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Connecting with the Rector

Fr. Jim Gilchrist

What do you mean, do five services in seven days! Have you seen my schedule lately? Just getting here on a Sunday morning is tough enough.

OK, I will admit Easter Season, Holy Week, is a different matter for some of us. It is easier when it is your job—like me—or, if you are retired, the children have moved out, or if you are completely in charge of your own schedule without the every-day demands tugging mightily at your every minute.

But, is Jesus tugging at your heart, just a little?

Holy Week is that one time of the year in which we can journey directly with Jesus as He goes through those last steps—as Jesus travels down that final path for our sake, for our souls. Moreover, we get to go with Him.

Each one of those five services—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil and Easter Day—is more than just attending a service, listening to the readings and the sermon, participating in the Eucharist, putting a donation into the basket and then going home. No, each one is our chance to re-live the moment **with Jesus in the event** as it happens. It is a process called anamnesis.

The dictionary defines anamnesis as “a recalling of history,” but it is so much more. Anamnesis is what we do every Sunday with the Eucharist, when we share in the “Last Supper” with Jesus and the disciples. Only when we do this we are not only recalling the event, but also reliving the event. We invite Jesus back into our lives, and we break bread together.

With the services of Holy Week, instead of inviting Jesus back into our lives, Jesus is inviting us into His.



On Palm Sunday, we get to march into Jerusalem alongside Jesus. We can hear the crowds, feel the cheers, and sense the danger. Then, a few days later, we celebrate that Thursday evening with Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper. It is a time of not only breaking bread, but also getting on our hands and knees and washing feet—right along side of Jesus. Maybe, even washing Jesus’ feet, too.

But, it does not end with foot washing, it continues with the arrest and “taking away” of our Lord. We strip the Altar and the church of all that reminds us of Jesus, just as Jesus is stripped from us. It is the most moving of all the services for me. I cannot get through a Maundy Thursday without a tear in my eye. When the service is over, and Jesus is stripped from our lives and our presence, we will sit in that absence, that quietness, in prayer during the vigil.

Good Friday will come—the time in which we will retell the story of the arrest, trial and crucifixion. This will be done in the Stations of the Cross, and in the service to follow. A very powerful moment in which we all sense our complicity, our own involvement—we yell out “Crucify him, crucify him” as we join the crowd—yes, it is our guilt, as well. *(Continued on page 2)*

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Holy Week Schedule

- April 5:** Palm Sunday Eucharist, 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Christian Ed, all ages, 9 a.m.
- April 9:** Maundy Thursday Eucharist Eucharist/ Stripping of the altar, 7 p.m.
- April 9-10:** prayer vigil at altar of repose
- April 10:** Good Friday service, 7 p.m.
- April 11:** Great Vigil of Easter Eucharist, 8 p.m.
- April 12:** Easter Day Eucharist, 8 & 10:15 a.m. parish brunch, 9 a.m. children’s Easter egg hunt, 9:30a.m.

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Saturday evening, we have the Great Vigil. This is the principal celebration of Easter, the time where we proclaim the rolling away of the stone and the empty tomb—He has risen, the Lord is risen, indeed!” And the bells will ring, the “alle...s” will be spoken, again, and all will be well with the world.

And, then, there is Sunday morning—Easter with all its beautiful new dresses, Easter Eggs, brunch goodies to eat, a warm welcome to friends and visitors, alike. A time of happiness and joy, for you can’t keep a good man/God down.

Has it only been a week, seven days since the palm crosses? Every step, every service, is tied in with all the other days and services. Each one is a part of the whole, and the whole of Holy Week is a part of who we are.

Just the other Sunday, I mentioned that we, as Episcopalians/Anglicans, are part of the ancient/modern church. We have a close tie with the past, as we celebrate the present—the two are inseparable—it is anamnesis. We intentionally bring the past—the time Jesus walked among us—into our lives today. We do this so we can recognize the Living Christ, already in our lives, today. There is no better time to walk with Jesus than during Holy week. Together, let us bring Jesus into our lives, that our lives may be a part of His life.

Have a blessed Holy Week—I’ll see you there.

God’s Peace,
Jim+

Bulletin Board

Parish invited to C.O.R.E Movie Night, 6 p.m., April 26

April Vestry Meeting Changed to April 14 (7 p.m., library)

St. Clare’s
Supper
Tues., Apr. 28,
5-7 p.m.

**Bring a friend to church at Easter:
Great Vigil 4/11, 8 p.m.;
Easter Morning 4/12, Eucharist, 8 a.m.
or 10:15 a.m.; Brunch 9 a.m.**

Confirmation

The final confirmation class will be held on April 26, from 4-5:30 p.m. in the library. The group will study Luke: 19-24 and meet with Fr. Jim.
The entire faith community is invited to attend the service of confirmation on Saturday morning, May 9, at St. John’s Cathedral.

Would you pray for an hour at the altar of repose? Sign up in the narthex.

Please plan to come to the April 12 Easter parish brunch (9 a.m.) and children’s Easter egg hunt (9:30 a.m.). Sign up sheet is on the coffee table in the narthex.

Watch for Adult Inquirer’s Class starting in June.

Vestry Highlights, Mar. 3, 2009
Sharon Armstrong, Clerk, pro tem

The meeting opened at 7:09 p.m. by Fr. Jim with a Bible reading, discussion on the reading and a prayer. The minutes of the February vestry meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Mike presented the financial reports. All items have been reconciled and balanced. The month of February ended in the positive.

Rector Report: Father Jim expressed a desire to reformulate the parish council. The council would be composed of all of the ministry heads. It would meet regularly to plan events, so the vestry would not need to do the planning. The ministry heads could integrate all of the activities. Everything would be put on a calendar and planned ahead. Fr. Jim will contact all of the ministry heads and decide when the first parish council meeting will be held. The probable date will be after Easter. Fr. Jim will chair the committee.

Easter Sunday: It was discussed that some type of brunch or heavy coffee hour be held between the services on Easter to encourage families to come. Kristi Koltiska, Judy Steddom and Jo Cunningham volunteered to organize something and help incorporate an Easter Egg hunt along with the brunch.

Vestry business: It was decided that the vestry would participate in a workshop on April 25 involving vestry members from other churches. It was concluded that interacting with other vestries from other churches could be beneficial. Lou Blanchard will lead the workshop. Vestry members will be polled about the best day for the vestry meeting. It was suggested that a Tuesday other than the first Tuesday might be better. This will be decided by consensus.

The meeting ended with prayer by Fr. Jim at 8:35 p.m.

Children and Youth Ministries

Children *Sue Richardson*

Children's Chat

It's almost here, that wonderful time of Easter!! The children have been learning about Lent under the gentle teaching of Rick Whipp and Jay Skinner. Next week, we hold our own Palm Parade, where the children act out Palm Sunday followed by teachings about Holy Week.

We encourage you to include your children in your Lenten discussions and prayers. Children learn by imitating us, and it is essential that we show them that God is in us and around us, whether we are "getting ready" for something wonderful, or celebrating the wonder itself.



Remember, Easter Sunday Brunch at 9:00 a.m. and Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.
Peace,
Sue

Adult Bible Study *Thor Nelson*

The Adult Bible Study will continue its discussion of women in the Bible throughout the spring. The group meets in the library at 9 a.m. All adults are welcome.

Apr 5: Bathsheba	May 10: Esther, Ch. 1-3
Apr. 12: Easter Brunch	May 17: Esther, Ch. 4-6
Apr. 19: Jezebel	May 24: Esther, Ch. 7-10
Apr. 26: Ruth, Ch. 1-2	May 31: Judith
May 3: Ruth, Ch. 3-4	Summer break

Altar Servers: A list of the participants (with phone numbers) for each server job has been emailed to those participants. This should make it easier for servers to find a substitute if there's a schedule conflict. If your entry is wrong, please call the church office (303-680-6376) to correct it. Thank you.

Prayer Requests: Please call the church (303-680-6376) or Fr. Jim (cell: 303-513-9175; home: 303-766-0205) if you are ill, going to be hospitalized, will be traveling, or want any other prayers. Email address for prayer list: prayer@st-martins.net or through the web site: www.st-martins.net.

Did you know that you can renew your Safeguarding God's Children certificate online? Contact Meg Stern at the Diocesan office 303-837-1173 or email her at mstern@coloradiodiocese.org.

Youth *Kristi Koltiska/Bryan Shallenberger*

Sunday evening, April 26, at 6 p.m., the youth of St. Martin invite the congregation to a movie night in the Community Life Building. Watch for details.



St. Martin will be well represented at Quest 2K9, the diocesan youth event April 17-19 at Frontier Ranch.

Eleven youth from St. Martin will be going on the mission trip in July, Part of the cost of the trip will be covered by the more than \$300 the youth raised from the hunger banquet.

C.O.R.E. schedule: 4-5: prep for Quest & Easter movie night; 4-12 & 19: no meeting; 4-26: open house movie night.

April Rite 13/Journey to Adulthood schedule:
4-5: R13-types of prayer—confession; J2A-rosary
4-12: R13 & J2A—Easter Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt
4-19: No lesson—return from Quest 2K9
4-26: R13-prayer without ceasing; J2A-Catch & throw back/How do I Love Thee?



April Birthdays:

Apr. 1: Rick Whipp
Apr. 2: Tom Keables
Apr. 2: Amie Claire Raymond
Apr. 2: Sean Huffaker
Apr. 4: Mary Smith
Apr. 7: Caitlin Fitzgerald
Apr. 8: Rosamund Valentine
Apr. 9: Alexis Hartung
Apr. 10: John Steddum
Apr. 12: Abby Sullivan
Apr. 15: Michelle Mayfield
Apr. 17: Wayne Kern
Apr. 19: Sharon Armstrong
Apr. 21: Tyler Eldred
Apr. 26: Rachel Whipp
Apr. 26: Peggy Martin
Apr. 27: Nathan Raymond
Apr. 27: Russ Blackman

April Anniversaries

Apr. 5: Tom & Fern Keables

If your name/date is not listed or is not listed correctly, please call the church — 303-680-6376.

Church Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Jim Gilchrist
Sr. Warden: T. Nelson
Jr. Warden: J. Shepard
Vestry: J. Cunningham, S. Gilbert,
 L. Mayfield, E. Paprocki, B. Raymond,
 A. Shallenberger, Susan Shepard, B. Williams
Treasurer: M. Shallenberger

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April, 2009 Ministry Schedule

Please arrive 20 minutes prior to start of service

Date	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Usher
Apr. 5, 10:15 am		Richard Daniel	Randy Hoidahl Richard Daniel	Randy Hoidahl	Judy Tice	Ann Shallenberger Alyssa Stidham
Apr. 12 10:15 am	R. Whipp E. Phillipe	M. Hartung	Mike Shallenberger Bryan Shallenberger	Jo Cunningham	John Shepard	Bill Eldred Kandice McKeon- Eldred
Apr. 19 10:15 am		B. Kern	Thor Nelson John Shepard	Judy Steddom	Sharon Armstrong	Jo Cunningham John Cunningham
Apr. 26 10:15 am	S. Keables A. Hartung	L. Hartung	Martha Libby Sharon Armstrong	Martha Libby	Martha Libby	Sue Gilbert John Shepard
May. 3 10:15 am		S. Raymond	Jo Cunningham Richard Daniel	Missi Kern	Chuck Tice	Tom Keables Sharon Armstrong

Date	8:00 a.m. Server	Altar Guild	CCRV	Coffee Hour	Teller
Apr. 5, 2009	Lee Mayfield	Cynthia Obermeyer	Lorna Mayfield	Eldred family	Lee Mayfield Bruce Raymond
Apr. 12	Sharon Hoidahl	Susan Shepard	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Parish Brunch	Bruce Raymond Bob Williams
Apr. 19	Lorna Mayfield	Kimberley Erwin	Lou Surles		Bob Williams Thor Nelson
Apr. 26	Thor Nelson	Judy Tice	Tom Keables	Youth Ministry	Thor Nelson John Shepard
May. 3	Catharyn Baird	Cynthia Obermeyer	Lorna Mayfield		John Shepard Jo Cunningham

If you are a server and know you will have a conflict in May, please notify Missi Kern by Apr. 15 so she can accommodate your calendar. Once the schedule is published, you are responsible for finding your own substitute. Then please let the church office know who is serving in your place. Thank you.