



LORICA

March 2008

priest's message

When I reflect on why I have spent most of my working life trying to communicate spiritual issues to people, I find it difficult to define just what those spiritual issues are.

There are religious beliefs, theological understanding, doctrine, dogma, moral laws, human values and spiritual experience. I have to deal in all these subjects. Each of you has different concerns or interests in them. Some of you have firm beliefs in some of those areas, and I suspect do not want to revisit ideas that have been satisfactorily resolved for you. Here I am at the point of retiring for the second time, and I still wrestle with this question "How do I best present the important elements of our faith to you without wasting your credulity on things that are peripheral?"

Most of my energy is taken up trying to undo the deconstruction that has occurred during the last 40 years. Modernity, as we call the philosophical basis by which matters of religion are judged, has been with us for more than 150 years, but only during the last 40 years have the majority of people been strongly influenced by the scientific theories that underlie modern thought. Much of what I have witnessed has been modern efforts to deconstruct the edifice of belief erected over the previous millennia. Our religious notions were the product of thousands of years of thought, and the interpretation of experience. We mostly refer to this current mode of thinking as the liberal viewpoint.

In contrast to the liberal way of thinking, the reactionary fundamentalists simply deny anything that conflicts with their beliefs. For many, this works because ultimately faith, which is different from belief, does not depend on what dogmas are believed or what doctrine is embraced. As such, fundamentalists have appropriated to themselves the right to interpret scripture and doctrine in the ways that support their need to deny modernity. In matters of faith they are likely to be more profoundly active than the liberal religious person for whom there are no fixed points of view and everything is open to question all the time.

My desire has been to reconstruct the foundation of our faith and base it on reasonable understanding of scripture. This requires we know the text very well, and read scripture for our own benefit and interest. Christianity is an historical religion, and the events of Holy Week and especially Easter are key to our understanding and experience of what our faith is about. Often I have exhorted you to read the text, and invited you to bring your Bibles, but I fear many consider these suggestions as humorous, for are we not Episcopalians?

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Timely Reminder

The time is here to SPRING FORWARD one hour. Remember to set your clocks and watches ahead one hour this Saturday, March 8. We know you would not want to be embarrassingly late to church on Sunday.

The Lorica's mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ through communication, information, education, and wholesome entertainment.

We intend to make quality and substance a priority and to provide a safe forum for dialogue on the spiritual and social issues of the day in which divergent views are treated respectfully and without judgment.

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senior warden's message

Growing the Kingdom of God

Our human families grow by such events as babies being born and by marriages bringing in spouses. A church family grows as our human families grow and also as people decide to join the family. What makes someone want to join us? Maybe they just want to worship God and this church works for them, but they can go to any church to worship Him. Much of why people join a particular church and stay, is because they feel welcome. You and I are part of our church family already. How do you make people feel welcome when they first walk in the door? How do you make people feel welcome when they have come several times? How do you make someone who has been at St Hilda St Patrick 'forever' feel welcome? Please join me in reaching out to people we don't already know well to find out more about them and to help them feel welcome.

Here are some 2008 events to anticipate

✦ Holy Week is almost upon us – come join in celebrating Christ's life, death, and resurrection!

✦ The Summer Music Camp happen again this summer. See Andrea for details.

✦ We'll have another Auction to raise funds for special purposes (eg, Outreach) in October.

✦ We are working on EveryVoice (the early childhood development center). Look for a congregational meeting to ask questions and get more information in the very near future.

✦ The annual plant sale will again raise money for landscaping and will be in early May.

- Jane Tuttle, Senior Warden

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The Easter story is an account of the Divine expressing a profound purpose for mankind, and a heart-felt call to each person who will listen. Further, the Divine has, in this episode, entrusted to people knowledge of His/Her ultimate desire for our companionship and, in consequence, vulnerability. I think the sacrifice we recognize on Good Friday was not directed at God, but at us. How can any of us go on as we have, when we hear the crucified Christ say, "Forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing?" Does not the Resurrection transform a foreshortened view of human life into an experience of eternal life that begins in the here and now?

If you will devote yourselves to experiencing Holy Week and Easter, then this internal truth will become an experience for you. Jesus' introduction of the Eucharist at the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Easter Eve, and the joyful celebration of Easter on the Sunday follow hard on each other. I would urge you to be present for at least three of them. This is a lot of time, and you have so many other things to do, but think, if these events are anywhere near the importance that you would claim as a Christian, then you need to make their observance a major priority. I'll be there.

- Father Peter D. Snow



Mother Cynthia Writes...

When I preach I've been leaking tidbits about who I am. If you have heard these sermons, you may have caught some of these interesting, or perhaps not so interesting, stories about my life. As we come to know each other better, I thought it would be good to let you know some things that make up who I am.

You have heard me say that I am a wife to Bob and mother to Jesse and Madeline. We have two cats, one of whom is still comfortably purring and warming our laps after 20 years. We also have two dogs, Benny, a Border Terrier (which is very different from a Border Collie), and Sadie who is a Miniture Pinscher/Chihuahua mix. We adopted Sadie about 18 months ago, which is a story that will probably leak out in a future sermon. It's a good one that has to do with forgiveness and healing.

I am a gardener. We live between Woodinville and Duvall, and what surrounds us is forest. But we have carved a small chaos of gardens where we grow everything from strawberries and blueberries to roses and rhododendrons. We often have rabbits and deer in our yard (unless our tomcat chases them) and have even had a black bear eating our bird seed. My other creative outlet is weaving – look for an item or two of mine in the next auction!

You have probably heard me say that I row for Sammamish Rowing on a competitive team. All of the Sundays I take away from the church this year will be to attend regattas. Our first race of the season is Saturday, March 15 at Greenlake – a great venue to watch crew races. Madeline also crews – and she is much better than I! Rowing may become a prominent feature in my conversations, and so you have been duly warned!

Besides St. Hilda St. Patrick, I am involved

in several diocesan ministries. I serve on the board for Huston Camp and Conference Center, which means I get to be a summer camp chaplain. I will be heavily involved with Camp Huston from June 25 – July 5 training summer camp staff. (I will be at church for Father Peter's last Sunday!) I also serve on the Personnel and Evangelism Commissions, both of which involve quarterly evening meetings. I believe every congregation should be involved with their diocese because it increases communication and builds better working relationships. You will definitely hear more from me about being involved in ministry with our Bishops.

As Bob's wife, I support him in his ministry to the Mission to Seafarers, which offers pastoral and material support to the workers on the many sailing vessels that visit Seattle as a port of call. The Mission is also a diocesan ministry and you will hear about opportunities to serve this vital mission to the world.

Finally, I am passionate about kids and youth, as if you didn't already know that! I meet twice monthly with a group of young adults (age 24-35) discerning life decisions, including decisions about Holy Orders. We have been meeting regularly for the past three years. I have brought this passion for youth into St. Hilda St. Patrick by offering a monthly Youth Service. We gather the second Sunday of each month and have some sort of service – everything from Holy Eucharist to Pop Rocks and Atomic Fireball candies. Ask one of our youth about that one!

We have lots to listen to from each other – if your curiosity is piqued by some of this information, please feel free to ask me questions. And I most certainly will be asking you about your interests and concerns and joys in life!

Easter is early this year

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above information, Easter can actually be one day earlier, March 22, but that is rare.

Here's some interesting information. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

A Spring Bouquet of Thanks

My heart is filled with gratitude for everyone's help in making and baking and bagging the 150 dozen cookies for KAIROS at Purdy. These cookies make a difference in the lives of the residents. Many have never enjoyed a homemade cookie anytime or anywhere. So be assured that sometime between March 6 - 9, there will be many a woman at Purdy saying 'Oh, this is soooo good!'

- Sue Shepherd

Concert Alert

The Everett Chorale, joined by The Snohomish Children's Choir, is performing IT'S A SMALL WORLD on Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, March 30 at 3:00 PM. These performances will be held at the Everett Performing Arts Center. See Sue or Giles Shepherd for information or call 425-257-8600. This concert is great fun for all who of us are 'young at heart' so bring the yourself, the kidlets, and the grandkidlets!

One Response

The Archbishop of Canterbury made some controversial remarks in a recent speech. The text of that speech can be found here:

<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/1575>

Below is Fr. Peter's response to the Archbishop's words.

The Archbishop has done it again. I do not think this highly intelligent man should be let out alone, and certainly not allowed to express his opinion in public. His last effort amounts to indecent exposure.

My objection to what he said is that the possibility of having Sharia Law recognized and legitimized as a parallel system of law to British Law would make horrendous judgments possible. Imagine two people who had an affair and thus were, under Sharia Law, guilty of adultery. The woman could be stoned to death and held to blame for the temptation of the man. No, no say modern Moslems, no such judgment would be made. BUT there would always remain the possibility of a radical Imam interpreting the Koran in just that way. I have not heard any Moslem describe any part of the Koran as no longer relevant, wrong or incorrect. British Law, and our own Constitution, cannot give away their precedence over all other laws of the land. Here in the United States, state law cannot be in contravention to the Constitution. Therefore, in my opinion, people who go to live in Britain, or come to live here, should fully accept the basic values expressed in our laws and leave behind those traditions which are fundamentally opposed to them.

Playtime!

Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in the parish hall, join together with children up to age 5. This is an informal time for children to play and caregivers to connect with other caregivers. Want to know more? Contact Deb Walrath.

Summer Music / Art Camp

The second annual summer camp will be July 14-18. Mark you calendars and stay tuned - more information to come!



March Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Carrithers
- 2 Preston Scheid
Pete Schoenenburg
- 3 Andrea Brown
John Coale
- 4 Bill Ariz
Jo Rangel
- 10 Chris Graham
- 11 Matthew Cooper
- 14 Kaley Lane Eaton
- 15 Jim Allendoerfer
- 18 Maura Harrison
- 19 Jill Johnson
- 22 Jennifer Coale
- 24 Steve Evans
- 26 Désha Davis
- 30 Bernie Johnson
- 31 Mike Rizzotti

Will You Watch with Me One Hour?

Our custom is to have the church open all night on Maundy Thursday, beginning around 9:30 p.m., so that anyone who wants to come pray and meditate for an hour may do so. We have a sign-up sheet in the narthex, so you can choose an hour you would like to come be present with our Lord.

Holy Week

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** on March 16th. Regular services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

A Seder Supper (see below for details) on **Maundy Thursday**, March 20th, 6:30 p.m., is followed at 8:00 p.m. with a service of Holy Communion. The **Good Friday** service, March 21st, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us in this solemn ceremony, remembering our Savior's death on the Cross.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil service is March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service includes the lighting of the Paschal candle, welcoming new members, baptism and the first communion of Easter. This is a beautiful service, and we welcome you.

Easter Sunday, March 23rd, ONE service at 9:30 a.m., followed by brunch.

Seder Supper

It takes a congregation to put on our Seder Supper! This is a large endeavor, so please contact those listed to volunteer. We want to come together to make this happen, as it has been a deeply spiritual experience for our whole community in the past. We would love to have everyone participate in one way or another.

Contact Mike Rizzotti for:

Monday, March 17 - 2 shoppers needed

Wednesday, March 19 - 4 food prep

Thursday, March 20 - 9 am - noon: 4 food prep

- 4 pm on: 3 cooks

- 5 pm on: 3 more cooks

Contact Carol Lewellen for:

Thursday, March 20 - 9:30 am: Dining room set up

Contact Jane Tuttle for:

Thursday, March 20 - after the service cleanup

Contact Debbie Lindhardt, if you can provide:

• 2 BBQs • 4 electric griddles • 2 Cuisinarts/food processors • 4 large skillets/fry pans • 4 rubber spatulas • 2 sharp carving knives • BBQ pick-up and delivery

Get your reservation in for the Seder Supper now by calling Mary Gates. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. If this is a financial hardship, please talk to Fr. Peter or Mo. Cynthia. We want everyone to attend!

Easter Baskets

As is the custom at St. Hilda St. Patrick, we will help 11 families at Easter by providing food for a special Easter meal as well as for a week. Carol Rypkema needs help shopping, packing and delivering the groceries. Donations gladly accepted! Contact Carol if you can help.

Schedules for Hospitality Teams, Greeters, Ushers and Altar Guild for March 2008

Lent IV	Lent V	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday	1st Easter
March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30

Ministry

Altar Guild

8:00	Rosemary Harris	Rosemary Harris	Rosemary Harris	Rosemary Harris
10:30	Team B	Team B	Team C	Team D
	Maria Han	Debbie Lindhardt	Nancy Smith	Janet Kowalski
	Paige Seaborg	Jill Johnson		Melody Oxley
				Rosemary Stapleton

Rite I - 8:00 a.m.

EM	Nancy Smith	Valerie Kelley	Jane Tuttle	One service at 9:30 a.m.	TBD
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Hospitality Team	John Heberling <i>Light Breakfast</i>	Martha Walker <i>Light Breakfast</i>	Jeff Cheek <i>Full Breakfast</i>	Don Stapleton <i>Easter Brunch</i>	Marcos Valle <i>Light Breakfast</i>
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Greeters	April & Glen Cooper	Pat & Jim Allendoerfer	Rosemary & Don Stapleton	Maria Han Richard Lee	
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Ushers	Melody Oxley Mary Helen Roberts	Debbie & Lars Lindhardt	Nora & Jeff Cheek	Janet & Joe Kowalski	
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Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

Reader	Charlotte Pratt	TBD	Gwynne Briggs	Mary Ellen Gardiner	TBD
Psalm	Marcos Valle	TBD	Pat Payne	TBD	TBD
EM 1	Nancy Smith	Mary Gates	Mary Magill	Carol Lewellyn	Dorothy Kiest
EM 2	Ray Smith	Richard Lee	Sam Magill	Sue Shephard	TBD

If not available, please find your own replacement.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Landscaping Spring Spruce- up 9am-1pm
2 •Rite I 8 am •Breakfast & Education 9 am •Rite II 10 am •LDTOGICCC* 1 pm •The Expedition, parish hall, 6 pm	3 •Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm •Music Lessons 11:00 am •Al-Anon 7 pm	4 •Morning Prayer at Chateau Pacific 1:30 pm •Scouts 7 pm	5 •Soup & Bread Supper 6:30pm •Lenten Program 7 pm •LDTOGICCC*, Sanctuary, 6 pm •Camp Fire Group 6:30 pm	6 •Music Lessons 4 pm •Choir Practice 7:30 pm •AA 7:30 pm	7	8 • Men's Group, Marcos Restaurant, 8 am Daylight Savings Time ends- clocks forward one hour
9 •Rite I 8 am •Breakfast & Education 9 am •Rite II 10 am •LDTOGICCC* 1 pm •Youth Eucharist 5 pm •The Expedition, parish hall, 6 pm	10 •Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm •Music Lessons 11:00 am •Al-Anon 7 pm	11 •Scouts 7 pm	12 •Soup & Bread Supper 6:30pm •Lenten Program 7 pm •LDTOGICCC*, Sanctuary, 6 pm •Camp Fire Group 6:30 pm	13 •Music Lessons 4 pm •Choir Practice 7:30 pm •AA 7:30 pm	14	15 •Palm Cross making 9 am •Spiritual Stitchers 10 am
PALM SUNDAY 16 •Rite I 8 am •Breakfast & Education 9 am •Rite II 10 am •BC Meeting •LDTOGICCC* 1 pm •The Expedition, parish hall, 6 pm	17 •Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm •Music Lessons 11:00 am •Al-Anon 7 pm	18 •Holy Eucharist at Chateau Pacific 1:30 pm •Scouts 7 pm	19 •LDTOGICCC*, Sanctuary, 6 pm •Camp Fire Group 6:30 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY 20 •Music Lessons 4 pm •Seder Dinner, 6:30 pm •Holy Communion, 8 pm •Overnight vigil begins 9:30 pm •AA 7:30 pm	GOOD FRIDAY 21 •Good Friday Service 7:30pm	HOLY SATURDAY 22 • Men's Group, Marcos Restaurant, 8 am •Easter Vigil, Welcoming New Members, Baptisms 7:30 pm
EASTER 23 •Rite II 9:30 am Brunch to follow •LDTOGICCC* 1 pm •The Expedition, parish hall, 6 pm	24 •Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm •Music Lessons 11:00 am •Al-Anon 7 pm	25 •Scouts 7 pm	26 •LDTOGICCC*, Sanctuary, 6 pm •Camp Fire Group 6:30 pm	27 •Music Lessons 4 pm •Choir Practice 7:30 pm •AA 7:30 pm	28	29
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