

FROM FR. JOHN

Retreat and Bow

“When Abram prostrated himself, God spoke to him” Genesis 17:3

Visualize this scene of Abram. He was a man faithful and devout who surely sought God seriously. In not untypical fashion, he lays down on the ground so that he can hear the word of his God. Think about how badly Abram wants to hear God speak to him. Here is a grown and no doubt successful man who has weathered many of life’s storms who, in utter humility, prostrates himself before his God and king. Surely this is not the first or last time Abram will lay before his God in total dependency.

I compare this scene of Abram with the life of unending busyness, noise, driving and activities that so many of us Americans seem to be living. How will God be heard in all of this? How will His word of life and direction get to us in the middle of the clamor? The scene of Abram laying on the ground humbly and trustingly seeking God can challenge us. He went after God seriously. Will we?

Surveys show that a vast majority of high-school kids come to know the personal love of God when they get away on retreats. It is a time to get away from all of the clamor and let God speak to their hearts in all the ways He can on a retreat. There are few distractions and the focus is put on God. Any time we can focus on God with an open heart, we will find that God wants to speak to us. And God not only tells us of the incredible personal love He has for each of us but He also wants to shape our eternal destiny.

Getting away on retreats are important and we should all do them at least once a year if possible. But we can take a retreat every day. Pick a time and place that you will commune with God each day to hear His personal words to you. God wants to fill us with love and shape the best eternity possible for us.

What happened with Abram? God changed his name to Abraham and he became our father in the faith. He gave Abram the three things that were the surest signs to the world that Abram was blessed by God: a new name/identity, land and posterity. Abram became Abraham our father who is known for being great in the faith. Do you see the connection between Abram’s prayer and the great life God invited him to live? Total dependency on God will lead us to the greatest way of living now and forever.

Soon in heaven,
Fr. John



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 26, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

+Monte Dover

(Mary Fromwiller)

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

+Ellen Grubbs

(Judy&Henry Kramer)

Thursday, April 29, 2010

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(Judy&Henry Kramer)

Friday, April 30, 2010

Helen Clow

(Cecelia Halseth)

Saturday, May 1, 2010

+Dorothy Hanson

(Cecelia Halseth)

Sunday, May 2, 2010

8:30AM +Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paluck

(Julian Paluck)

10:30AM People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 25, 2010

9:00AM-Faith Formation

9:00AM-Jr HS Youth Group

10:30AM-RCIA Baptism & First Communion

2:00PM-Anointing of the Sick

Car Wash/Bake Sale—S.R. After Mass

7:00PM-HS Youth Group

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

7:00 PM-Choir Practice

Thursday, April 29, 2010

7:00 PM-Bible Study Rm4

Friday, April 30, 2010

4:00PM-Homeless Outreach

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Can/Bottle Recycling after Mass

Coffee and Donuts are served in the Social Room on Sunday morning after the Masses.

Volunteers are needed to serve donuts after the 8:30 masses in May.

Back to Prayer Night:

Guest Speaker: Patti LaRue

Please mark your calendars for April 29th, 2010 at 7:00PM for an evening of prayer and community gathering. Join us and help us celebrate Jesus through prayer. We will begin in the church and then meet in the social room for refreshments and friendly conversation.

A Bigger Prayer Chain is desired at St. Joseph. Rather than just asking Fr. John or a few friends when something is happening that is concerning you, let us see if we can get most of the church praying too. We will have a sign up for your email address before all the Masses on May 1&2. You will receive a list of people to pray for once a week. You may pray right then and delete it or you may print it and pray for them all week. It's up to you how you do it. We also will have a section for praises on how God has answered your prayers so that we can all rejoice and glorify God together for his works. Those without email, can sign up for our phone list. The email is: sjtw-gapline@hotmail.com and is on the front of the bulletin.

Catholic Radio KBVM Spring

Sharathon: Your Catholic radio station KBVM-FM 88.3 will broadcast its Spring Sharathon April 26-30. This week long event will celebrate "Year of the Priest" with a variety of special guests, interesting conversations about the importance of our faith and an opportunity for listeners to support the regions only Catholic radio station. More information is available at KBVM.FM or (503) 285-5200.

Open House at Archbishop Howard

School: Archbishop Howard School at St. Rose, PK-8th, 5309 NE Alameda, is having an Open House on Mon, Apr 26th, 9:30-11:00AM. The focus will be our Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade programs. Join us for a fun morning of touring the classrooms, story time and a snack. Please call the school office at 503 281-1912 to let us know you are coming. For more info check out our website at: www.archbishophoward.org

North Catholic All School Reunion:

It will be 40 years July 2010 that North Catholic High School was destroyed by fire. An all school reunion is being planned for July 10th, 2010, at the De LaSalle North Catholic High School. We want to celebrate the memory of North Catholic High School and connect with friends. For more details check out our web site

www.NorthCatholicReunion2010.com

or call Willie (Scheidt) Mosbrucker at: (503) 421-4665

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 6,434.58

Over/under: — \$ 597.42

Youth Group Schedule Jr High

Sun Apr 25, 9 AM mtg, Rm 5

High School

Sun Apr 25, 7 PM, Rm 5

Steubenville NW 2010 July 28-Aug 1

All high school youth mark your calendars for the SNW Conference. Spend an exciting weekend seeking Jesus and the power of his Holy Spirit in your life. Contact Janet 503 761-8710

3rd Annual Real Catholic Men's

Conference: June 19th at St Joseph Parish, Vancouver, WA. Featured speakers include: Evangelists Richard Lane and Hector Molina, Jr.; as well as Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. The morning session includes Confession, and Mass concludes the day. A continental Breakfast and deli lunch are part of the ticket price. For more information or to register: log on to www.RealCatholicMen.com or call 503-640-3456

St Joes' Annual Camp Out is Back:

Probably think we're nuts talking about camping when it's still raining out half the time. But it is never too early to start thinking about making a reservation. Twenty-two sites are already gone! Camp out dates are: Aug 18th thru August 22nd. Reservations can be made in a variety of ways. **Online:** www.stjosephtheworkerpxd.org/campout2010.html **Email:** Pattiarlvd@www.stjosephtheworkerpxd.org or Duane-Dianne@comcast.net or **by phone:** Dianne: 503 998-5683 Patti: 503 915-4096

BBQ Chicken Dinner on May 2, 2010:

At Sacred Heart—St. Louis Parish
485 7th Street
Gervais, OR
11:00AM to 3:00PM
Adults—\$10.00 Children- \$6.00
Dinner includes: 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Pie or Cake and a beverage. Dinners-to-Go are available
Spring Plant Sale Included.
If you have any questions please contact (503) 982-9141