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Easter Celebrations
2010

Celebrations and Events

Lenten Penitential Celebration : Thursday, March 11th at 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 27th at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 28th at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Supper: April 1st at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

April 2nd at 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil Celebration: Saturday, April 3rd at 8:30 pm

Reception in Parish Hall: Following Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Sunrise Celebration: April 4th at 6:00 am

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Easter Week

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday morning we celebrate the important liturgies of our church calendar. We gather on Holy Thursday evening to celebrate the Last Supper. We stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday with the sounds of mourning and weeping.

As we wait in joyful hope we gather on Holy Saturday evening, just after sunset to mark the arrival of the Light, the resurrection of Jesus . With songs of repentance, reconciliation and praise, followed by the Alleluia's filled with joy, our liturgies contain powerful songs and hymns. Every celebration will be marked with enlivened music that will lead our prayer.

Easter Vigil begins with the lighting of the fire outside the church. We then bring the fire into our darkened church and light our own candles to symbolize the entrance of the Light into our world. Although Easter Vigil is the longest celebration, it is by far the most rich. We celebrate the moment of resurrection and gather to support and welcome our newly baptized and

professed brothers and sisters who have been called to join us in our faith.

Please join us for all the celebrations of Holy Week. As a family gathering in prayer, our celebrations will draw us together in joy and set our hearts on fire for God and each other.

Dan Friedt, Parish Pastoral Council

Why Easter Vigil is the Most Important Night of the Year

There are many wonderful celebrations during the year but none of them as important as Easter Vigil. During this liturgy we celebrate the history of our salvation. Beginning with the story of creation, we re-live God's covenant with His people. That covenant reaches its highest point in the resurrection of Jesus. It is truly the celebration of new life.

During this celebration the church welcomes its new members. We have a group of eleven wonderful people who have been journeying with us for the last few months hoping to become full members of our faith community. It is a privilege to have them with us because, out of many, they have chosen our parish as the one they want to belong to. During the coming weeks we will have a chance to get to know them and their stories better. At Easter Vigil they will be officially welcomed into our community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

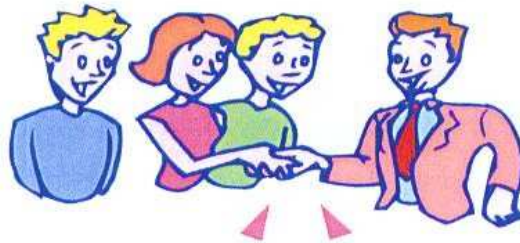
It is very important that we, as members of St. Albert Parish, make them feel welcome. We can do this by remembering them in our prayers and by participating in Easter Vigil. As your pastor, I invite you to be a part of the celebration. We want to rejoice and give thanks to God for them, praying that they will enrich our parish with their presence.

Father Andrzej Stendzina

Come to Welcome Our New Members

This year we welcome eleven individuals to our faith community on Saturday, April 3rd at Easter Vigil. We hope you will be there to welcome them at the celebration and then to meet them afterwards at the champagne reception in the Parish Hall.

Our new members are: Nicola Wolbert, Cameron McFadden, Trevor Maj-Pfleger, John Zee, Natasha Gunderson, Christopher Wirblich, Jessica Hewitt, Thomas Maxfield, Virginia Maxfield, Aulden Maj-Pfleger and Isabella Wolbert.



You are Invited to the Champagne Reception After Easter Vigil!

Join Father Andrzej, Parish Council, our new church community members and our parishioners at the reception in the Parish Hall following Easter Vigil.

There will be champagne, food, toasts and good company to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the new and current members of our faith community. We hope to see you there.

