Parish Notices ~ March 13, 2020
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Worship

Stations of the Cross

Friday afternoons - 12pm

You are invited to participate in our Stations of the Cross devotional in Lent. Come once or every Friday!

The Gathering Service and Supper

Sunday evenings – 5 pm

The Gathering Service is a Lenten-and-summer-season Sunday afternoon worship offering. Each week there is music and singing, lectionary-based scripture reading and homily, and a simple service of sharing in the Holy Communion.

We will share a delicious supper following the Gathering Service – this week the menu includes: “Creamy Two-Tomato Chicken with Pasta, a new dish to Just3DoorsDown. This one starts with adding sautéed shallots and garlic to chunks of chicken and broth. Then sun-dried tomatoes - these little bits of goodness form the base of what we will taste - such condensed flavor. Some spinach and regular tomatoes will get thrown in, and eventually Parmesan and some cream at the end. I also will have Pasta, cooked and ready for you! On the side I am offering Mixed Greens with Asparagus, Strawberries, Almonds and Balsamic Vinaigrette. Simple and fresh!”

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SUPPER ON THE WEBSITE – WWW.STGABRIELS.ORG/WORSHIP, or on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Adult Christian Formation/Discipleship

Sunday mornings – the Book of Revelation

This week: Revelation 15 & 16 - Led by Gary Hague
Children, Youth and Family (CYF)

This Week in Children and Youth Formation

Pre K-3rd Grade: Godly Play will learn about Patrick the Patron Saint of Ireland. Amber Kahn will tell the Godly Play story as well as read a book by Tomie dePaola. If time allows, they will also make shamrock art.

4th-6th Grade: We will focus on the "Woman at the Well" and "Welcoming Outsiders." We will concentrate on the Gospel of John. The Youth will be able to discuss the implications of the story of the woman at the well in regard to outsiders and the Gospel message.

Calling all Middle and High School Students! Please join me on March 29th and April 5th at 9:30am in the Parish Hall to help in prepare the Easter Eggs for Easter Sunday’s Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you! ~ Sheila Martin, Coordinator ~ smartin[at]stgabriels.org

Community Wellness

The coronavirus COVID-19 is an increasing area of concern, and we are practicing all the recommendations from health officials and employing practices requested of us by the Bishop of Colorado, Kym Lucas. You can access Bishop Kym’s letter to clergy and wardens on our website (accessed via the front page of stgabriels.org).

We wish to observe these recommendations as a way to practice neighbor love and at the same maintain the worshipping community that we know and love. We wish to maintain proper social distancing, but as much as possible resist foregoing gathering altogether. In large part, we leave it to you to take the necessary steps to either engage in public worship or abstain.

We will pull through this together, loving and serving both the strong and the vulnerable, the healthy and the weak, remembering the words of our Lord, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Getting Involved in Your Parish

There are so many ways to be involved in our church community! Stop by the Welcome Table in the parish hall on Sunday, pick up a brochure, ask questions, and chat with us about how to get involved!
Lent

Stations of the Cross
Fridays in Lent — 12 Noon
You are invited to participate in and help lead our stations of the cross in Lent.

The Gathering Service and Supper
Sundays in Lent — 5pm
The Gathering Service, begun nine years ago, is a Lenten-and-summer-season Sunday afternoon worship offering. Each week there is music and singing, lectionary-based scripture reading and homily, and a simple service of sharing in the Holy Communion. It is a quiet, contemplative liturgy that is at once ancient and modern, rooted, yet relevant to the lives that we share today. At Saint Gabriel we proclaim Christ crucified and risen from among the dead. We practice the way of life that Jesus exemplified and taught in his own life and ministry, striving to share life in love and charity with our neighbor. We welcome you to join us as you can or regularly - you are welcome here.

Palm Sunday
April 5 — 8 & 10:30 am
Each service opens with the Liturgy of the Palms in the parish hall and continues with a procession into the Nave. The procession recalls our Lord's entry into Jerusalem. The Gospel lesson will be presented in the form of a dramatic reading, with people taking different parts in retelling Jesus’ passion and crucifixion.

Holy Week
Maundy Thursday
April 9 — 7:00 pm
On this night we recall Jesus’ Last Supper where he washed the feet of his disciples and took part in the Passover meal. The (optional) foot washing is a sign of our commitment to observe the Lord's charge “Love one another as I have loved you.” In this service we remember when Jesus reinterpreted the Passover meal and commanded his followers to “do this in remembrance of me.” The service will be followed by a vigil of praying, staying awake, and keeping watch in the presence of reserved bread and wine.

The Good Friday Liturgy
April 10—7 am and 7 pm // Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon
The Good Friday liturgy begins in silence. The readings include the passion gospel and are followed by bidding prayers, the solemn collects, and the veneration of the cross. At 7 pm, Holy Communion is distributed from the reserved sacrament. Also, on Good Friday, we gather for a special Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon.

Holy Saturday
April 11 — 7 am
A brief meditation and set of prayers—in the stillness and emptiness of the closed tomb.

Eastertide

The Great Vigil of Easter
April 11 — 7:30 pm
The service begins in darkness. The Easter fire is kindled and the Paschal Candle is lit. Participants light their candles from the Paschal Candle and everyone processes into the sanctuary as the Exsultet is sung. More than in any other service, the Great Vigil of Easter brings together the many elements of salvation history in a dramatic liturgy.

Easter Day – Day of Resurrection
April 12 – 8 & 10:30 am
The solemnity of Lent is over, death has been vanquished and Jesus vindicated as the Son of God.

We join together in festal joy, praising the great name of Jesus – risen from the tomb.

“He is not here! He has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”