

## Easter Drives out all Fear

“This man God raised on the third day” Acts 10:39

I think of a lot of words to describe the early Church after Jesus has risen from the dead. I think of energy, joy, power, miracles, preaching, healing, forgiveness of sins, community, openness, conversions, discipleship. One word that keeps rising to the top is fearlessness. Once someone like Peter or Paul or another believer “got” that Jesus was alive and glorious in power, they became fearless in His name. They turned from timid cowards to people who wanted to share the message to all without counting the cost. And it did cost.

We live in a fear-filled world. War, terrorism, crime, violence, family breakdown, financial pressures, rejection, failure, death and the list goes on. Jesus came to bring the Good News to a fear-filled world. He taught us that His perfect love casts out all fear.

So why do we fear? Jesus promised us constant mercy and a never-ending love that would be greater than even our greatest of trials. So why do we fear? Jesus promises us eternal life if we follow Him as Lord and Savior all the days of our lives. Let us say death is our deepest of fears. Without Christ, all we are looking at the end of our lives is the darkness and destruction of death. With Christ, however, the greatest fear can turn into the most perfect love as we accept His salvation from our most dreaded of fears. His love will raise us up to a life beyond our greatest dreams. This wonderfully unimaginable life will last forever. His Risen love brings us from the depths of fear to heights of heavenly glory.

We are not created to be timid cowards, full of fear. We are created to love and be loved in His perfect love. His perfect love casts out all fear. Jesus seeks his fear-filled children. May we run to Him in our fears, hand them over and let Him raise us up in His love which lasts forever. Then, may we run to all people and let them know how His love casts out all fears.

You are never alone. Jesus is always with you in perfect love. In His perfect love, He gives you everything! What is there to fear if Jesus gives you everything? This is the Good News of our Risen Jesus. Alleluia!

Let us pray: "Jesus, you are Risen and have conquered all our fears. May your perfect love cast out all my fears. Help me to fully live your plan to be with you this day and forever! Thank you that this can be so if I but let you. Amen."

Soon in heaven (think about this relative to eternity),  
+Fr. John

**It is Easter, He is Risen and You are Loved!!!**



**May 1st**

“Know Your Momma

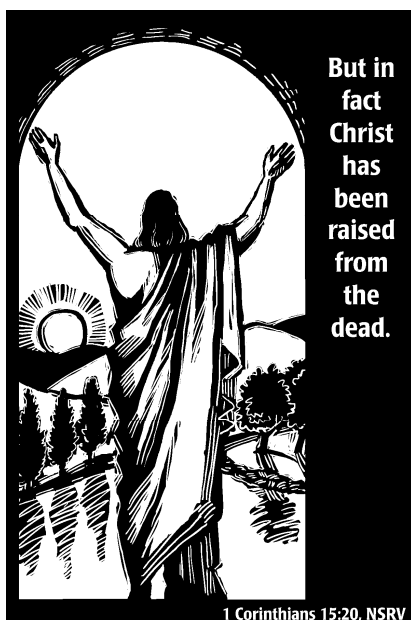
**May 12th**

Teen Praise & Worship

“Were not our hearts burning within us.”

**May 15th**

Life Teen Mass



**May 2nd**

“What’s Your Priority”

**May 9th**

“WWJD: Making Good Choices”

**May 15th**

Life Teen Mass

**May 15th**

Life Night

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, Apr 25, 2011

Communion Service

### Tuesday, Apr 26, 2011

Ann Slattery

(Patty Rubich)

### Wednesday, Apr 27, 2011

+Patricia Cashell

(Pat McCarthy)

### Thursday, Apr 28, 2011

+Clayton Muhs

(Martha Betcher)

### Friday, April 29, 2011

+Lewis & Enola Kramer

(Darlene Zanella)

### Saturday, Apr 30, 2011

Mary Families

(Cherille Mary)

### Sunday, May 1, 2011

**8:00AM:** People of the Parish

**10:00AM:** +Martha Gattman

(Ketty Gattman)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, Apr 25, 2011

Parish Center Closed

**7:00PM**-Just Faith S.R.

### Tuesday, Apr 26, 2011

**7:00PM**-Choir Practice-Church

### Thursday, Apr 28, 2011

**6:00PM**-Back to Prayer Night S.R

### Saturday, Apr 30, 2011

**2:00PM**-Baptism Class S.R.

### Sunday, May 1, 2011

**8:30AM**-Baptisms

**9:00AM**-Faith Formation

**2:00PM**-Divine Mercy Sunday Service



### **Attention Attention Attention**

**\*\*CAN/BOTTLE RECYCLING\*\***

Moving to April 30-May 1

**No recycling May 7-8**

**The Altar Guild** will be selling flowers for \$1.00 a stem for Mother's Day. They will be available at all the Masses on Saturday, May 7th and Sunday, May 8th.



## **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.



**Thank you** for the many

Birthday greetings from

everyone at St Joseph's. I

feel so blessed to be a

included as part of your

parish. *Many Blessing*

*Father John McGrann*

**Lost - bag of baby clothes;** A bag

of baby clothes and other items were

dropped off at the church for a baby

shower for a Mother-to-be in real need.

We have been unable to locate it. If

anyone moved this bag to another area

in the parish please call the office so it

can be picked up.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 7,210.05

**Over/under:** + \$ 178.05

## **Light of Africa Hope for Chil-**

**dren Orphanage:** We will be col-

lecting 25lb. bags of rice and beans,

cases of canned peaches and fruit cock-

tail, lumber and cement on the week-

ends 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 Chap-

let and other prayers related to this de-

votion, information, and history of St

Faustina and the Divine Mercy Devo-

tion and Benediction. Confessions will

be available during the service. If you

have questions call Ed @ (503) 761-

3852 or (503) 804-3950.



## **Pancake Breakfast;**

The next Knights of

Columbus Breakfast

will be May 22nd and

funds will go to support

the Summer School Kid's Program.

**May Day Crowning** is on Sunday

May 1st at the 10:30 AM Mass.

There will be a May Procession to

honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Everyone is encouraged to "please"

bring flowers to the masses on Apr 30

& May 1st. Buckets of water will be

provided to keep the flowers fresh until

the crowning.

