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Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel Bulletin



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Mass Schedule

Holy Disciples

Saturday (Vigil) 6:30pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Wed—Friday 9:00am

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm
Wednesday 6:30pm

Reconciliation

HD — Saturday 2:00pm
OLGC — by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday at Mass (HD)
First Wednesday at Mass (OLGC)

REJOICE!

Jesus is Risen! He is truly Risen!

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, shall live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter!

Jesus of Nazareth is Risen from the dead! He passed from death in this life to new life again! In Jesus, God has opened to us the gift of eternal life!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, not to condemn the world but to save it" (Jn 3:16). God's supreme act of love has replaced the reign of sin and death in the world with Jesus' Reign of Grace & Righteousness.

And He did this for us—for you and for me!

This is the Good News (the meaning of "Gospel") for all people: Jesus reigns over heaven and earth. And we are part of His Kingdom and share in His Resurrection!

We share in the joy of Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, and the other disciples who saw Him that first Easter Sunday. Jesus appeared—risen from the dead—first to His closest disciples, then to many more of His followers (Mt 28, Mk 16, Lk 24, Jn 20 and 21, Acts 1:1-10, 1 Cor 15:5-7).

Jesus appeared physically, not spiritually. This is the eyewitness testimony upon which we His followers base our faith and belief. Jesus' followers willingly faced persecution and death to bear witness to this Good News! Their witness has inspired others on through the generations.

The joy of the Resurrection is **our** joy because we have been told. Jesus is Risen and He lives in each of us. It is our joy to be His followers, His people, His church!

Welcome to visitors—we are delighted that you are with us today!

Welcome, too, our Catholic brothers and sisters who are returning to Church after being away for whatever reason—we are blessed to have you back with the family again!

Easter is the faith of the Church, and we are proud to profess it in
Christ Jesus, Our Lord!

Amen! Alleluia!

Easter Blessings In Christ,

Fr. Dominic Chikankheni

FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation and Jr High/Sr High Youth Programs are coming to a close for the year. Registrations for the 2024—2025 year will begin in May 2024. Information will be available on our parish websites and in the April 27-28 bulletin.



Take the PLUNGE this Summer at Vacation Bible School!

July 29—Aug 1

Monday to Thursday

1:00PM—4:00PM

For students entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Older students are encouraged to register as volunteer youth leaders; volunteer forms will be available at the welcome desk and on parish websites end of April.

We can't wait to see you!



“RCIA” stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA is the normal process through which adults are welcomed into full membership in the Catholic Church. It is the process through which adults are prepared to celebrate the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Who can participate in RCIA?

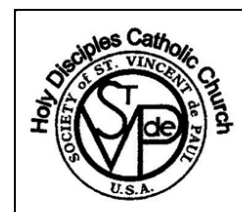
- ✕ Adults (and children over the age of seven) who have never been baptized
- ✕ Christians who have been baptized into other denominations
- ✕ Catholics who were baptized as infants, but have minimal experience in the Catholic Church

At Holy Disciples the RCIA participants gather weekly to discuss Catholic Beliefs, Church Teachings and what it means to be Catholic in today's world. The gatherings always include opportunities to ask questions, to pray, and to enjoy the fellowship of our community. Each participant is assigned a sponsor from the parish who helps guide them along on their unique journey of faith.

For more information, email Rosemary O'Brien-Wilson at robrienwilson@holydisciples.org or call the office.

Seeking a fulfilling way to grow spiritually through the means of helping others? There is so much need in our community; we receive many calls and referrals weekly. **Please consider joining our Holy Disciples Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** Thanks to your generous support, our group reaches out to those struggling with poverty. We also need your time and talent to carry out this mission of love. Within our conference there are many ways to actively participate, giving as much or as little time as you can. Please call for more information:

Mary Beth (Chicken) Rasmussen 253-845-4123.



Baptism Preparation Class

Parents of children under age 8 are invited to attend our baptismal preparation class which will be offered at Holy Disciples on **Saturday, April 6 at 9:00am**. To sign up, please email the Office Manager or call the parish office. The next class will be in July.

Holy Disciples Pentecost and Parish Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, May 19th

1:00PM—4:00PM

Our Pentecost Celebration this year will be a parish Potluck Brunch. Hospitality will provide coffee, lemonade, water, and paper products. We are asking parishioners to bring a Brunch Dish to share. Do you have a cultural song or dance that you would be willing to share? Would you like to have a booth to display items from your culture? We would like entertainment for the celebration and information booths for people to learn about our different cultures. More news to follow!

