PPC NEWS

We are 5 weeks in, but there is plenty of time to enter more deeply into this beautiful season of Lent. If things are going well, keep it up. If not, change it up. Remember that the goal of Lent is to draw more closely into relationship with Christ. Any prayer, fasting, almsgiving or other practices we undertake must not be the focus of Lent, but merely tools that draw us into greater intimacy with our Lord.

Preparation for Holy Week

As you fast or abstain from anything for these next couples of weeks, call to mind the sufferings of Christ. If you give alms or act with charity towards another, call to mind the Christ’s gift of his life for you. As you pray, meditate upon the events of Holy Week: Christ’s entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Christ’s betrayal by Judas and the leaders of the people and his abandonment by his apostles, Christ’s passion, and Christ’s death. But, be mindful that the Resurrection follows! The Go Deeper section below has some great ideas for “journeying” toward Easter:

- Scriptural Stations of the Cross (See dates on: www.stjb1858.com)

Making the Most of Holy Week

There is still time to take advantage of the opportunity the Church gives us to grow closer to Christ. The liturgies of the Church throughout Holy Week are the preeminent way to do so. They can provide the “meat” of Holy Week’s faith formation AND spiritual development. Here are some ways to enhance our experiences:

Go Deeper!

- Entry into Jerusalem (Lk 19:28-28)
- The Last Supper (Lk 22:1-38)
- The Agony in the Garden and Jesus’ Arrest (Mt 26:36-56)
- Jesus before the Sanhedrin and Peter's Denial (Mt 14:53-72)
- The Trial before Pilate (Jn 18:28-19:16)
- The Way of the Cross and Crucifixion (Lk23:26-49)
- John’s account of the Crucifixion (Jn 19:17-42)

RCIA 2018 & 2019 Alumni Reunion

Friday, May 3rd, 6:00pm-8:30pm, at the Rectory Patio, RCIA graduates are invited to join us for a fun social time and refreshments as we reconnect and reflect on our new Catholic growth and experiences. We look forward to seeing all of you! Contact Wayne Beasley at 363-0572, Priscilla Silvey at 567-7957, or Olga Vazquez at 812-0820 for information.

Family Movie Night

Saturday, May 18, 5:30pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Select Ministries will be hosting the movie and food to be shared with all family members. Based on the success of our last movie event…this one promises to be very well attended. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information and ticket sales as we get closer to the date! Contact Eustolia Velazquez at 363-1321 or Priscilla Silvey at 567-7957 for more details.

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Next PPC Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 7:00pm-9:00pm, School Library