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PARISH UPDATES

TRIDUUM CELEBRATION

Celebrating the paschal mystery as a parish family

The Triduum provides us a once-a-year opportunity to celebrate the paschal mystery in a deep way as a parish family. We are blessed that our proximity to each other makes celebrating together rather practical. So this year, our parish family of St. Charles and St. Leo parishes is taking the step forward to celebrate the Triduum together at St. Charles parish.

Gathering as a parish family is really important. Every year, all the priests of the Archdiocese (or as many of those who can manage it) gather at the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. Being together as an entire presbyterate to renew the promises of priesthood that forms us as community. Likewise, gathering as a whole parish family for the Triduum gives tangible witness as a community united by this pivotal celebration of the paschal mystery.

Coming together to form something new

When a couple marries, they each bring something of themselves to the marriage. At the same time, a marriage forms an entirely new relationship through the Sacrament of matrimony. In a similar way, our celebration of the Triduum together as a parish family is going to be something entirely new, though it will also be familiar in many ways.

For years, St. Leo parishioners have been invited to participate in a reciprocal foot washing process at Holy Thursday Mass where the priests wash the feet of parishioners who then, in turn, wash the feet of other fellow parishioners. During our shared Triduum, we will observe this practice. Look for a link in the bulletin where parishioners who want to participate in this foot washing process may sign up in advance.

Another practice at St. Leo has been that of passing a cross among the congregation during the Good Friday liturgy. During this year's Good Friday liturgy, we will pass the cross-arm of a cross through the congregation. This provides everyone, including those with limited mobility, an opportunity to venerate the cross. The Good Friday liturgy will also provide an opportunity to venerate the cross in the traditional way.

Another sign of unity will be bringing the paschal candle from St. Leo to St. Charles for the Triduum, along with the paschal candle from St. Charles which will remain in place. The St. Leo community makes their paschal candle using beeswax harvested from the St. Leo L'honey program operated in collaboration with the L'Arche Farm and Garden program serving youth and adults with developmental disabilities.

Each of us who comes to our Triduum liturgies will find some things familiar and some things new. Parishioners from St. Charles will encounter some new traditions and parishioners from St. Leo will celebrate the Triduum in a new place.

Of course, the most important thing is that our Lord is present at these liturgies in the same way he has been in every year down through the ages in so many locations around the world since the Last Supper. Whatever may be new about the life of our community, we can be confident that it is He who still leads us into new life through the Eucharist.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the St. Charles Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 6th for Easter Monday. We will return to regular business hours on Tuesday.

If you would like to participate in the foot washing ceremony on Holy Thursday, please use the QR code below to sign up.



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OUR PARISH FAMILY STAFF

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
29	30	31	1
Palm Sunday 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass/Mass 12:30pm Mass	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 7:00pm Bible Study	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Bible Study 12:10pm Mass 6:00pm Catholic in Recovery	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Becoming Catholic 6:00pm Rosary Group 7:00pm Tenebrae Service
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	3	4	5
Holy Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm Foot Clinic for the Homeless 9:30am Rosary 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Good Friday 9:30am Rosary 12:00pm Living Stations of the Cross 12:00pm Native American Stations of the Cross 1:00pm Lectio Divina 7:00pm Passion of the Lord	Holy Saturday 10:00am Quilters 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass	Easter Sunday 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass/Mass 12:30pm Mass

Events in blue are located at St. Charles

Events in red are located at St. Leo

DAILY READINGS

WEEK OF MARCH 29

Sunday - Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:11
 Isaiah 50:4-7
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Matthew 26:14-27

Monday

Isaiah 42:1-7
 John 12:1-11

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:1-6
 John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Isaiah 50:4-9
 Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday - Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-15

Friday - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Hebrews 4:14-16
 Hebrews 5:7-9
 John 18:1-19:42

Saturday - Holy Saturday

Genesis 1:1—2:2
 Genesis 22:1-18
 Exodus 14:15—15:1
 Isaiah 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11
 Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4
 Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28;
 Romans 6:3-11
 Matthew 28:1-10



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REST OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dick Clark	Patrick McIntyre	Joseph Palermo
Joan Artley	Jim Davis	Jane Hawkins
Thomas Munce	Les Cathersal	Holly Barnes
David Rothrock		

THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

David Warren	Emma Valladears
Phyllis & Don Jutilla	Anna Villaganzalo
Judy Adams	Bill Crane



WEEKLY ROSARY GROUPS

St. Charles has several groups who meet to pray the rosary each week. One group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the newly reconfigured Holy Family Chapel in the Parish Center. There is also a group that meets in the church immediately following daily Mass, as well as a group that prays on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the church. You are invited to join any of these prayer sessions.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Leo has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem.

The pandemic hit the Holy Land particularly hard with many people relying on pilgrimages for work. The Iranian conflict has made their situation more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God living in this land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. You can make a donation through your Pushpay account.

LOCAL PREGNANCY RESOURCES

Please help women, men and families find life-affirming Pregnancy and Parenting Resources. (Add these to your phone or print & carry in your wallet/purse)

- St. Charles Gabriel Project – Karol @ 253-307-8542
- Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma – 253-383-4100 or pregnancyaidwa.org
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center – 253-582-3384. Located in Lakewood. Open Mondays and Fridays, 10am-12noon.
- PREPARES of Western WA – 206-737-9264 or <https://preparesforlife.org>

MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND NEEDED

St. Charles provides Eucharistic Ministers to those who are homebound. We are in need of additional volunteers to help with this important ministry. If you are interested, or have questions, contact Cathy at clamet@charles-leo.org



A DAY OF GRACE & GLORY

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of the
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Our world faces urgent needs as more families struggle with hunger and poverty.

The Catholic social teaching principle of Solidarity teaches us that we are one human family. Because we are connected, the joys and challenges faced by our sisters and brothers affect us too. May we discover what God is asking of us to do to help. As we prepare for the joyful celebration of the Christ's Resurrection, let's recommit ourselves to God and to care for our global family.

End World Hunger with CRS Rice Bowl

By donating to CRS Rice Bowl, you help provide lifesaving support to people around the world. But did you know your generosity also helps your local diocese? Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports vital Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. Thank you for your compassion and for making a profound difference globally and locally.

Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus, guide my heart this Holy Week. Help me reflect deeply on Your sacrifice and love, understanding the depth of Your mercy.

May I see Your presence in every moment, and may my thoughts, words, and actions honor Your teachings. Let my heart be open to spiritual growth and transformation as I meditate on Your journey to the cross.

Strengthen my faith to walk humbly and follow Your example with love and devotion.

CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES

Please pray for our catechumen and candidates who will be welcomed into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Cheyenne

Alex

Deltris

Jose

Jason

Jerry

Kaetlyn

Courtney

Jorge

Henry

Michael

Andrew

Jason

Jazleen



Jennifer

Patricia

Gregory

Austin

Gretchen

Bethany

Charly

Ayleen

Tad

Yaret

Omar

Jaylen

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

Preparations for next year's 2027 Honduras Mission trip begin now! We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the St. Charles Borromeo Upstairs Meeting Room (west). Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 21st. We welcome anyone who wants to join the group, either working here on the home front in Tacoma, or desiring to go on Mission. You do not need any particular medical skills to go on mission. You merely need to be healthy, flexible and have an open heart to help in any way possible. Whatever experience you may have often comes in handy- be you medical based or not. In fact, the water filter division is searching for someone to take on learning the ropes of tracking distribution of the filters via the computer program, follow up education and repairs to keep the program going.

You can also help by donating. A simple list of gently used items we desire are:

- Shoes- all ages & sizes
- Clothes- infant to adult, men's jeans waist 28-33 very desirable, women love a knee length or mid-calf elastic waist band skirt
- Bath Towels
- Wash clothes
- Short handled umbrellas
- Bed sheets
- Medical devices: single point canes
- Braces for ankle, knee, wrist, or back

If you have any questions or desire more information contact Cathy Lamet at eh parish office or Mission leader, Jackie Murphy at (206) 730-8637.

OUTREACH THROUGH PRAYER

To submit prayer requests for the **St. Charles Prayer Line** call 253-564-5185 and for the **St. Leo Prayer Line** call 253-241-6290.

If you have a prayer intention for the sick to be read during the Prayers of the Faithful at weekend Masses, call the Parish Office, at 253-564-5185.

This must be requested by an immediate family member.

If you would like to request a Mass Intention for a daily Mass, call or visit the Parish Office.

REGIONAL PASTORAL ASSISTANT FOR ADMINISTRATION

The St. Charles and St. Leo Parish Family in Tacoma seeks a strong administrator to support finance, facilities, technology, and parish operations. Responsibilities include budgeting, financial reporting, facilities management, vendor relations, stewardship support, and maintaining parish records and IT systems. Applicants should demonstrate competency in bookkeeping and financial management, ability to collaborate effectively, organizational skills, understanding of parish operations, ability to develop and support a team, adaptability and a deep commitment to the Church.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

March 28 at St. Charles 5pm

March 29 at St. Charles
8am, 10am & 12:30pm

March 28 at St. Leo 5pm

March 29 at St. Leo 10am

Tenebrae Service

April 1st
at St. Leo 7:00pm

Native American Stations of the Cross

April 3 at St. Leo 12pm

Easter Vigil

April 4th
at St. Charles
8:30pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 2nd
at St. Charles 7pm

Passion of the Lord

April 3rd
at St. Charles 7pm

Easter Sunday

April 5th
at St. Charles
8am, 10am & 12:30pm
at St. Leo 10am

SCB Food Bank

Our Food Bank is stocked and staffed by the parishioners of St. Charles. Your weekly donations of food and finances make this tangible outreach possible. Our Food Bank carries and is always in need of the following items:

Canned Soup
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Tuna



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Tuna Helper
Hamburger Helper
Jiffy mix
Jam/Jelly
Mayonnaise
Ramen
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Bar of Soap
Dish soap
Laundry soap
Toilet paper

You can also purchase and donate Fred Meyer SCRIP to help us purchase items that are low in our pantry.

Food donations can be brought to the collection bins in the church. If you're donating food from your pantries, please make sure to check expiration dates. Thank you for your continued support!

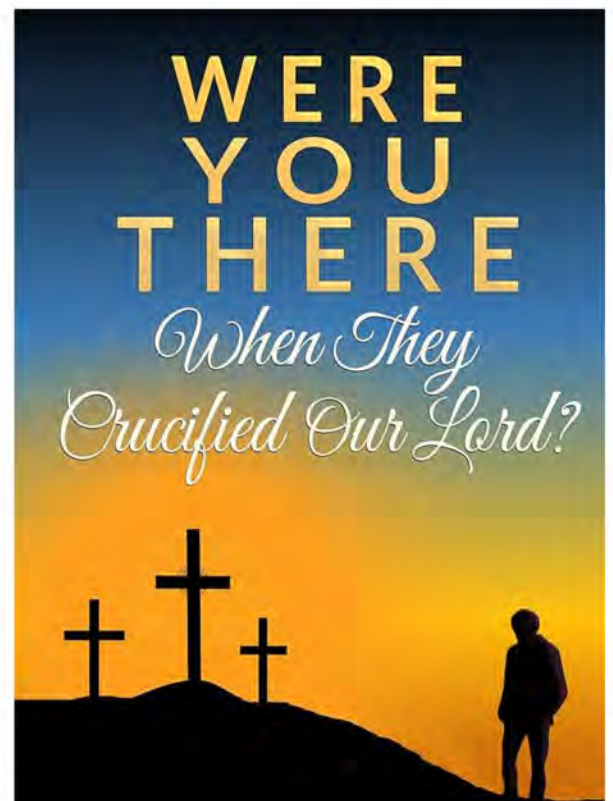
**Do you know someone in
Pierce County who could
benefit from our food bank?
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contrary to belief, an anointing is not just for those who are actively dying. One can receive an anointing if they are severely ill, are about to have surgery, are actively dying or any other emergency circumstances.

If you or your family member have been Baptized Catholic, and are in need of an anointing please call the office at 253-564-5185. If you are in need of an anointing for someone who is actively dying (outside office hours), please call the emergency line at 253-564-5185. and press 2.

Attending Mass and in need of an anointing? No problem. Fr. Michael and Fr. Marc welcome you to be anointed after any Mass! Just stand/sit by the Baptismal font and they will meet you after Mass.





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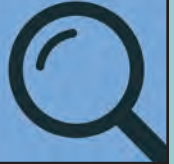


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