

The Lord Has Risen

We are still basking in the afterglow of the Transfiguration and the epic celebration of St. Patrick's Diocesan Celtic Mass on Saturday evening, Bishop McElroy presiding, and a fine representation of priests and Irish Religious sisters. We were further honored by the Deputy Prime Minister of Ireland, Frances Fitzgerald who was the Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Vice Consul from San Francisco was also present.

All hail to the St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus, Bill Schemensky, Grand Knight, who hosted a magnificent full house Celtic dinner in the parish hall. Rene Trevino was an excellent MC for the festivities, which included the Irish step dancers from the Malone Academy and maintaining the Hilgeman connection with a great band. Our own Mairtin de Cogain regaled us with Irish song and story. Both Bishop McElroy and the Deputy Prime Minister flavored the evening with reflections on the life of St. Patrick and the spread of the faith across the nations.

St. Patrick heard the call of God to go forth and bring the faith to the Irish people. It was this call the Irish people answered to go forth across 5 continents which at this time we celebrate as the faith of our ancestors. How can I not express deep gratitude to over 100 parishioners who responded to a similar call to participate in New Wineskins.

I invite you to receive the call to go forth and nurture your faith at the Parish Mission to be given by Fr. Brian Kelly, much gratitude to him!

In preparation for Easter, God calls us to the Sacrament of healing & forgiveness in the Lenten Penance service, March 28th at 7:00pm, with a multitude of confessors. The greatest of invitations is to enter into the fullness of the Paschal Mystery, in the unfolding of the Holy Week liturgies with entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the unfolding of the Triduum, each day a part of the entire event, passion, death and resurrection.

On behalf of the clergy and staff, I wish you the blessings of a glorious Easter.

Happy Easter!



Rev. Nicholas Clavin

Pastor