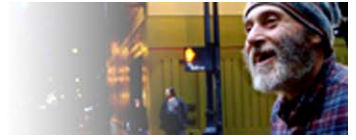




DOWNTOWN CHAPEL

Roman Catholic Parish



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion . April 5, 2009

Mission Statement

The Downtown Chapel is a Roman Catholic community. Compelled by the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer and worship, Witnessing God's healing compassion through service to the poor, Our faith does justice by educating lives, restoring community, offering hope, and building the Kingdom of God.



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Prayer of the Downtown Chapel

O God of our longing, we stand at your door yearning to be received as we are. We are people searching for a home and recovery from our addictions. We are people suffering from illnesses of mind and body. We are rich and poor and always in need of one another. Open your generous love to all who ache for your grace and companionship.

Hear the prayers of our hearts that sound from the streets and burden our lives. Relieve our hunger for hope. Through the intercession of Blessed Basil Moreau and Blessed Andre, we ask your healing in the promise of Jesus, the Christ, your Son, living now and forever. Amen

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin our final journey and ascent to the cross. For these past weeks of Lent we have tried to name the crosses we bear. Some are familiar to us; others perhaps are new to us. Some are part of human experience—the crosses of loneliness, failure, grief, depression, failing health. Other crosses are familiar to our human experience, those crosses of sin and selfishness—the crosses of deceit, greed, hate, jealousy, resentment. Some crosses call for inner work; others call for reconciling our relationships. But all can be made redemptive.

The reality of the cross often seems a constant burden and frustration, confounding our efforts to change, yet we discover our how purpose is to find its redemptive meaning. Think of the restless heart. Our restlessness can pull us into a self-centered life, grasping and clinging. Yet, that restlessness can be transformed, becoming a space within ourselves to hold out the gift of unconditional hospitality to friend or stranger.

Our Lenten retreat is almost over. As we begin this holy week, we take the awareness of who we are, the honesty of naming what is our true self, and the burden of the sins we confess and move towards Calvary. There our crosses will be raised up. There our crosses will stand, emptied of the power they once had, redeemed by the power of Christ crucified. There the temple of our hearts will be torn from top to bottom to receive God's forgiveness. There our body and soul will be wrapped in the linen of God's mercy, healed and protected. There we rest in peace and wait for our salvation—the healing, hope, and joy of Easter.

As I write, I am near the end of my five day retreat. During these past days, I have prayed for you. (I brought along our list of parish members to make sure I didn't forget anyone.) As I read your names, and thought of your stories, faith, words, gifts, generosity, smiles and faces, too, I felt the sureness, the steadfastness, of your desire to live your faith in service of the gospel, of the Sprits presence among you—the body of Christ, and your belief in Christ's presence in those around you. I have prayed that the season of Lent has been a time of renewal, of transformation, for you. I have prayed especially for those we have come to know waiting to be welcomed to the table of our faith at Easter. Though I have spent these five days in solitude and silence, I have felt your presence, faith, and spirit of joy.

We begin this Holy Week as a parish community seeking, praying, remembering, waiting. We follow Jesus to Golgotha. We hold vigil at his tomb. We wait for the light of his Easter day.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:00 PM

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion Service 12:00 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord 10:00 AM

Fr. Bob



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PARISH UPDATES:

HOLY WEEK

Please join us for the sacred liturgies of Holy Week. We celebrate the foundation of our faith in these days of the **Triduum**.

Holy Thursday (April 9, 5:00pm) celebrates the Lord's Supper and connects our prayer to service in the washing of the feet.

Good Friday (April 10, 12:05pm) celebrates the passion and death of Christ. We kiss the cross as a reminder of our redemption and life in Christ.

Holy Saturday (April 11, 7:00pm) recalls our ancient story of faith in Christ's resurrection from the dead. On this night, our adult catechumens and candidates are fully initiated into the Church.

Prayer for Strategic Planning

'God of passion and strength,
We are your stewards of hospitality and welcome.

You give us courage to build up
The Downtown Chapel community,
Not only with concrete and steel,
But with hearts that embrace the stranger,
Console the grieving,
Nourish the hungry,
And clothe the naked.

Sustain us as we plan for the future.
Help us renovate our lives and our place of worship.
Keep us grounded in our service to the poor.
Open new opportunities of prayer and service.
Give us vision of hope for all people.

Allow us faithful stewardship and fidelity in prayer.
Through the intercession of Blessed Andre and
Blessed Basil Moreau, may we find our home
Through Christ our Lord living forever and ever.
Amen.'

PARISH CALENDAR:

Sunday, April 5:

† Palm Sunday (10am).

Monday, April 6:

† Chrism Mass at Cathedral (7pm).

Tuesday, April 7:

† Finance Council at 6pm.

Wednesday, April 8:

† Ecumenical Memorial Service at 2pm.

Thursday, April 9:

† Holy Thursday (5pm).

Friday, April 10:

† Good Friday Liturgy (12:05pm).

Saturday, April 11:

† Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil (7pm).

Sunday, April 12:

† Easter Sunday (10am).

Monday, April 13:

† Parish Offices Closed (Mass at 12:05pm)

Tuesday, April 14:

† Zoo Trip from 9am - 1pm. (Oregon Zoo)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

For more information about any of the following programs, please contact: Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C.

raab@downtownchapel.org
(503) 228-0746 x23



Ron Raab, C.S.C.

*** RCIA RETREATS ***

During the season of Lent, we offer a series of retreats for those preparing for the Easter sacraments. All participants must first register with Fr. Ron.

*** PERSONAL POVERTY RETREAT ***

Spend one day working with the marginalized in Old Town while learning more about the issues of poverty and the Gospel call to serve those in need.

Participants serve in our Hospitality Center, Brother Andre Café, take a tour of Old Town, and spend time in guided prayer, reflection, and discussion.

Dates: May 1, from 8:30 am until 9:00pm.

You must register for the retreat. Cost is \$20.

*** DOWNTOWN CHAPEL CONNECTS ***

A small group immersion program for high school and university students, Downtown Chapel Connects offers a day spent in service and active education with the purpose of breaking down stereotypes that keep us from knowing and loving the poor and marginalized. Saturdays, 8am - 2pm.

For more information, contact our Faith & Service Intern, Valerie Silliman, at silliman@downtownchapel.org or (503) 228-0746 x29

*** RECOVERY AND FAITH ***

Every **Wednesday at 5:05pm** Mass, we converse on issues of recovery and faith. This is an opportunity to share concerns, struggles, and joys around the recovery process. Anointing of the Sick is also celebrating after mass. Please pray for all facing recovery from any addiction.

*** 30-MINUTE SCHOOL OF PRAYER ***

On the second Sunday's of the month, we gather after mass for a brief reflection on some aspect of personal, contemplative prayer. Then we sit in silence for fifteen minutes. This is a powerful experience for those who attend. We take with us a thought, an experience, or an insight to consider for the month.

Our next session: **Sunday, May 10.**

*** ON THE MARGINS ***

Fr. Ron broadcasts "On the Margins," a weekly Scripture reflection on KBVM radio at 88.3. The program can be heard at **7:00am on Saturday** and **8:00am on Sunday**. It can also be heard on the web at www.KBVM.com.

ON THE MARGINS

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*** SUNDAY DISCUSSION & COFFEE ***

Group discussion and sharing focusing on the readings from Mass. Meets after 10am Mass on the 2nd floor. All are welcome.

*** BEYOND THE CHAPEL ***

Fr. Ron will also be offering a two week class at Saint Mark's College in Vancouver, BC beginning July 6 - through the 15th. The course title is: The Essential Justice Circle: Connecting Prayer and Service, Part 1 and Part 2.

For more information contact the St. Mark's Registrar

at: registrar@stmarkscollege.ca

*** STUDENT GROUPS ***

We are currently hosting nursing students from Clackamas Community College, University of Portland, and Linfield College. They spend time in our Hospitality Center to fulfill one of their nursing school rotations.

This summer we will also welcome a University of Notre Dame Summer Service Learning Project student for eight weeks, at least one Holy Cross seminarian, and two Master of Divinity students from the University of Notre Dame.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

Dedicated to serving our neighbors experiencing poverty and homelessness, our parish's community programs bring healing and hope to our local community. Please pray for everyone who enters through our doors for basic human needs, emergency assistance, and fellowship.

HOSPITALITY CENTER: Monday - Friday, 9am - Noon.

A safe, friendly environment where anyone can spend the morning in peace. Guests may sign-up for clothing, hygiene, laundry vouchers, phone calls, travel assistance, prescription assistance, and blankets. Coffee and breakfast snacks are provided. Art & Foot Care Programs are part of the Hospitality Center.

ART PROGRAM: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

A safe space for guests to express themselves creatively through art, music, writing, puzzles, and games.

FOOT CARE PROGRAM: Wednesdays

A comfortable environment to have one's feet pampered. Foot care includes soaking, massage, basic care of feet, and a clean pair of socks.

FOOD PANTRY: Monday - Thursday, 1pm - 2:30pm.

The parish Food Pantry provides a bag of groceries to households who:
1.) Live within our parish boundaries; and 2.) Fall within qualifying income levels.
Each household may receive one bag every 30-days.

BR. ANDRÉ CAFÉ: Friday Nights, 7pm - 9pm.

Our parish invites neighbors & guests to join us for a warm meal and fellowship at the front doors of the Downtown Chapel every Friday night.

SATURDAY SOCIAL: Saturdays, 9am - 11am.

The Downtown Chapel opens its doors every Saturday morning for people to gather for coffee & breakfast snacks. Volunteers come from *Downtown Chapel Connects*.

*** VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ***

Volunteers are needed for all of the above Community Programs. Scheduling is flexible, but volunteers are required to schedule their commitments beforehand.

To get involved, please contact Andy Noethe at:
volunteer@downtownchapel.org or (503) 228-0746 x13

*** DONATIONS ***

Donations can be offered to the left of the altar before or after Mass, and during the collection. If you would like to bring your donations in during the week, please call ahead so that we can make sure someone is available to receive you.

To donate, contact: donate@downtownchapel.org or (503) 228-0746 x10

Please consider donating: **Adult Clothing, New Underwear & Socks, Hygiene Items, Tri-Met Tickets, Non-Perishable Food, Blankets & Sleeping Bags.**

MASSES:

Weekday: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm; Wed 5:05pm
Weekends: Saturday Vigil, 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00pm
Holy Days: 12:05pm (except Christmas, New Year, Easter)
Major National Holidays: 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Mon-Fri, 11:30am - 11:50am
Saturday, 4:30pm - 4:50pm
No Confessions on Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

After both Masses on Wednesday; First Sunday of the month.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

To register as a member of the parish, or to request general parish information:

info@downtownchapel.org
(503) 228-0746 x10

Peace & Justice Committee:

Meets on the first Friday of each month @ 5pm.
justice@downtownchapel.org

Ozanam Conference:

St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish. Meets on the third Wednesday of each month @ Noon.
ozanam@downtownchapel.org

eNewsletter:

To receive regular updates and news about the Downtown Chapel, send an email to:
newsletter@downtownchapel.org

Also, please visit our website to learn more about our parish:

www.downtownchapel.org

PARISH STAFF & MINISTERS

Fr. Bob Loughery, C.S.C.
Pastor

Fr. Ronald Raab, C.S.C. **Sharon Christenson**
Associate Pastor Parish Nurse

Andy Noethe **Ron Simonis**
Pastoral Associate Bookkeeper /
Facilities Manager

Sally Martin **Shawn Priggel**
Front Office Manager Musicians

Valerie Silliman **Jeanette Stills**
Faith and Service Intern

Brianna Hussey **Toni Amodeo**
Jesuit Volunteer **Teresa Noethe**
Dennis O'Hare
Cantors

PARISH COUNCIL

Drew Davison **Elizabeth Dulley**
Judy Kittel **Kate Lozano**
Patrick Meegan **Rene Smith**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please leave a detailed message and your request will be prayed for by members of our Prayer Tree:
prayer@downtownchapel.org or (503) 228-0746 x30

SCRIPTURE FOR MASS:

Sun April 5 #38 **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
Is50:4-7 Phil2:6-11 Mk14:1-15:47
Mon April 6 #257 Is42:1-7 Jn12:1-11
Tues April 7 #258 Is49:1-6 Jn13:21-33,36-38
Wed April 8 #259 Is50:4-9a Mt26:14-25
Thurs April 9 #39 **Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Ex12:1-8,11-14 1Cor11:23-26 Jn13:1-15
Fri April 10 #40 **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**
Is52:13-53:12 Heb4:14-16:5-7-9 Jn18:1-19:42
Sat April 11 #41 **Holy Saturday Night: Easter Vigil**
(7 possible Old Testament Readings) Rom6:3-11 Mk16:1-7
Sun April 12 #42 **Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord**
Acts10:34a,37-43 Col3:1-4 Jn20:1-9

SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND OTHER GIFTS

Sunday, March 29: \$1,549.22

Thank you for your support of our parish and ministries. Give Online at: www.downtownchapel.org