A Message From Our Pastor

“We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree.” (Acts 5:29-30)

Very often people makes excuses - "I didn't have a choice." - to justify their actions. But is it true? Actually, we always have a choice. Sometimes it's a difficult choice, because it can cause us to lose everything – but it is still a choice.

The Apostles, even in the most difficult times, had to make choices and they found strength in their obedience to God. They knew that any other choice, even if it seemed to be more clever, would mislead them and cause them to lose forever. When we say "I didn't have a choice," we have to ask ourself - "Did I obey God or men?" This important question shows us our choices. It is better for us to obey God, because in Him we can't lose.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Marek

3rd Sunday of Easter

[Jesus] said to him, “Follow me.” - Jn 21:19b

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40 CANS FOR LENT ~ THANK YOU

This event was a wonderful effort to help supply our St. Elizabeth's Pantry and the Denver Rescue Mission with much needed items.

Pax Christi parishioners provided approximately 700 pounds of food! Our Knights Council used $750 from the Thanksgiving Basket event towards the purchase of a variety of food and hygiene items. Thank You to all who helped sort and load the food and those who took the time to deliver it to the homeless in Denver.

For more information on these and other events, visit www.paxchristi.org
GIFT REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce we are accepting registrations for GIFT 2019-2020 year!

As always, our religious education program consists of one class a month that is attended by both parents and children in grades preschool- 6th grade. The rest of the month, parents will be covering a second lesson at home with their kids. Classes are divided up by age group with parents going to their own classes to learn how to teach the second lesson.

NEW THIS YEAR!
Sacrament Prep (1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion) is a truly special time for families as their children prepare to receive two beautiful Sacraments in one year! This year, our Sac Prep will be an additional series of classes held at a different time from GIFT with a separate registration. We want you to be able to focus on this unique time of formation with your child(ren), without missing out on what’s being covered at GIFT.

Details
- Early bird fee is $100/family, includes all materials.
- Family fee is waived for Catechists.
- Family fee for adults who volunteer as an aide is $75.
- Children must be enrolled in GIFT to participate in Sacrament Prep.
- Sacrament Prep (1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion) students will be contacted after registering for GIFT to complete the Sac Prep process.
- Sacrament Prep fee is $50/child.

Use the following link to register - https://vbspro.events/p/events/paxgift19-20. You can even pay online via PayPal. Register now for early bird fee!

After July 1, 2019, the fee will increase to $120/family

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

Pax Christi has partnered with the Food Bank of the Rockies and is designated as a partner agency and the host of a mobile pantry. It is independent of St. Elizabeth’s Pantry and fills the need for fresh food such as milk, frozen meats and vegetables in addition to pantry staples. The mobile pantry hosted by Pax Christi twice a month assists 35 to 45 families.

The mobile pantry supports families requiring either short term or ongoing assistance. The circumstances they are facing are varied. An illness leading to unemployment; displacement from a job after many years of loyal employment; a job paying low wages while working full time or children and/or grandchildren moving back into the home.

I became involved with the mobile pantry over three years ago in response to a request for a coordinator in our bulletin. During this time the number of families coming to the pantry for the first time has increased and through the efforts of all involved with the Food Bank of the Rockies, we are continuing to meet some of the food needs for these families.

Jeanette Robinson
Coordinator for the Food Bank of the Rockies
Pax Christi Mobile Pantry

PAX CHRISTI MARRIAGE RETREAT

Staying Connected From “I Do” and Beyond

Saturday, September 7th from 9:00am to 4:00pm

How do you as couple stay connected after “I Do”? After all Life Happens!

Give one another a gift and join other couples for a one-day Marriage Retreat. We will cover such topics as “Your Beginning, Communication, Priorities, Identifying Needs, and How to Nurture and Enrich Your Marriage.”

Cost is $20 per couple and includes lunch. Childcare available. Confession will also be available.

2019 GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Thursday, July 11th - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Where: The Ridge Golf Course, 1414 Castle Pines Pkwy, Castle Pines

$200 per golfer and includes breakfast burrito, golf cart, range access, $10 gift card, lunch buffet. $35 breakfast and lunch buffet only option

Purchase tickets at skdschool.ejoinme.org/golf2019

Top bidders can earn a spot in Father Marek's foursome!
MUSIC MINISTRY

The third Sunday of Easter is also called Jubilate Sunday after the first word of the Latin introit “Jubilate Deo omnis terra” (Ps.66). In this liturgy and the two following Sundays, the Church continues her song of rejoicing in the Resurrection. Throughout all of the Easter season the Mass expresses Easter joy by adding Alleluia to every antiphon (Entrance, Offertory, and Communion). Today’s entrance antiphon is an invitation to universal joy, to keep our eyes on Christ. The readings and responsorial psalm remind us to cling to God when we pass through times of despair and darkness: “O Lord, you brought me up from the netherworld; / you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.” In the gospel we witness the journey from one state to another. The disciples go from catching nothing all night to filling their nets to the breaking point. And then, confronted by Our Blessed Lord, Peter’s threefold expression of love redeems him from his earlier threefold denial and sets him on a course to follow in the footsteps of the risen Lord. Look to the readings and music for this Sunday to find encouragement to bear patiently the trials of this life in view of the heavenly joys that are to come hereafter.

Raymond Ortiz
Music Director

RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE

That we may all work to change unjust laws that permit abortion, taking courage from the apostles’ word that we must obey God rather than man. We pray to the Lord.

COMMUNICATION NEWS

Mindful of being good stewards of time, talent, and treasure, the parish recognizes that the number of Parish App and Facebook users at the current time does not warrant using parish resources for these two communication tools. As of May 1st, we will no longer be using the Parish App and Facebook. The parish’s primary means of communication will be the weekly bulletin, parish website, and weekly emails. We encourage you to use these three means of communication so you will not miss any opportunities to participate in the varied ministries and programs available at Pax Christi.

“I Give Online” Cards Available

More and more people give to Pax Christi electronically. Whether they make individual online donations or set up recurring payments, they support the church in the same way as those who give in person by cash or check.

Yet, when we invite parishioners to place their offering in the collection basket, online givers are left out. The new “I Give Online” card will allow online givers to participate in the joy of giving during the celebration of the Mass.

If you give online, you may pick up an envelope with your name on it containing a month’s supply of “I Give Online” cards. Find your envelope in the box located in the Great Hall by the doors entering the Narthex. At the end of the month, or whenever you are down to your last “I Give Online” card, simply place your empty envelope back in the box and it will be replenished with a supply of cards for you to pick up at your convenience.

Thank you for participating in the online giving program. Your regular financial commitment greatly helps the parish budget and reduces administrative costs.

If you don’t give online but are interested in signing up, please visit the parish website and find the Online Giving icon under Stewardship & Giving.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

This year, our Confirmation ceremony will be occurring during regularly scheduled Mass and we would love for you to join us! The ceremony will be May 25th at 5:00 p.m. Mass and will follow the homily. Please consider joining us during this time and prayerfully support our young people who are receiving this sacrament!

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR PAX CHRISTI

We are attending a national conference called The Amazing Parish to improve the leadership and focus of our parish.

We are doing such great things at Pax Christi. We want to make sure the parish is as effective as possible for the mission of Christ in Highlands Ranch.

A team of parishioners will be accompanying Father, please pray for us. We look forward to sharing with you the fruit of this effort.
UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGY...
so we can fully participate in our liturgical celebration

The Eucharistic Prayer is the next part of the Liturgy. It begins with “The Lord be with you” and ends with our final “Amen” after the doxology. It was called the Cannon in the Roman Church, but in the Eastern Church they called it an Anaphora. Canon means the norm, an order or the rule. It is an abbreviation of “canon actionis.”

The Eucharistic Prayer is the central part and culmination of the entire liturgy. From early medieval times, driven by secrecy and respect for it, a celebrant whispered the entire prayer. Later on, it became the rule - Ordo Romanus - in the 10th Century. Because many people didn’t know Latin and others couldn’t hear the words of prayer, the Roman Cannon became very mysterious. It changed after the Reform of the Liturgy in 1965 because it was allowed to be read out loud again. As we know, Pope Pius IV asked, after the Trent Council, to prepare more Eucharistic Prayers. Since he died shortly after the Council, those prayers were never prepared. It was Pope Paul VI who introduced three new Eucharistic Prayers.

Since 1968, the celebrant has a choice of four Eucharistic Prayers:

1. Roman Cannon – the oldest, recommended to be used on important solemnities and Sundays.
2. Second Eucharistic Prayer – also called the Eucharistic Prayer of Martyrs because it is a modification of the Eucharistic Prayer of Hippolith of Rome from 3rd Century. It has its own preface.
3. Third Eucharistic Prayer – a new prayer that has a very clear structure. It can be use with any preface and is recommended to be used on Sundays
4. Fourth Eucharistic Prayer – its main parts came from the Liturgy of St. Basil. It has its own preface and cannot be changed. This Eucharistic Prayer is also the history of salvation, so even if it is allowed to be used on Sunday, it is not recommended because it repeats the elements of the Credo.

BIBLE BLAST!
A Fun and Educational Family Bible Program

• Have you ever read the story of the Patriarchs, from Abraham to Joseph?
• Do you want to travel with the Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land, from Jerusalem to Babylon and back?
• Have you wondered why Jesus was rejected by His own people?
• Do you want to follow Paul on his missionary journeys?

Then come and join us!

Our family Bible program starts right after Labor Day and takes us through the whole salvation history in one year.

This is a program for the whole family (kids ages 4 to 14).

We meet weekly at church with the children to quiz and review what you read during the week from the Picture Bible.

Are you interested? Please contact Gaelle or Gabriel Commeau at: gaelle.and.gabriel@gmail.com.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
OF TREASURE

Contributions to Pax Christi for April 22 - 28, 2019

Offertory Collection
Basket: ............................................$18,981
Online Giving: .................................$10,646

Capital Improvements Collection
Basket: .............................................$855
Online Giving: .................................$588

Weekly Offertory Needed: .............$24,082
Number of registered Families: ..........867
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
Third Sunday of Easter

ACTS 5: 27-32, 40B-41; PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; REV 5:11-14; JN 21:1-19

In today’s Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, “I’m going fishing.” Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their “backslide.” He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves “out at sea” — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering “do-overs” if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.

WHAT MAKES YOUR TEEN TICK

Learn the new neuroscience of how your adolescent's brain goes through rapid changes, a reconstruction, and pruning process from ages 12-24.

By learning more about how your teen's brain works, it will give you a new awareness of the reasons for some of your teens' behaviors and thinking processes. This can help build your confidence and skills in your parenting.

When: May 8th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Pax Christi
Speaker: Mary Braun-Payne, LCSW

Mary is an individual, couples and family therapist who has worked with teens for over 30 years.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Chenele Shaw at cshaw@paxchristi.org or 720-419-0125.

VBS REGISTRATION

Our numbers are limited only by our space and materials, so register your students now to make sure you get in! A waitlist will be started once we reach capacity. Full students are those who will be entering grades K-5th in the fall. Preschool and a nursery are also available for the children of adults who are volunteering.

Registration is available at https://vbspro.events/p/paxvbs2019. Contact Becky Hensler with any questions at 720-419-0127 or bhensler@paxchristi.org.

We Need Your Help: VBS will be sailing the Mediterranean Sea as we journey with Paul. We will be spending time in several locations and could use your help gathering supplies. Please save empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls! There will be a bin in the Great Hall next to the food donation bin to collect them. We need more than 300, so all donations help! Additionally, if anyone has old bed sheets that are solid color and you no longer need, we would love to repurpose them into costumes or tent supplies. Sheets can be dropped off to the parish office During regular hours.

Thank you for helping us bring Paul’s 2nd Mediterranean journey to life!

AN INVITATION FOR YOU

At weekly Mass, we celebrate our faith together as a parish family. What an opportunity! The Holy Spirit invites us to use the gifts He has given in faithful service to Him and each other. Again, what an opportunity!

- Are you blessed with a friendly smile?
- Did the Holy Spirit give you the gift to gab?
- Love to be the host or hostess?

We invite you to the Usher Ministry, an exciting opportunity in His service. Training and support will be provided. Commit to one Mass per month. Families may serve together. New ushers are always welcome to share their gifts. Our parish family also is in need of an usher coordinator. Interested in learning more about this opportunity? Contact Wendy at wbalcerzak@paxchristi.org.
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday May 6**
9:30a-11:30a  Biblical School  
5:00p-5:45p  SET-Youth  
5:45p-6:30p  SET Adult Update  
6:30p-8:30p  SET Adult  
 Foundational  

**Tuesday May 7**
9:30a-11:30a  PaxMoms  
1:00p-3:00p  Prayer Shawl  
4:15p-5:30p  Choir-2nd Year  
 Novices/Choristers  

**Wednesday May 8**
10:00a-12:00p  Pantry  
5:15p-6:30p  Choir-3rd Year  
 Novices/Choristers  
6:00p-7:30p  What Makes Your Teen Tick  
7:15p-9:00p  M/W Schola  

**Thursday May 9**
4:15p-5:30p  Choir-1st Yr. Novices  
6:30p-7:30p  Adoration/Confession  
6:30p-8:00p  Spiritual Exercises  
7:00p-9:00p  HS Discipleship  

**Friday May 10**
6:00a-7:15a  Pointmen  
10:00a-12:00p  Pantry  
10:00a-11:00a  Formed (Spanish)  
6:00p-9:00p  Family Movie Night  

**Saturday May 11**
7:30a-9:30a  KoC Council  
9:30a-11:00a  KoC 4th Degree Assembly  
6:00p-9:00p  Retrouvaille  

**Sunday May 12**
8:30a-9:30a  1st Communion  
9:00a-11:30a  Bible Blast/Ceremony  

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**KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Link your King Soopers (KS) loyalty card to Pax Christi. Use the loyalty card each time you shop at any KS to get savings and support Pax Christi. Most items in your shopping cart qualify but not all. If you don’t have a loyalty card, visit the customer service desk at any KS.

If you have a loyalty card, go to [http://kingsoopers.com](http://kingsoopers.com). Sign into your King Soopers account under “My Account”. Select “Community Rewards”. Search for Pax Christi in the “Find an Organization” field. Click “Enroll”. You’re done.

The Community Rewards program replaces the KS Refillable Gift Card Program. Any funds currently on the gift card will be honored.

**SHOPPING AT AMAZON.COM**

Did you know by shopping at Amazon.com you can generate $$ for Pax Christi? It’s EASY!

To shop, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Select Pax Christi Catholic Church, Littleton. This will be your default charity for all future purchases. Pax Christi will receive .5% of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. The money earned from this website is electronically deposited into a Pax Christi bank account. You can change your default charity at any time.

**Shop and support Pax Christi at the same time!**

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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Or by appointment

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon. - Thu.: 9:00am - Noon and 1:00pm - 5:00pm  
Fri.: 9:00am - Noon  
Parish Office: 303-799-1036  
Fax: 303-799-1072

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION**

Thu.: 6:30-7:30pm (Church)  
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