

Holy Week Reflections

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Palm Sunday

"Those preceding him as well as those who followed kept crying out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
~ Mark 11:9

Place the palm branch you brought home from church on your family table or classroom prayer space. Offer a prayer with your family or class, asking God to guide your journey through Holy Week.

Monday of Holy Week

"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil . . . and anointed the feet of Jesus. . . " ~John 12:3

In today's Gospel, Mary of Bethany does something generous for Jesus when she anoints his feet with perfumed oil. Go out of your way to do something kind for someone else today. At the end the day, ask for God's blessing on that person.

Tuesday of Holy Week

"Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times." ~John 13:38

In today's Gospel, Jesus predicts that Peter will deny him three times. What makes it hard to stand up for your faith? Name three ways you can demonstrate your love for Jesus this week.

Wednesday of Holy Week

"Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ~ Matthew 26:21

In today's Gospel, Jesus names Judas as the one who will betray him. Talk about or reflect upon how hurtful it is to betray someone you love. Write a prayer asking for God's forgiveness for any ways you have hurt someone else.

Holy Thursday

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet. . . " ~John 13:5

Brainstorm ways to be of service to people in your home, school, workplace, neighborhood, or parish. Choose one act of service to carry out before Easter.

Good Friday

"And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit." ~John 13:30

Pause for five minutes today to reflect in silence about Jesus' death.

Holy Saturday

"For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. . . " ~Romans 18:19

Make an Easter card for a family member or a friend. Decorate it with signs of new life and write a message that tells about new life of Christ.



Confirmation Preparation 2016



Confirmation Preparation will once again involve candidates from the entire North Bay region. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other young people who are also preparing for their Confirmation and who will be celebrating the Sacrament along with you at the Pro-Cathedral.

A Confirmation Information Night will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 PM at St. Peter's Parish Hall. <u>This meeting is mandatory</u> as you will receive an overview of the preparation program. Candidates, parents, and sponsors are asked to attend meeting.

Registration forms with all the preparation dates are available in the Cathedral. Please complete a registration form as soon as possible and drop the completed form off to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. Thank you!

Please note that in requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the parish office at 472-3970 as soon as possible.

WANTED

Parishioners who want to make a difference in the lives of our young people celebrating Confirmation!

Prayer Partners

A community of young people are forming in our parish to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on May 7.

An excellent way to affirm our youth is to let them know that we care about them and support them on their continued faith journey. ***We invite you to pray for our candidates.***

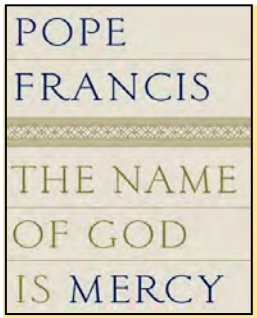
Contact the parish office and the first name of one of our candidates will be provided to you so you can support our candidates by your prayer in any way you see fit.

We only ask that you provide a message of congratulations - a card, letter, or note (handmade or purchased) that can be provided to the candidate so that they will know they have been supported through this process.

<u>This card or message can be given to Karen anytime before May 1</u> so that they can be included with their Confirmation certificate that will be given to them when they celebrate the sacrament on May 7.



Call or email Karen at the parish office to receive a name. We would love to have our youth receive your prayers of support!



It's not too late to register for the upcoming Spiritual Book Club based on Pope Francis' "The Name of God is Mercy" with Sister Mae Kieren but you need to contact the parish office on Monday, March 21 before 12:00 Noon as books have to be ordered that afternoon.

$20/Fee for Book Must be Received by 21 March - Refreshments Served at Gatherings

Please call the parish office at 472-3970, Ext. 0 or email cathedral@bellnet.ca on Monday morning if you want to register or if you have any questions.

No knowledge of the book is needed—Gatherings are informal and not academic.

Come together once weekly for four weeks to discuss, learn and share insight into this wonderful book!

******* EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE *******