

**FROM FR. JOHN**

## **I Am Beautiful Because I Love**

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour” John 12:28

What is the hour that Jesus is referring to? It is the hour of His death. Jesus is teaching us that his whole purpose in coming from heaven to earth is to die for us. He tells us He is troubled as He faces His hour. The Father is calling Him to sacrifice His life for the good of us all. “Troubled” is a word that can be ambiguous and have many layers of meaning. Perhaps we should jump ahead to the agony in the garden to help animate what this word means. What Jesus is troubled with as he faces His own death intensifies so much so that he sweats blood in the garden as he stares at His hour in the face. He is going to relinquish his body, mind and soul to the Father as He is made to suffer and die on a cross.

Jesus’ sole intention in life was to live for others in such a way that they could enter into eternal life. The way this salvation was accomplished for all was through His total self-gift on the cross. As Jesus stared at the cost of total self-giving in the garden, He literally sweat blood. The point is, is that love costs. And total love costs a lot. But it is said that when the visionaries at Medjugorje asked Our Blessed Mother Mary why she is indescribably beautiful she replied, “I am beautiful because I love.”

We are created in the image of God. God is a total self-giver. Being led by the total self-giving spirit of Jesus, our purpose is to live our lives for others so that they can come to eternal life. But it costs a lot to move from being a taker to being a giver in our relationships. Our natural inclination can be to be a taker. Are you more of a taker or a giver? Takers use family, friends and others for personal gain. Givers seek to increase the goodness and life of God in others.

Be a giver. Give attention, a note, HUG, an “I love you”, ride, candy bar, etc. to someone you see who needs it. Look for the opportunity to become more of who you were created to be. Risk and give in one new way you have never given before. BE BEAUTIFUL.

Fr. John



**Fr. John's Lenten Dailies-** If you would like to receive a daily reflection from Fr. John each day during Lent, let him know ASAP at [urlvdfj@aol.com](mailto:urlvdfj@aol.com) .

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday March 20, 2010

+Trifone and Isabella Coppola  
(their son and daughter-in-law)

### Sunday March 21, 2010

8:30AM+Betty Lou Paluck  
(Julian Paluck)

10:30AM People of the Parish

### Monday, March 22, 2010

Communion Service

### Tuesday, March 23, 2010

+Richard Orth  
(Colleen Lackey)

### Wednesday, March 24, 2010

+Durward Gurusinghe  
(Charlott)

### Thursday, March 25, 2010

+ Richard Orth  
(Colleen Lackey)

### Friday, March 26, 2010

Durward Gurusinghe  
(Charlott)

### Saturday, March 27, 2010

5:00 PM +Cecilian Fortunato  
(Her Cousin)

### Sunday, Mar 28, 2010

8:30 AM +Julian Misa  
(Geraldine Misa)  
10:30 AM- People of the Parrish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, March 21, 2010

NO Faith Formation  
NO Bible Study  
11:45 AM-EM/Lector Trng  
17:30 PM-Family Forum SR

### Monday, March 22, 2010

10:00 AM-Bible Study-SR

### Tuesday, March 23, 2010

7:00 PM-Bible Study Rm 6  
7:00 PM-Choir Practice

### Wednesday, March 24, 2010

10:00 AM-Bible Study-SR  
7:00 PM-RCIA—SR

### Thursday, March 25, 2010

7:00 PM-Back to Prayer Nite SR  
7:00PM-Bible Study Rm 6

### Friday, March 26, 2010

4:00 PM- Homeless Outreach  
6:30 PM-Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 27, 2010

8:00 AM-Red Cross Blood Bank S.R.  
9:00AM- Choir Practice—Church

## . Stations of the Cross

We will begin Stations of the Cross starting Friday, February 19th at 6:30 PM, followed by humble dinner. Stations of the Cross refers to the depiction of the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus, and the devotion commemorating the Passion. The tradition as chapel devotion began with St. Francis of Assisi and extended throughout the Roman Catholic Church in the medieval period. Please sign up in the Narthex. Deacon Mike (503)761-8710 x 106).

## A Plea for HELP!!!!

As you know the Altar Guild is responsible for the funeral luncheons. We love doing them. We have come to a huge need. Most of the ladies in this group are Senior citizens. They bring wonderful ideas and support to us, but many are no longer able to help with the luncheons. We are asking you the ladies of the parish to look at your schedule and let us know if there is any day available for you to help. You can help with bringing food or with the luncheon. If you are able to help us please contact Diane Aronson at 503 760-5283.

**Lenten Speaker:** The Sisters of St Mary of Oregon invite you to hear Dr. Elaine Park speak on the Scripture used at the Easter Vigil. Explore the deeper meaning and significance of the readings and psalms that are chosen for this service on Saturday, March 27 from 9:00AM-12:00PM. The cost is \$15 and the location is the motherhouse of the Sisters of Beaverton. To register or for more information, Please contact Sr. Noreen at 503 644-9181.

**Homeless Outreach :** Homeless outreach during the season of lent—we will be collecting socks, new or slightly used for men and women. A marked box will be in the Narthex.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

**Budget amount:** \$ 7,032.00

**Amount collected:** \$ 7,631.10

Over/under: + 599.10

## Eucharistic Minister and Lector

**Training:** Training for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors is Sunday, March 21 at 11:45am in the church. Deacon Mike (503) 761-8710 X106)

## Parish Family Social and Potluck

Our first monthly Parish Family Social and Potluck will be Sunday, March 21 from 12:30 - 3:00pm in the social room. Enjoy a potluck lunch, scripture and reflection, and then fun activities and discussion groups for adults, teens, and kids. This month's topic will be "Spring Break: A Family Opportunity". Come join us for some good food, great conversation, and be inspired! Contact Deacon Mike @ 503-761-8710 X 601 For the potluck, please bring a dish to share using the alphabetical list below:

Last name

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| beginning with: | Type of Dish           |
| A-D             | Salads                 |
| E - I           | Fruit and Veggie Trays |
| J - N           | Main Dishes            |
| O - S           | Desserts               |
| T - Z           | Breads and Crackers    |

**A Time for Caregivers:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is hosting a workshop for caregivers. This workshop, cosponsored by the Franciscan Spiritual Center and Oregon Alzheimer's Association, is designed for people who are helping to care for a parent, spouse, sibling, or friend who has Alzheimer's disease. You will learn about dementia, resources, and ways to take care of yourself. The workshop will be held at St John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Center on April 6 from 1:00PM-4:00PM. Fee is \$10.00. To register call the Franciscan Spiritual Center at 503 794-8542.