



Holy Week/ Easter 2015

Catholic Communities of Box Butte County

Holy Rosary, Alliance St. Bridget's, Hemingford

My dear sisters and brothers,

Love and good wishes to each of you! It is heartening to see the seriousness with which you are making the Lenten Journey. I also notice a marked increase in the attendance at the weekend Masses. God is sure to bless us for our loyalty to him and his commandments.

Our Lenten journey will culminate in the Holy Week, the most sacred time in our Catholic Faith and Liturgy.

On Palm Sunday we recall the solemn and triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The narration of the Passion reminds us about what lies ahead for Jesus in the days following - betrayal, denial, torture and death. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Last Supper during which Jesus exemplified true brotherly love that should be the hallmark of his followers. He did it by kneeling in front of his disciples and washing their feet. During the Last supper Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, his ever-abiding presence among us and within us. He also instituted the Sacrament of Priesthood to continue his ministerial presence with his people.

On Good Friday we accompany Jesus to Calvary where he will offer his very life for our salvation. At Easter, we celebrate the Risen Jesus, who overcomes death and offers everlasting life to all who believe in him. May these celebrations make us better followers of Jesus. Participation in the liturgical celebrations and reception of the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation will surely help.

Traditionally Holy Week is a time when Christians are extra generous with their offerings to continue the sacred legacy entrusted by Jesus and also help the less fortunate. I am hopeful that you will continue this tradition so that we can maintain our beautiful facilities and pay the ever-increasing bills.

In closing may I remind you that I am here to be with each of you and journey together in the journey of Faith. You can count on me to be of any assistance, within my capability, whenever you may need it.

May you and your dear ones enjoy manifold blessings of our Risen Savior.

Your Pastor and Friend,

Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

** Please Keep!

Saturday, March 28

- 4- 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation - Holy Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Mass - Holy Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Mass - St. Bridget's

Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass / Holy Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass / Holy Rosary

Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday Breakfast in Lyceum following both Masses

- 1:30 p.m. Communal Penance Service / St. Bridget's
- 3:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service/ Holy Rosary

Monday, March 30

- 7:15 a.m. Communion Service - Marian Residence

Tuesday, March 31

- 6:00 p.m. Mass at Marian Residence
- 11:30 -12:30 p.m. Reconciliation / Church
- 7:00 -8:00 p.m. Reconciliation / Church

Wednesday, April 1

- 7:15 a.m. Mass at Marian
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. Reconciliation / Church
- 6:00- 9:00 p.m. RCIA Retreat / Lyceum

(No confessions after Wednesday evening unless by appointment)

Holy Thursday, April 2

- 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - **Holy Rosary**
(Rice Bowl offering is taken up at this Mass)

WATCH AN HOUR WITH ME AT HOLY ROSARY

Our Holy Thursday celebration of The Lord's Supper will be at 7:00 p.m.

There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church from 8:00 p.m. Until midnight. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the vestibule on Palm Sunday for folks to sign up for 30 minute time slots. Please consider spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Bridget's
(Rice Bowl offering is taken up at this Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

- 12:00 noon Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's suffering and death/ **Holy Rosary**
(Holy Land Collection taken up at this service)
- 7:00 p.m. Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's suffering and death/ **St. Bridget's**
(Holy Land Collection taken up at this service)

FAST AND ABSTINENCE ON GOOD FRIDAY: We are asked to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent and to FAST on Good Friday. This means only one full meal on that day and no snacks! The law obliges adults, but fast and abstinence would be a good family activity to honor the Lord on Good Friday and each Friday throughout the year.



EASTER SERVICES



Holy Saturday, April 4

- 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Celebration - **Holy Rosary**

This Vigil Celebration will include reception of the Elect into full communion.

All who can, should attend the Vigil and welcome our new members at a reception at the Lyceum Following Mass.

- 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Celebration - **St. Bridget's**

Easter Sunday, April 5

- 8:00 a.m. Easter Mass - Holy Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Mass - Holy Rosary

NO EASTER MORNING MASS AT ST. BRIDGET'S

The Elect and Candidates:

Our parish family is blessed with wonderful people of faith who have walked with us through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Process. Please continue to pray for them as they listen for God's call in their lives. We welcome the following with open arms into full communion: J.T. Conyers, Michaela Gasseling (St. Bridget's), Dan Koch, Mel Trumble, R.J. Wenzel. In addition, the following will be confirmed: Danica Breen, Marissa Madero, and Eric Bauer.



If you missed the deadline for ordering your Easter lily, we'd like to invite parishioners to bring Easter lilies and spring flowers such as tulips or daffodils in memory of loved ones. Please bring to the church on Holy Saturday morning. If you are going to be gone, please bring it to the parish center office by noon on Friday, April 3.

Easter Offering

Our Easter offering is traditionally generous. Thanks to the many who are so generous to their parish.