



Holy Cross Province News

March 2021

March Birthdays

- 13 Bruno D'Souza
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Professions

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Ordinations

- 7 Nicholas Divine

LOOKING FORWARD...

March 17
Feast of St. Patrick

March 19
Feast of St. Joseph

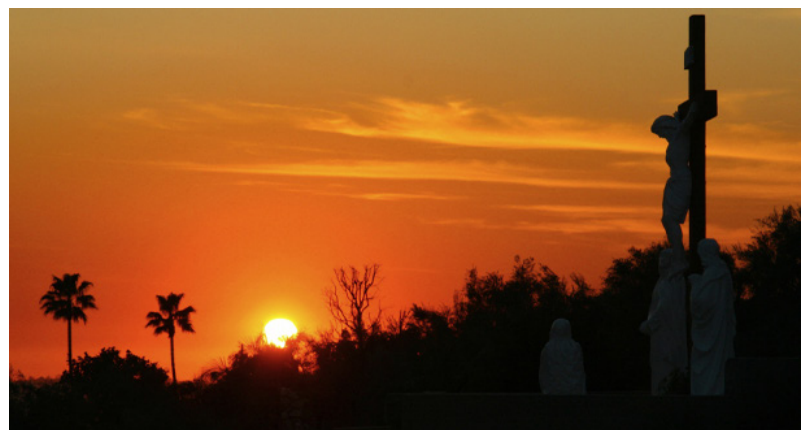
March 25
The Annunciation of the Lord

Updates...

- Nicholas Divine, CP, will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, March 7, at 2:00 p.m., CT, at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center in Houston, Texas. The ordination will be livestreamed through Holy Name's [website](#), or [Facebook](#) page. Congratulations Nicholas! God bless you!
- On March 4, a prayer service is being held for the Passionist Family, **Grief and Grace, A Celebration of Lament and Life on the one-year Anniversary of COVID**. The time together will include an opportunity to remember those whom we have personally lost over the past year. [Click here](#) to register. Start time for the prayer service in the following time zones:
9:00 a.m. (Hawaii-Aleutian) 11:00 a.m. (Pacific)
1:00 p.m. (Central) 2:00 p.m. (Eastern)
- Please keep Alan Phillip, CP, and the Mater Dolorosa Community in your prayers as they offer their fraternal and spiritual support to Alan.
- The Provincial Council meets via Zoom, March 23-25.
- The Generalate in Rome has produced a new video celebrating the Congregation's Jubilee. [Click here](#) to watch it.

Have a Blessed Lent

Visit our [website](#) during Lent, to join our Passionist Family for daily video reflections on the Scripture readings.



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Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center...

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center and Community residence in Houston, Texas, survived the recent winter storm that hit Texas. Temperatures dropped to the single-digits with snow that stayed on the ground for days! It was an unprecedented week. Most of the retreat center staff experienced damage to their own homes as a result of no heat for days, burst pipes and all sorts of weather related issues. Those who live in northern climates are used to this type of weather. Houston does not have the infrastructure to handle snow, as the city does not have any salt trucks or snow plows. The temperature outside is now in the 70s, and the snow is gone.

As everyone at Holy Name looks forward to the spring and Deacon Nicholas's ordination, it is a good reminder to look to God in all moments of our lives!



The retreat center grounds remained snow-covered for several days.



The fountain in the middle of the retreat center's courtyard was frozen over.



Water damage in one of the rooms of the retreat center.

Happy moments
Praise God
Difficult moments
Seek God
Quiet moments
Worship God
Painful moments
Trust God
Every Moment
Thank God

Quote on the wall that suffered water damage.

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center...

The weekly Thursday Community Mass returned to a hybrid version with in-person and online offerings to the Christ the King Family members in February. Christ the King continues to offer all Passionist programs online, at this time. A mini Ash Wednesday day of reflection was organized and presented by Jack Conley, CP, and Tom Bonacci, CP. Blessed Ashes were mailed to participants and made available for pick up at the retreat center.

Christ the King's *St. Valentine's Day Dinners To-Go* on February 14 was a success! Over 100 meals were sold. Delicious meals were prepared by Christ the King's chef, Deanna Jensen. Retreat center staff and vowed Passionists greeted guests and delivered meals to their cars.



Jim Strommer, CP, and Jack Conley, CP, assist a guest with her meal pick up.



Christ the King staff were happy to be working together during the Valentine's Day event.



Meals are packed and ready for pick up.

Laudato Si' Corner...

The Passion of the Earth:

Weekly Lenten Gatherings for the Passionist Family

Wednesday, February 24 through Good Friday, April 2

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Central Time

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time

Six sessions: the first five sessions will be every Wednesday, February 24 through Wednesday, March 24; our final session will be an *Ecological Way of the Cross* on Good Friday, April 2.

A series of weekly gatherings during Lent are available for the Passionist Family exploring Laudato Si' and the Passion of the Earth as we journey together toward the Passion of our Lord. Each meeting will be grounded in prayer and the Passionist charism, and will make use of a recent series of videos on climate feedback loops. We will connect to issues facing the communities in which Passionists are located (like the drought and fires in California, the Flint water crisis for Flint/Detroit, etc.). Opportunities to live into Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving will be offered. In our final Holy Week gathering, we will accompany each other on an ecological Stations of the Cross. The series is for the whole Passionist Family and will include individual and small group opportunities for reflection.

[Click here](#) to register in advance for these gatherings. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the gatherings.

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Passionist Earth & Spirit Center...

Interfaith Spiritual Practice

Rumi & Sufism course begins Wednesday, March 17, 2021

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., EDT.

Whether you belong within one religion or none, or are eclectic in your spirituality, the world's great religious traditions offer insights that can benefit your meditation practice. The courses in our Interfaith Spiritual Practice series invite you to engage your inner life and the outer world through ancient-but-timely practices from Hindu spirituality, Sufi mysticism, and the Christian mystics.

This twelve-week series is a journey you can take as a whole or you may choose any of the four-week courses offered individually.

The Stages of the Journey with Rumi & Sufism: From Presence, to Heartfulness, to Intimacy with God

Wednesdays, March 17, 24, 31, and April 7; 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., EDT.

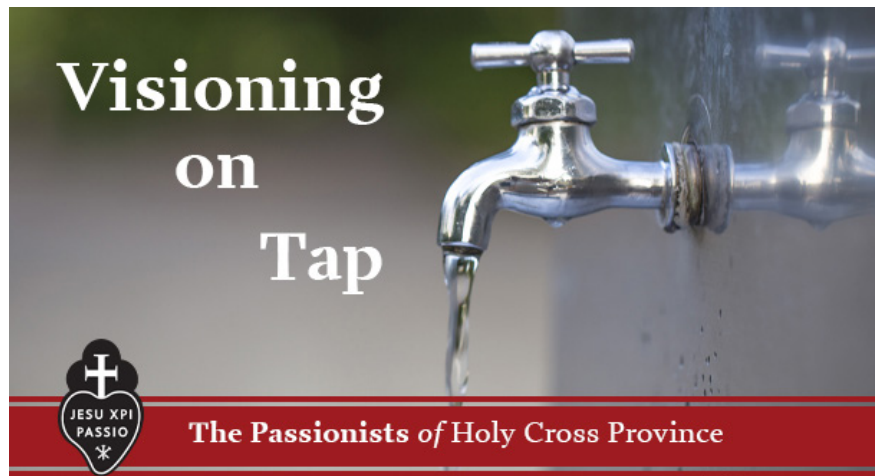
Instructor: Kabir Helminski

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Taught online via Zoom by Kabir Helminski at the [Passionist Earth & Spirit Center](#).



Visioning on Tap...



Visioning on Tap is an innovative way to engage in The Passionists of Holy Cross Province's Vision Fulfillment Process, as well as consider how the topics to be presented impact your personal life!

Each 60 minute virtual session will include prayer, small and large group conversation and a short presentation highlighting a Vision Fulfillment initiative. It is time for you to ask questions and add your voice to the larger Visioning conversation.

The second **Visioning on Tap** session is:

Growing in Faith: Passionist Rule for Laity and Online Spiritual Direction.

Faith development is a perennial reality. We are constantly invited into an ever-deeper relationship with God. How do we identify the call of the Spirit? And, how do life's joys and sorrows impact our faith? By understanding our own spiritual growth, we can more fully enter into the Passionist Family and the Passionist Vision Fulfillment initiative. Faith Offman will be the guest speaker.

Visioning on Tap will be held via Zoom on Thursday, March 18 at the following times:

- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Pacific;
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Central; and
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00, p.m., Eastern.

The session will also be repeated on Tuesday, March 23 at these times:

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Pacific;
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Central; and
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Eastern.

Here are the Zoom links for you:

- For Thursday, March 18: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89196607180>
- For Tuesday, March 23: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86868607143>

Future **Visioning on Tap** dates and topics will be forthcoming.