

April 1, 2021



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter from the desk of Principal Rodrigues

CALENDAR

Mondays, 8:30 AM -- Scrip orders due

Fridays, noon – Scrip orders ready for pick up (excluding holidays)

Tuesdays, spirit wear days

April

Thursday, April 1, 2:05 PM, ICRS Stations of the Cross live streamed.

Friday, April 2, Good Friday. No teacher contact.

Sunday April 4, EASTER SUNDAY.

Monday, April 5-9, Spring Break.

Monday, April 12, 4:30 PM, Endowment Meeting. 5:30 PM, Safe Environment Class for new volunteers. Sign up on virtusonline.org

Tuesday, April 13, Star Wars Legos: Han and Chewy Adventures after school (pre-registration required).

Thursday, April 15, 9:30 AM School Mass on Zoom (4th grade).

Dear ICRS Parents and Friends,

HOLY WEEK and EASTER during COVID (Skagit Valley Masses during Holy Week will be live streamed on the [Skagit Valley Catholic Churches Facebook page](#)).

We are in the midst of Holy Week, which began with Palm Sunday. Today is Holy Thursday which commemorates the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, and the establishment of the priesthood. Usually at Masses this evening, the most memorable event is that priests everywhere will wash the feet of 12 parishioners, to remind us that we are called to serve one another. (Due to COVID, this practice will be suspended this year.) At the end of Mass, the Eucharist is removed from the Tabernacle. The congregation is invited to pray and remember Jesus at the Mount of Olives, thus reliving The Agony in the Garden with Jesus.

After Holy Thursday, Jesus is betrayed and begins his Passion, the Stations of the Cross, which ends on Good Friday, the day when Jesus is crucified and dies for all of us, willingly. From noon to 3:00 PM Jesus hangs on the cross and surrenders his spirit at 3PM. There are no masses this one day of the year. Take time on Friday, at 3PM to remember Jesus' great love for us and to venerate the cross in your homes.

Masses commence at sunset on Holy Saturday, beginning with a bonfire and candles for the congregation at the Easter Vigil Mass. This is a long Mass, complete with many Biblical readings from Genesis to the Gospels, highlighting God's promised Son. The priest lights the new Pascal Candle. New candidates and catechumens are welcomed into the Catholic Church, after many months of study. Bells ring. The church lights up. Voices rise in song. This is a great Vigil to celebrate.

Easter Sunday is a glorious day when God's only Son rises from the dead, bringing new hope and new life for all. He conquered death. He conquered fear. All things are possible with God.

Have a remarkable Easter. Remember: God loves you so much, He sent His only Son to live, die, and rise from the dead for you.

CHANGE IN START TIME. for the Stations of the Cross Prayer Service, **TODAY**, April 1.

- The 8th grade class will lead the school in the Stations of the Cross. This beautiful and reverent re-enactment of Jesus' love for us will begin with a silent procession to the church. The Kindergarten – 5th grade classrooms will loop back to their classrooms after passing the Parish Center. The upper grades will continue processing to the church. K-5 students and families at home can watch a [live stream of the Stations of the Cross here](#) beginning at 2:05pm.

REMINDERS

- RICE BOWLS: Children can bring their Rice Bowls to a Catholic church or ICRS during Holy Week. Thank you children for collecting coins for our brothers and sisters around the world.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Spring clean-up at IC Church. Saturday April 3, from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please bring tools and weeding gloves.
- AM screeners or traffic directors, 8:15-8:45.
- All school and church volunteers need to take the initial class, "Protecting God's Children" before volunteer work can begin. I am hosting a class on April 12, 5:30-7:30 via Zoom. To register for the class
 - Go to virtusonline.org
 - In the left margin, choose "First time registrant"
 - "Begin the registration process"
 - Select "Seattle, WA (Archdiocese)"
 - Create a user ID and password.
 - Follow prompts

EMPLOYMENT AT ICRS

ICRS is seeking a part time music teacher beginning next fall. See [our website](#) for more details. To apply start [here](#) and reference job # 7201.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Travel updates (as of 3/24/21 11:30AM). The Office of Catholic Schools and the Governor's Office have adopted the CDC travel guidelines. Students traveling during spring break should plan on a 7-day quarantine upon return with a negative COVID test, or a 10-day quarantine without a COVID test. The CDC recommends essential travel only. See [CDC travel guidelines](#) for more information on what to do before and after travel.
 - CDC guidance for [Domestic travel](#)
 - CDC guidance for [International travel](#)
- Online learning will not be available to traveling students as this takes away valuable learning time from those who are in class. Students who travel can pick up a learning packet upon return. Please coordinate this with your child's teacher well in advance.

THANK YOU To...

all who participated in our Lenten Service Project. ICRS collected more than 1050 baby items for our new neighbor, Pregnancy Choices. All donations will support new moms and their babies. I am very proud of our Student Council who took over this project and motivated all us to participate.



As always, send your questions and comments to admissions@icrsweb.org.

Peace and Joy,
Principal Rodrigues

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