



# ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL

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*“St. Paul Cathedral Parish is a diverse body of Catholic people whom God calls by name, given a mission by Jesus Christ to be a faithful sign, a realistic foretaste and an instrument of the Kingdom of God. As Cathedral Parishioners, we recognize our responsibility to show leadership by example and to provide service to God’s people.”*

My Dear Parishioners:

Life continues for the Church with its ups & downs, triumphs & failings, good times and bad, but remember, “After every Good Friday, there’s always an Easter Sunday”. God is stronger & more powerful than all the evil in the world. So, raise your heads high, take courage & realize the great joy for which we are preparing in Christ’s Resurrection from the dead & His promise that we will share in it!!

What is ahead for our Cathedral Parish?

1. First of all, this weekend, The Fourth Sunday of Lent, we commemorate “Laetare” (rejoice) Sunday as we are clearly reminded that for which we are preparing during this Lenten Season-the triumph of Christ over death and sin. (Rose colored vestments are worn this weekend.) Because it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we have our usual collection for our local needy for our parish St. Vincent Society and there is no Life Teen activity or Spy Edge for our high school & middle school students. (The usual 7:00PM Mass will be offered this Sunday evening.)
2. Secondly with the arrival of April on Monday, hopefully snow & winter is over for this year. It has been a long cold winter!!
3. You already have been alerted to the great annual diocesan CHRISM MASS, this year on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in our Cathedral. The priests & deaconate community will gather with our Bishop for the consecration and blessing of the Sacred Oils for use in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick as well as for consecration of altars, churches, & sacred vessels used in Mass. The priests serving in our Diocese will also renew their promises to serve the people of our Diocese of Yakima.
4. That same week we offer our local Annual Penance Services as a wonderful opportunity for spiritual preparation for Holy Week & Easter. Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> “The Holies” 4:00PM Holy Redeemer 7:00PM Holy Family; Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> “The Saints” 4:00PM St. Joseph 7:00PM CATHEDRAL. Take advantage of this GOD-given opportunity for reconciliation within yourself, with others and with God. (No 5:30PM Mass that Tuesday or Thursday or stations on Wednesday that week.)
5. You are also aware of religious articles from olive wood made by the few Christians left in Bethlehem on sale after Masses this weekend, a way to help the diminishing Christian community of the Holy Land.

6. And then we come to Holy Week & Easter. Please join us & invite your friends to come with you.

Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Blessing & Procession of the Palms  
10:40AM in the courtyard (English)  
12:40PM by the school (Spanish)

Monday of Holy Week – April 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 7:00AM  
Sung Lenten Evening Prayer 5:30PM

Tuesday of Holy Week – April 16<sup>th</sup>

Masses at 8:00AM, 5:30PM, & 7:00PM (Spanish)  
With Soup, Sandwich, and Video following the 5:30PM Mass (school cafeteria)

Wednesday of Holy Week – April 17<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 7:00AM  
Stations of the Cross (English) 5:30PM

Holy Thursday – April 18<sup>th</sup>

Mass of the Last Supper –7:30PM with Washing of Feet & Procession to the  
Chapel of Repose open until 10:00PM following Mass

Good Friday – April 19<sup>th</sup>

Commemoration of the Death of Jesus –7:30PM No morning Mass or Exposition  
“The Seven Last Words” at noon at St. Joseph Church presented by the Yakima  
Association of Faith Communities.

Holy Saturday – April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil Sacramental Initiation and Mass of the Resurrection  
**NO MORNING MASS OR SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS**

Easter Sunday – April 21<sup>st</sup>

**MASSES OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM English & 1:00PM (Spanish)  
**NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**

Bishop Tyson, Fathers Alatorre & Mitchell and Msgr. Siler join me and your parish staff in wishing all of you all the joys and blessing of Holy Week & the Easter Season.

Please keep us in your prayers also.

In Christ,



Rev. Msgr. John A. Ecker – VG  
Pastor

P.S. Thank you for all the cards, wishes, gifts & remembrances on my recent birthday!!