

No Striking Out

"Their name never cut off" Isaiah 48:19

One strike. Two strikes. Three strikes- you're out! You only get three strikes in baseball then you are out.

There was a man who had different kind of strikes against him. There were too many too count and some of them were really horrible like killing another human being. Because of the laws he had broken and the suffering he caused, it was time to cut him off. His sentence was to be hanged on a tree. You could say that he struck out.

There was another man, full of grace, who came for the man who struck out. He was unlike any other man. He did not believe in strike-outs. He would never say, "Three strikes and you're out." He would never say, "A million strikes and you're out." He would never cut you off. Yes, you could cut him off but he would never cut you off. When you did strike out and hurt others all he asked that you would come back in sorrow. If you did that you would not be cut off and your strikes would be taken away.

Here's the story about these two men. They are hanging on crosses next to each other in the middle of being executed. The man who had countless strikes against him saw something powerful in the man who had no strikes against him. In sorrow, the man who had hurt and even killed others reached out to the man who would never cut off anyone, "Jesus, Remember me when you come into your kingdom." The man who would never let anyone strike out replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

What assurance! No one strikes out with Jesus. Just come back to him in sorrow.

Let us pray: "They struck you, Jesus. They struck your back 39 times with metal hooks and glass and ripped your flesh apart like you were some piece of meat. You went through all of that and so much more to show us that there are no strike-outs with you. Human beings only allow so many strikes and then you are out. But not you. You have a no strike-out rule. All we have to do is come back in sorrow. Now, I come back in sorrow to you. And please, help me to live by your no strike-out rule for others. Amen."

Wait in trust (WIT),
+Fr. John



Apr 14th
Teen Praise & Worship
"I am the resurrection and the life,
believe in ME and live."

Apr 17th
Life Teen Mass

May 1st
"Know Your Momma

May 12th
Teen Praise & Worship
"Were not our hearts burning within
us."

May 15th
Life Teen Mass

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Holy Week Schedule
and
Easter Mass Schedule
April 21st-Holy Thursday
7:00 PM
April 22nd-Good Friday
7:00 PM
April 23rd-Easter Vigil Mass
8:00 PM
April 24th-Easter Sunday
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



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Apr 17th
Life Teen Mass

Apr 23rd
Easter Egg Hunt for children of the
Parish @ 2:00PM

May 2nd
"What's Your Priority"

May 9th
"WWJD: Making Good Choices"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Apr 18, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, Apr 19, 2011

Donald Conway

(Dorothy Reichling)

Wednesday, Apr 20, 2011

+Mr & Mrs Kiem Nguyen

(The Family)

Thursday, Apr 21, 2011

+Margaret Cony

(Susan Cony)

Friday, April 22, 2011

Good Friday Service

Saturday, Apr 23, 2011

RCIA Members

(People of the Parish)

Sunday, Apr 24, 2011

8:00AM: People of the Parish

10:00AM: +Victor Errico

(Mom and Dad)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Apr 19, 2011

9:00AM-Prayer Chain Mtg-SR

7:00PM-Choir Practice-Church

Wednesday, Apr 20, 2011

6:30-8:00PM-Adoration & Worship

Thursday, Apr 21, 2011

7:00PM-Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, Apr 22, 2011

7:00PM-Good Friday Service

Saturday, Apr 23, 2011

9:00AM-RCIA Retreat

2:00PM-Easter Egg Hunt

8:00PM-Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, Apr 24, 2011

8:00AM & 10:00AM-Masses

Back to Prayer Night:

Please plan to attend our next

Back to Prayer Night on

April 28, 2011 when our

guest speaker will be Ed

Gustafson, who will be speaking on

“Special Devotions and Adoration”

The pot luck will begin at 6:00PM and

the presentation in the church will

begin at 7:00PM. This is a community

pot luck so please bring something to

share if you can.



Homeless Outreach:

On Fri. Apr. 29th we will host the dinner served at

the Sunnyside Coffee House. We feed

around 200 people and will need

volunteers to prepare dinner and serve

the guests. We start preparing food at

4:00PM and serve at 6:00PM. The

soup kitchen is located at SE 35th and

Yamhill. Call Jan at 503-254-2212 for

more information.

Homeless Outreach

Donations:

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.



Are you registered at the Parish?

If you aren't sure contact Beth and she

will check our data base to see if you

are. To register there will be forms in

the Narthex or you can come by the

Parish Center for one.



The Prayer

Chain will meet

Tuesday Apr. 19

from 9:00-10ish in

the Social room of

the Church. Anyone from the parish is

invited to attend and join us as we pray

for those who are ill and have

requested prayer support. We will

continue our book **Let in the Light** -

facing hard stuff with hope, Chap.15.

If you are new to the parish and would

like to join us, please come we share

books well. There will be

refreshments following the meeting.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 8,691.75

Over/under: + \$ 1,659.75



And we know what that means! It's spring cleaning time. Ick! But hey, while you are doing that spring cleaning, why not dust off the old camping gear and give us a call and reserve yourselves a site for St. Joe's Annual Camp Out?! This year it's Aug. 12 – Aug. 14th! For more information check the website or call:

Patti @ 503-894-8291

Dianne @ 503-998-5683

Light of Africa Hope for Children Orphanage:

We will be collecting 25lb. bags of rice and beans, cases of canned peaches and fruit cocktail, lumber and cement on the weekends of April 10, 17 and May 1. Please bring these items to any of the masses and we will pick them up. If you can't get the items to church please call Jan Loumena at 503-661-1694 to make arrangements for pick up. Thank you for helping the Light of Africa Hope for Children Orphanage.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Joseph the Worker is scheduled for 2:00PM-3:00PM on May 1. The prayer service will consist of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers related to this devotion, information, and history of St Faustina and the Divine Mercy Devotion and Benediction. Confessions will be available during the service. If you have questions call Ed @ (503) 761-3852 or (503) 804-3950.



EASTER EGG HUNT: The Youth Group invites all children up through 4th grade to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd at 2:00PM.



The Car Wash & Bake Sale for the youth summer trips was a tremendous success. Thank you for your support, encouragement & generosity. We are truly blessed by you.

Total raised: \$1,711.62