanás y renunciar al pecado tanto antes como después de que son renacidos y lavados. (En el mundo antiguo los luchadores a menudo eran ungidos con aceite de oliva para poder salirse de las garras de su rival.)

Al bendecir el Óleo de los Enfermos, el obispo reza al “Dios de todo consuelo” que “envíe el poder de su Espíritu Santo, el Consolador, en este. . . unguento calmante” para que lleve la curación de cuerpo, alma y espíritu a los que sufren enfermedades graves. Con la unción de los enfermos viene el perdón del pecado y la gracia de soportar la aflicción con la paciencia de Cristo.

El Santo Crisma es una señal de que los Cristianos—muriendo, sepultados y resucitados con Cristo en el bautismo—participan de su Realeza y sacerdocio profético y lo comparten en la Confirmación, como Él lo hizo en el Río Jordán, en la unción del Espíritu Santo.

Para consagrar el Santo Crisma el Obispo primero derrama perfume en el aceite y lo mezcla completamente. Luego sopla sobre la vasija como el Aliento de Dios, el Espíritu Santo, se posó sobre los Apóstoles la noche de la Resurrección.

“Y entonces, Padre,” reza el Obispo, “haz de este Crisma un signo de vida y de salvación para aquellos que son . . . ungidos [para ser] templos de tu gloria, radiantes con la bondad de la vida que tiene su origen en ti. . . . Permite que el esplendor de la santidad brille en el mundo desde cada lugar y cosa sellado con este aceite”

Al terminar la Misa, lo que perdura es la bella fragancia del Crisma recién bendecido. Cuando las mujeres vinieron a la tumba en la mañana de la Pascua para ungir el cuerpo de Jesús con unguentos preciosos, no detectaron ningún olor de corrupción. Él había resucitado. El dulce olor de la Resurrección se pasó a los sacramentos de la Iglesia, para que los Cristianos puedan llenar el mundo con la fragancia de la vida indestructible.

Illuminating our Parishes – correction
 Blessed Sacrament Church in Ontario was founded in 1911 and not 1980 as stated in the last issue. My sincere apology to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament for my typing and editing error. Terri Isom, Editor

Bishop Cary's Schedule

- March 6 Knights of Columbus Retreat, Powell Butte
- March 7 Committee for Protection of Children and Young People by video
- March 9 Northwest Association of Bishops and Major Religious Superiors (NABRS) Meeting in Portland
- March 10 Reconciliation Service in Redmond
- March 12 Mass at St. Pius X in Klamath Falls
- March 13 Mass at St. Pius X in Klamath Falls - Meet with parents of RE on *Religious Liberty and our Responsibilities in Politics and Society*
- March 14 Meet with Confirmation class in Madras
- March 17 Chrism Mass at Cathedral in Baker City

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend



The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass will be offered every other weekend at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church on:

- March 06 2:15 p.m. Low Mass
- March 20 2:15 p.m. High Mass (Sung)
- April 03 2:15 p.m. Low Mass
- April 17 2:15 p.m. High mass (Sung)

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to Very Reverend Jude Onogbosele, J.C.L., pastor of St. Edward the Martyr in Sisters, as he celebrates his ordination anniversary this month on March 22nd. Father Jude was ordained to the priesthood in 2003.

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

Liturgical Observance for Lent & Holy Week



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City, Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, March 20, and includes *Holy Thursday, *Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil on *Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday is March 27.

Check with your parish for schedule of services.
 (* Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Parish News: St. Patrick, Condon

The start of Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Celebration will once again be marked with an original drama production featuring the St. Pat's Players and directed by Father Gerry Condon, retired Pastor of St. Patrick Church. This marks the 13th year of such a production.

Intrigue at Glendalough is a drama of faith, forgiveness, and intrigue. Glendalough (The Glen of Two Lakes) is home to one of the most important monastic sites in Ireland. This early Christian monastic settlement was founded by Saint Kevin who came to the area in the 6th century. He was looking for a place of solitude and having found it, remained and lived a rather hermitic life.

The most famous of all the landmarks in the area is the Round Tower which stands 110 feet above the ground. It was built almost 1,000 years ago by the monks of St. Kevin's monastery for protection from the Vikings and for the safe keeping of precious manuscripts. Today it is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Ireland.

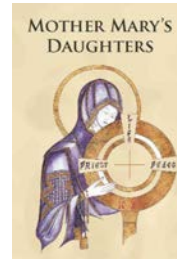


Glendalough is the location of the story where a group of tourists share events in their lives and where there is an underlying intrigue.



Rehearsal for "Intrigue at Glendalough" with a few of the St. Pat's Players and Fr. Gerry Condon (center).

The first performance will be at the Ione Community School on Sunday, March 13th at 3:00 p.m. The final performance will be at St. Patrick's Parish Hall on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment with Irish music will be provided by Joe Lindsay, Bill Monagle, and Rick Drake. Admission is free, but donations are accepted and will be given to a local charity of the cast's choosing.



12th Annual Chrism Mass Marian Retreat & Pilgrimage sponsored by Mother Mary's Daughters

Mary, Mother of Mercy
.. .to Thee do we cry!

A Marian Retreat of prayer for our Holy Father, Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and for all the people of God.

You are invited to join us at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Redmond on Friday, March 11 for a day of prayer and recollection. We will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a Rosary followed by Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast will be served following Mass. Come and sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. (English) and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

For more information, contact Judy Newport at mothermarysdhtrs@gmail.com or call (541) 604-6034.

Saturday Night Live – Catholic Style



St. Thomas Parish in Redmond is hosting the next *Saturday Night Live – Catholic Style* event on April 9th. Join us for the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, a delicious and fun Hawaiian dinner, and then an engaging talk by professional speaker, Thomas Smith. Dinner is served in the Parish Center immediately after Mass with the speaker beginning around 7:15 p.m. Wear your favorite Hawaiian attire and participate in the 50/50 Raffle if you wish!

Thomas Smith was received into the Catholic Church in 1996, bringing a wealth of experience and insight on the New Evangelization and the Word of God to audiences across the U.S. He is a repeat guest on EWTN and Catholic radio as well as a sought after parish mission and international conference speaker. Thomas lives on his family ranch in southeastern Idaho where he continues to explore the riches of the Catholic faith.

Thomas' talk is titled **"How to Fearlessly, Faithfully, and Fruitfully Share the Joy of the Gospel In a World That Doesn't Want to Listen!"** Come and hear his remarkable conversion story from Mormon missionary, to Baptist Minister, to the Catholic Church. Find out what Pope Francis has to say about "The Joy of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*) and learn 7 key secrets for sharing the Gospel with others - including your family, which can sometimes be the most challenging.

Tickets are \$10 per person (includes dinner) and go on sale after all Masses beginning March 12/13. You may also purchase your tickets in the Parish Office and Will-Call tickets are available for out of town guests by just calling the office (541) 923-3390. Childcare will be available but *please* let us know that you need it *at least one week* in advance. Come join us for a wonderful social and spirit-filled evening.