

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2010

Homily Next Week:
Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

**Readings for
April 11, 2010**

FIRST READING: ACTS 5:12-16
SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:9-11A,12-13,17-19
GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday - 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the Church
or by appointment

Parish Center Hours

Monday-Thursday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Easter & Its Symbols

It is on Sunday that we assemble, because Sunday is the first day: the day on which God transformed darkness and matter and created the world, and the day on which Christ our Savior rose from the dead.
~Justin, 2nd Century

The Triduum—literally, “three days” recalling the death and resurrection of Jesus—ends with the holiest celebration of the Church year: the Great Vigil of Easter. Since ancient days, this celebration of Christ’s resurrection from the dead has been the time when the story of our salvation has been told and new members have been welcomed into our company. In our own day, especially since Vatican II and the restoration of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, this has been the day when women and men are baptized and confirmed into the Church. The Vigil, and indeed, all of Easter is marked by the fundamental symbols of our faith, and understanding these may help us better enter into this holy season.

Fire & Light

The Easter Vigil begins with the lighting of the great fire and blessing of the Paschal Candle. This fire represents the power of the Spirit, which drives back the darkness in the raising of Jesus, and the movement of new life in the light of Spring. The Easter candle, which recalls the pillar of fire that led Israel through the desert, ignites all the other candles, without ever losing any of its own light—as Jesus’ sharing out of God’s grace feeds us without diminishing him.

The Easter candle is marked by the Presider with five pins, suggesting the wounds of Christ, which remain with him, even when he is glorified in resurrection. Also, there are symbols on the candle, including the date and the Alpha and Omega, suggesting that Jesus is Lord both of history and eternity.

Further, as the cross was raised three times during the Good Friday service, so the candle is raised three times, as we proclaim and give thanks for Christ our light, who dispels the darkness. Then, as the People of God enter into their house of light, the great and ancient hymn of Easter—the *Exsultet* (a command, meaning “Rejoice”)—is sung, while all hold up their lights in the joy of Christ’s rising.

Water & Passage

As the liturgy goes on, we hear many readings—the whole history of salvation, from the creation to the resurrection of Jesus, and the choice of us as God’s people. At the center of these readings is the Exodus from Egypt, the liberation of the Jewish people, which is the foretaste of our liberation in the Passover of Christ from death to new life. As Israel is called through the Red Sea, so we turn to the waters of the new font, where we (and our Elect) cross over to life in Christ.

The priest blesses the waters with the Easter candle: a sign of the Exodus; a sign of unity (e.g., fire with water, heaven with earth); and a sign of birth (e.g., the feminine image of water meeting the masculine image of the candle). Indeed, the water means many things, including the womb, where life begins, and the tomb, from which Christ rises. Even the eight-sides of our new font are symbolic, recalling Christ, who rises on the “eighth day” of a new creation, of which those who pass through these waters become a part.

So much more could be said that can’t fit here. Yet, in all these symbols, one is the greatest: us. For Christ became what we are, so that we might become what he is. Look around and see the sacrament of Christ in each one here. Alleluia!

Calendar

Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 5	Parish Offices Closed Sacred Silence, 7 PM, Church
Friday, April 9	First Friday Prayer Service, 6:30 PM, Parish Center
Sunday, April 11	CFF Classes, Social Hall No Confirmation Class

Note: Daily masses (Monday-Friday) are celebrated in the Arrupe Room at 7 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Loyola Room (the old rectory chapel) both located in the Parish Center.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Thanksgiving for a beautiful new son . . . For Bob's safe travel abroad and for Lizzy's visit to India . . . For Paul's successful eye surgery . . . For our St. Joseph school staff and students who are on spring vacation this coming week.

Prayer Tree



" . . . his power is at work among you . . . Do you not recognize yourselves as people in whom Jesus Christ is present." ~2 Cor 13:3-5

If you are interested in having someone placed on the prayer tree, please contact Renée Leet at 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

FYI... The parish offices will be closed Monday, April 5th.

First Friday Prayer Service

The Prayer gathering will be held on Friday April 9th and will begin promptly at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center Arrupe Room. There will be a potluck immediately following. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Quinn-Shea at quinn-shea@msn.com or Mary Beth Hribar-Deitz at Marybeth_hribar@yahoo.com

St. Joseph Parish Men's Retreat

"Response and Responsibility"

What We Can Do In a World of Need?

April 16-18th ~ Friday evening through Sunday morning
Camp Sealth on Vashon Island

Call Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Save The Date... *St. Joseph the Worker Dinner*

Our annual *St. Joseph the Worker* volunteer appreciation celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. Join us in the Wyckoff Gym following 5 pm Mass. More details to follow.

Seniors on the Go

April's First Friday Healing Mass and Luncheon will be **Friday, April 16th**. Also note that May's First Friday will be May 14th.

Volunteers for St. Martin de Porres Shelter

Currently, volunteers are needed for the 1st and 2nd Saturday volunteer teams. The expectation is that once a month you contribute one of the following: 2-3 gallons of milk, 25 sandwiches, a box of bananas, or help serve. To help, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Volunteers needed to provide Catholic prayer

presence and sacrament of Eucharist to patients and their families at Harborview Medical Center. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

For Friends Needing Assistance

For those who cannot eat gluten ~ If you have celiac disease or a severe gluten allergy, you may receive the Eucharist in a gluten-free form from the Presider, who will have the consecrated host in a pyx. Please tell him that you need a gluten-free host, and he will allow you to remove it from the pyx in a safe manner.

Assisted Listening Devices ~ For those who need hearing assistance, please see an usher for one of our new devices.

A Lift For Our Parishioners ~ The elevator in the Parish Center is now fully accessible at all times. From the Parking Level, just push the button (no code required) and you can go to the 1st floor (18th Street level, in the Arrupe Foyer). This Foyer will now remain open at all hours, so that one can access the elevator to return to the Parking Level.

Thank You from Dottie Farewell

Thank you to all who participated in the **2010 Hunger Banquet** honoring the late Archbishop Oscar Romero. We collected \$201 for Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl campaign.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who made the **First Eucharist Parent/Child Workshop** run so smoothly last Saturday. It couldn't have been done without you!!