

Pastor's updates

April 15, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. I'm starting on a happy note again that comes with the long-awaited good news! **The heat is back in the church!** Last Thursday, at the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, there was heat in the church which felt like a brand new experience for those in attendance. The whole heating project is yet to be completed as we wait for the shipment of the registers, and do a few more tweaking. The important thing is that the heat is back.

2. **Shiny floor** is what will greet you as you enter the church. Our church vestibule has finally been waxed although it still needs of a second coating. We were not able to do it last week because it took some time to scrape the old wax and clean the floor. The sacristy floor will follow. When all the heating construction is done, we will do a deep cleaning of our church carpet. The clean carpet, shiny floors and new heating system will make our worship space much more comfortable, and conducive to prayer and meditation.

3. The school will be closed the whole of next week for their spring break. The parish office will also be closed this Monday. We are taking this downtime as an opportunity to change our water meters at the rectory, church and school, into **smart water meters**. These meters are equipped with an electronic computing unit (ECU) that facilitates communication between the meter and the supplier. I hope this smart technology will be smart enough to reduce our water bill!

4. The school has always been appreciative of our parishioners' strong support, and now invites your participation in their **dance and early auction** that is closing this Wednesday. The event is scheduled on April 29th at the middle yard of the school. See below for details.

5. **Pope Benedict XVI** will celebrate his 95th birthday tomorrow, April 16th, Holy Saturday. He was born Joseph Alois Ratzinger in 1927 in Marktl am Inn, a small Bavarian town not far from Austria, which also fell on a Holy Saturday. Catholics around the world are being invited to congratulate, and pray for Pope emeritus Benedict XVI on his 95th birthday.

6. We will be having our first **Easter Egg Hunt** this Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the rectory garden. We thank our CCD directors, Joanne Bartolotti and Leslie Fong, for coordinating, and working on this event. I also extend my thanks to Cecile Sabater and her crew for putting up the Easter decorations outside the church in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt.

7. We had a wonderful **Lenten Musical Reflection** last Wednesday. The performers and singers were great, and the songs prepared by our music director, GP Eleria, were just soothing, touching and conducive to meditation. Lawrence Kong-Ellison's reflections inspired the attendees to feel close to Jesus. It was a wonderful evening!

8. Join the culmination of our Easter Triduum, our **Easter Vigil** of the Resurrection of our Lord, tomorrow evening at 8:00PM. So far, our Holy Thursday and Good Friday celebrations were wonderful with a lot of participation from our parishioners. We thank those who presented the oils for the sacraments at the start of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the 12 parishioners who submitted themselves for the washing of feet, our young children who led our Stations of the Cross on Good Friday as well as the 7 parishioners who did very touching and inspiring reflections of the Seven Last Words. Happy Easter to all!

FAZnotes

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People like saving money. Jesus loves saving people.

Come to think of this?.....

- 1. Eternal life = free**
- 2. Church entrance = free**
- 3. Salvation = free**
- 4. God's love = free**
- 5. Breath of life = free**

- A. Cigarette = pay**
- B. Prostitution = pay**
- C. Alcohol = pay**
- D. Nightclub entrance fee = pay**
- E. Powers to rule the world = pay**

Then why are people paying for hell while PARADISE is free?

ACT RIGHT AND LIVE GODLY.

ALWAYS BE A HELPING HAND TO OTHERS.

A Blessed Easter!

Fr. Arnold