



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

Love God - Love Others - Share Gifts

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Greetings!

Our weekly email update has a new look! We hope it is more readable for those viewing this on a mobile device. Click on the blue banner above to go to our new website. Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. At Resurrection, our Lenten theme is Mercy, as in the Year of Mercy promulgated by Pope Francis. Here is a great resource explaining how to live the [Jubilee Year of Mercy](#). All parishioners are invited to meditate on the mercy of God and how we can be merciful people on a daily basis. Please see below for some Lenten activities and reflections, as well as other news! Lent-related items are shaded purple.

This week's bulletin is underway. [Click here](#) to download Bringing Home the Word.

Parish News

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at 8:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. All Catholics are highly encouraged to participate, although this day on the liturgical calendar is not a holy day of obligation.

Stewardship Wristbands Available on Ash Wednesday

We just got new red wristbands engraved with our 2016 Stewardship Theme: "Love God - Love Others - Share Gifts." Be sure to pick one up when you come to Mass on Ash Wednesday! They will be in the back of the church--first come first serve, while supplies last.

Fasting Guidelines for Roman Catholics

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken for good health but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed. Click the links below for more information.

[Lent and the Triduum- Office of the Chancellor, Archdiocese of Portland](#)

[FAQ's about Lent- USCCB](#)

Thursday Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

Come pray the Stations of the Cross each Thursday during Lent, beginning this Thursday. Fr. Bill will celebrate Mass beginning at 6 p.m. with the Stations prayed during the Mass. Afterwards, soup will be served in Rossman Hall. Dates for this Lent are: Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3 and 17. On March 10, we will meet in Rossman Hall at 6 p.m. for a reflection featuring "The

Faces of Friday," a contemporary look at the Stations of the Cross from St. Andre Bessette parish.

Lenten Prayer Partner Ministry

The Prayer Partner Ministry is back! Once again, Resurrection Catholic Parish will be asking each parishioner to select one, two or three purple cards containing the name and address of each registered parish family. These will be distributed via the offertory baskets during Mass this weekend. There are over 1,100 registered families in our parish, so there will be plenty of names to go around. These fellow parishioners will then become your (anonymous) Prayer Partner(s) during Lent and you can include them in your daily prayers and intentions. Stay tuned to the bulletin and this email blast for more ideas and inspiration for your Prayer Partner.

40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent

The Knights of Columbus and Peace & Justice Committee are sponsoring 40 Cans for 40 Days, a food collection to support St. Joseph Shelter and the Backpack Program. Food collection will begin Feb. 13. Bring a bag a week through Easter! Food will be delivered April 3. Please [click here](#) for your shopping list! Contact [Mayra Mendoza](#) for questions.

Early Wednesday Mass during Lent

There will be a 6 a.m. Mass offered on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning Feb. 17. This is in addition to the normal 8:30 a.m. daily Mass.

Daily Lenten Reflections

[Click here](#) to download a helpful Lenten calendar with brief reflections for each day--a great way to remind us what Lent is really about!

The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy

Tying in with our mercy theme, we will also be reflecting on the [7 Corporal Works of Mercy](#) and the [7 Spiritual Works of Mercy](#). Read up on them by clicking on the links.

Black Lenten Books & Welcome/Mass Guide Books in the church

We have 2 books available in the back of the church. There is a black Lenten booklet with Lenten reflections which you are welcome to. We also have new basic Welcome/Mass Guide booklets available in the back of the church--direct newcomers there or grab one yourself! These are double-sided (2 books in 1) and have laid out the basics of our liturgy in a beautiful, simple format.

One Last Plea for Syrian Refugee Kits

Thank you to those who generously donated items for the refugees. We have assembled most of our kits. To complete our kits, the only items we need are: **50 bath towels**. Grab some at the store to donate this weekend at church! Thank you! -Betsy & Life Teen.

Archbishop's Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who responded to the Archbishop's Appeal. We still have a long way to go to reach our parish goal of \$67,930. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. Appeal envelopes are available on the welcome table in the back of the church. You may also give online by [clicking here](#). We would love 100% participation in showing our support of Archbishop Sample and the Catholic Church in western Oregon.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Cardboard Rice Bowl boxes are available in the back of the church to collect change during Lent for Catholic Relief Services.

Resurrection Launches New Website

Check out our new [parish website](#)! The new look is cleaner and easier to navigate. Major announcements will be front and center; other parish/ministry/archdiocese news will also be located on the homepage. Stewardship is described in detail and ministries are listed as well. This new layout will allow many new features, but at this launch, all the features parishioners currently rely on--calendar, bulletins, Mass recordings, formation classes--these have all been faithfully migrated to the new site. The same URL address--www.rcparish.org--will get you to the new site. There are nearly 90 pages; please be patient as some pages have not been updated in a while, but will be soon. Questions or comments may be directed to [Scott Wolff](#).

Upcoming Events

Wed. Feb. 10 - Ash Wednesday

Masses: 8:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Thurs. Feb. 11 - Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Mass with Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m., followed by a soup supper in Rossman Hall.

Wed. Feb. 17 - 6 a.m. Wednesday Mass (during Lent)

This Mass is offered in addition to the regular 8:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays.

Wed. Feb. 17 - Red Cross Blood Drive

2 p.m.-7 p.m. in Rossman Hall. Sign up for a donation time on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or online at redcrossblood.org.

Fri. Feb. 19 - Resurrection Serving Dinner at St. Andre Bessette

Shifts are 3-6 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Sign up in the back of the church. Call Penny McArdle for questions- 503-860-0727.

Ways You Can Help

Volunteer Opportunities

If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please call the office at 503-638-1579 or send us an [email](#).

- Coordinator needed for after-Mass coffee & doughnuts
- Volunteer needed to spearhead parish camping trip for summer 2016
- Window-washing needed, ground level inside & out of Rossman Hall

Giving Opportunities

- Help us earn free donations by designating Resurrection on your **Fred Meyer** card for

Community Rewards. Resurrection's 5-digit non-profit number is 89906. [Click here](#) to get started. Our last Community Rewards check totaled \$230.68, thanks to the 55 families who signed up!

- Donate yarn to the knitting group for prayer shawls--Lion Brand "Homespun" yarn preferred.
- Donate food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Current needs: jelly, coffee, juice, canned chicken, razors, cookies, canned fruit, & instant oatmeal packets.

Other ways to get involved at RCP

Download our [Ministry & Activity Guide](#) to learn more about our various ministries.

Miscellaneous

Church Lost & Found

The parish Lost & Found is located in the back of the church in the cupboard and drawer marked "Lost & Found." Come and claim your reading glasses, umbrellas, gloves and more.

Online Giving

Resurrection offers Online Giving, a convenient way to make a one-time or recurring donation. [Click here](#) to get started.

Getting offering envelopes in the mail and not using them?

Please call or [email](#) the parish office so we can remove you from the mailing list.

Bulletin Deadline

All bulletin submissions are due by 10 a.m. on Monday for the upcoming weekend. Please email your insert to bulletin@rcparish.org.

Mass Announcements & Email Blast Deadline

Mass Announcements and email blast submissions are due no later than 12 p.m. on Wednesday. Thank you for keeping your announcements brief and to the point. For Mass announcements, the general rule is any one event may be announced for one weekend only, so please specify which weekend you'd like.

Pastor's Corner

Thank you to all who graciously adapted to the change in Sunday Mass times. A great improvement in traffic was observed, and we are grateful for your cooperation and understanding.

Fr. Bill

STAY CONNECTED:

