

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

St. Andrew

Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica de
San Andrés



PORTLAND JOBS WITH JUSTICE



Shortly after I started working at Portland Jobs with Justice, I learned about a campaign we were supporting for service workers at Legacy Emanuel Hospital, and what I witnessed during the course of that campaign was incredible!

The union of nearly 700 service workers was fighting to secure adequate health coverage for their members. I know it may sound unthinkable, but I heard again and again from workers who were terrified that they might not be able to afford a medical bill, or even worse, that their employer may send their medical debt into collections!

Faith leaders from across Portland, after being invited to hear the stories of Union members, showed up side-by-side to demand justice from hospital administrators and to speak powerfully to why the fight was a moral issue. And do you know what the most incredible thing was? **We won!**

We know that the rights of working people everywhere are under attack like never before, and that for decades, those who always stand in direct opposition to workers rights have monopolized the language of being a so called "moral majority."

What if we, people of faith from across Portland whose hearts break when workers face injustice, reclaimed moral power?

If that idea excites you too, I'd invite you to join us for our 16th annual Faith Labor Breakfast! In addition to hearing more about the Legacy Emanuel story, this fundraiser brings workers and faith leaders together to lay the relational groundwork for future victories. And through those bonds of friendship and solidarity, we will move towards a truly just society that we seek!

We will gather for the 16th Annual Faith Labor Breakfast at 7:15 AM on Tuesday February 20th at St. Andrew Catholic Church (806 NE Alberta St, Portland, Oregon 9721). People of all faiths, and people of good will, are warmly welcomed!

In solidarity, A.J. Mendoza, Campaign Organizer

St. Andrew Welcoming Statement

St. Andrew is a faith community baptized into one body, which honors and celebrates diversity. We welcome and include persons of every color, language, ethnicity, origin, ability, sexual orientation, gender expression, marital status, and life situation.

La Parroquia de San Andrés es una comunidad bautizada en un cuerpo, que honra y celebra la diversidad. Acogemos a las personas de todos colores, lenguas, razas, orígenes, habilidades, orientación sexual, estado civil y estilos de vida.

Today's Liturgy

By John Paul Heil
 Main Theme: NOW is the time to REPENT and believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. God's protection of Jesus during his testing by Satan for forty days--in reminiscence of the testing of the ancient people of Israel for forty years in the desert--assures us that Jesus is uniquely qualified to assist us in our own struggles with the powers of evil that threaten to control all human lives. We are persuaded to orient our lives toward and place our faith in this Jesus who, equipped with God's Spirit (1:10) and guarded by God's angels against the menace of evil ("wild beasts"), can effectively lead us on the "way" (1:2-3) of God's salvation in our often misdirected and disoriented lives.

John the Baptist's arrest subtly yet ominously alerts us to the danger and risk that can result from opposition to preaching the "way of the Lord." But the urgent command of Jesus to "repent and believe in the gospel!" reinforces and intensifies John's prior call for conversion (1:4). Captivated by the thrilling and joyous "good news" of God exclaimed by Jesus, we are further induced to convert our lives during this season of Lent, to turn away from our past and open ourselves anew to God's salvific and sovereign "kingdom" that has now arrived in the person and preaching of Jesus, and to entrust ourselves totally in faith to this gospel of God as powerfully proclaimed by Jesus.
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Today's Readings

Genesis 9:8-15
 Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:12-15



LENT: The word Lent means springtime. This word comes from the same root as lengthen. Daytime lengthens during Lent. The northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns into spring. In Hebrew, the word for repentance is the same as the word that means to turn, like the turning of the earth to the sun, like the turning of the soil before planting.
 "Even now, says the Lord, turn to me." (Joel 2:12) The word sin means separation. We are called to turn from our separate selves, from our sin, to come together in community. Self-denial is the way we express our repentance. In the lengthening brightness from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday afternoon, our holy Lent, we turn to God as our source of life.

Self-denial is threefold, advises Matthew's gospel. We pray: "Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private." We fast: "No one must see you are fasting but your Father." We give alms: "Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you." Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring-clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand.
 Why are there forty days in Lent? It took forty days for sinfulness to drown in the flood before a new creation could inherit the earth. It took forty years for the generation of slaves to die before the freeborn could enter the Promised Land. For forty days Moses and Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life's work.

At the beginning of Lent the bishop calls out the names of the catechumens who seek to be baptized at Easter. Their names are written in the book of the elect, the chosen. God has chosen them, and they have chosen to turn to God. Lent is the forty days before the baptism of the catechumens. The already baptized can share the excitement and the struggles of the elect and rediscover the meaning of baptism in their own lives. During the forty days, both catechumens and the faithful journey together to the holy font.

We keep Lent together. We put aside our business-as-usual to support each other in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We turn to God to enlighten us and purify us throughout the lengthening brightness of our holy season of Lent. "For now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!"

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Lenten Opportunity: Donate Blood

On Sunday, February 25th (the second Sunday of Lent) we are hosting our winter Red Cross blood drive. Schedule an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org, after Mass in the community center or contact Bob Granger at robert@g2online.org or 503 351-1708.



Blanket Drive for St. Andre Bessette

My name is Barbara Holler. I am a volunteer at St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church (formerly The Downtown Chapel) on W Burnside. We are a small parish with a big heart trying our best to serve Christ by caring for His poor, homeless, and marginalized living on the streets, in shelters, or in small old hotel rooms. Most are suffering from poverty, addiction, and mental illness. We recognize the dignity of each person and we welcome up to 100 guests a day to our hospitality program. We offer food, hot beverages, hygiene items, clothing, weekly haircuts and foot care, as well as blankets, sleeping bags, backpacks, local bus tickets and equally important a safe place to enjoy breakfast served by caring volunteers ready to offer a smile and a listening ear.

Serving 100 guests every weekday drains our supplies quickly. Our funding is low, so we depend heavily on generous donations throughout the year. Right now we have NO blankets, gloves, or sleeping bags to give our guests to fight the cold at night. We are asking for your help. All donations are greatly appreciated by our guests, volunteers, and staff!! Thanks so very much. Barbara

After seeing this request St. Andrew staff members responded immediately with a donation of blankets and then coordinated with St. Andre's program director who said a Blanket Drive would be most helpful. So, we are collecting blankets each Sunday throughout Lent. Please bring your donations to the Community Center before Mass. Blankets do not need to be new, just clean. Our youth groups will bag up all the blankets and we'll deliver them to St. Andre each week. If you have any questions please contact Youth Minister, Jessica Chapman, at (503) 334-7824.

Opportunities to Engage in Social Justice

Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00pm Augustana Lutheran will host a Metro Wide Peace and Justice Service with Rev. Kip Banks, pastor of East Washington Heights Baptist Church in Washington DC and National Director of Advocacy for the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Preaching with Rev. Banks will be Joshua Dubois who was the White House Director of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for President Obama. He is author of the book "The President's Devotional" and was named by TIME Magazine the "President's Pastor In Chief". This will be an evening of great music with an inspirational message calling America to a renewal for justice and peace work. No charge just a freewill offering. All are welcome.

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests via e-mail, please contact Louise Kasper at 503.280.2690, or e-mail your request to lgkasper@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

We need some to assemble the bulletin each Friday. It takes about 30 minutes to insert the inside page(s). If interested, please contact our Parish office at 503-281-4429.

Would you be willing to come an hour early to help set up for coffee and donuts on either the 3rd or 4th Sunday each month? We have one person on these Sundays, but having two makes everything easier and faster! Please call Lisa at (503) 281-4429 ext. 16.

RICE BOWLS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY:

Please take a rice bowl, calendar and kit home with you. These will be part of the processions with gifts for the poor on Holy Thursday. Go to <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/what-lent> find more information about CRS and Rice bowls. CRS Rice Bowl is your passport to global solidarity.

INFANT BAPTISM

For more information contact Molly Hiro at 503-289-2419.

Garaventa Center at the University of Portland

Arrival: A Special Edition of Bringing Eyes of Faith to Film

Garaventa Center Co-Directors Dr. Karen Eifler and Fr. Charlie Gordon, CSC, team up with UP physicist Shannon Mayer and philosopher Jim Baillie to unpack surprising themes of grace and transcendence. Wednesday, February 21 at 7:15pm, Shiley Hall 319.

Women of the Book Concert

World premieres of sacred art songs inspired by the feisty, faithful women of the Book. Featuring sopranos Nicole Leupp Hanig, Cantor Ida Rae Cahana, Maureen Briare and Catherine Jacobs. Reception with artists and composers will follow. Thursday, February 22 at 7:30pm, Chapel of Christ the Teacher.

ReadUP: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks Author Rebecca Skloot speaks about her riveting story of the collision of ethics, race and medicine in this year's ReadUP selection. Monday, February 26 at 7:30pm, location TBA.

St. Ignatius Catholic Church 83rd annual Italian Dinner

Sunday February 18th from noon to 6 PM. We are at the corner of SE 43rd Ave. and SE Powell. Menu includes Spaghetti, Ravioli, and Meatballs. Come and enjoy this community event and fundraiser on your way home from skiing, basketball, a movie, after shopping, or just because you're hungry and want a good meal! Credit cards accepted.

Birthdays

Today: Jesus Pulido, Cindy McCulloch, Tricia Quinn, Alexjandro Bautista, Stephany Alvarado, and Delilak Kruse.

This Week: Paul Cook, Gabino Duarte Vega, Jessica Starling, Sophie Owings, Jennifer Perez, Clarissa Scultz, Liam Rinehart, Maximiliano Luna, Emily Adler, Dylan Becerra, Erick Castañeda Ku, Marcia Bell, Alejandro Rojas, Jasper Wood, Kaatje Meeuws, Oliver Weilandt, Carl Appleton, Candelaria Vargas, Maureen Schuman-Lanier, Linda Tran, Joahana Scheurer, Malina Yuen, Gavreel Prindle, Alicia Richards, Windy Ford, Maria Velazquez, Avery Amberson, Tristan Polinsky, Daisy Santiago, and Samuel Siddall.



Anniversaries

This Week: Mary Ann Albright and Jacob Ten Pas.

St. Vincent de Paul / St. Andrew Emergency Services

Such Faith as This

If we pray with a faith springing from love, God's will need be in no doubt. He will be ready and able to save us by an all-powerful command. He immediately answered the leper's request, saying: I do want to. Indeed, no sooner had the leper begun to pray with faith than the Saviour's hand began to cure him from his leprosy.

This leper is an excellent teacher of the right way to make petitions. He did not doubt the Lord's willingness through disbelief in his compassion, but neither did he take it for granted, for he knew the depths of his own sinfulness. Yet because he acknowledged that the Lord was able to cleanse him if he wished, we praise this declaration of firm faith just as we praise the Lord's mighty power. For obtaining a favor from God rightly depends as much on having a real living faith as on the exercise of the Creator's power and mercy. If faith is weak it much be strengthened, for only then will it succeed in obtaining health of body or soul. The Apostle's words, purifying their hearts by faith (Acts 15:9), referred, surely, to strong faith like this. And so, if the hearts of believers are purified by faith, we must give thought to this virtue of faith, for, as the Apostle says, Anyone who doubts is like a wave in the sea (James 1:6).

A faith shown to be living by its love, steadfast by its perseverance, patient by its endurance of delay, humble by its confession, strong by its confidence, reverent by its way of presenting petitions, and discerning with regard to the content—such a faith may be certain that in every place it will hear the Lord saying: I do want to.

St. Paschasius Radbertus, Commentary on Matthew. (ca. 785 – ca 860) He was abbot of Corbie Abbey in France.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

All donations to the St. Andrew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul support those in need in our community. Please write checks to St. Vincent de Paul/ St. Andrew so it goes to emergency services of our parish.

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Ministerio Hispano

Bautizos:

Preparación pre-bautismal es cada segundo sábado de mes a las 7pm. Y los bautizos son cada cuarto domingo del mes (excepto durante cuaresma). Llame a Diana al 503-281-4429 ext 17 para registrarse.

Quinceañeras: Se realizan cada tercer sábado del mes. Tienen que ser miembros de la parroquia y tener la primera comunión hecha. Llame a Diana al 503-281-4429 ext 17 para registrarse y confirmar la fecha.

Bodas: Comunicarse directamente con Padre David al 503-281-4429 ext 11.

Educación Religiosa: Habrá registros durante los domingos del mes de septiembre. Se inician también registros para la Catequesis del Buen Pastor para niños en edades de 3 a 9 años. Este es un programa bilingüe e interactivo en el que los niños aprenden sobre la biblia y la liturgia y está basado en el entendimiento de que los niños tienen una relación innata con Dios.

Las clases inician en el mes de octubre durante los domingos a la hora de la misa 12:30pm.

Noticias de educación religiosa:

Las clases de la Primera Comunión comienzan nuevamente el domingo 7 de enero.

Escuela Abierta de la Natividad

¿Está interesado su quinto grado en asistir a la Escuela de Natividad de San Andrés? Si es así, únase a nosotros en nuestra Open House anual, el sábado 24 de febrero a las 10 a. M. Tendrá la oportunidad de aprender más sobre la Natividad, conocer al personal y los estudiantes actuales, y recorrer nuestra escuela. Las aplicaciones estarán disponibles en Open House. Las familias interesadas deben hablar con la Sra. Sánchez en la oficina de Nativity para recibir una solicitud. Las aplicaciones están disponibles en inglés y español.

Esperamos verlos allí!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday Eucharist: 9:30 am (English), 12:30 pm (Spanish)
Weekday Eucharist: 9:00 am (Tuesday-Friday)
Reconciliation: 4:30 - 5:00 pm Saturday
Mayan Community Eucharist in Spanish and Kanhoval
First Saturday of each month, 5:30 pm bilingual

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La Misa Domingo: 9:30 am (Ingles), 12:30 pm (Español)
La Misa Diaria: 9:00 am (martes-viernes)
Confesiones: 4:30 - 5:00 pm los sábados
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