

## Your Hunger is LOVE

In confession with me, the penitent was asking forgiveness for coveting another person's possessions. This person was sad because she did not have the money to buy and have what the other person had. As a confessor, I was thinking about what truly makes us happy. Happiness is all about knowing what we hunger for the most in life and how we are choosing how to feed that hunger. So, I asked the question, "What is the thing you most want in life?" She really did not have an answer to the question and said she never really thought much about it.

Friends, we have to think about it! Think about what you hunger most for and what you are choosing to feed on. How about storing this four word mantra in your soul? **SLOW DOWN. OBSERVE. ENJOY.** Slow down and think about what it is all about. So many of us live unreflective lives. Socrates said and unreflective life is not worth living. I agree. If we think things are going to bring happiness, we are really missing the boat.

Reflect on what you hunger for most in life. It is love and love alone! And we have a shepherd who feeds us with that love- constantly. Slow down and observe just how he is doing that.

As I slow down and observe, I reflect on this wonderful computer I am typing on now. My Knights of Columbus got it for me (TY KOC!). I see the love behind that. That is the shepherd reaching out to me. There is a rosary and "You are loved" coffee cup sitting on my desk that were given to me. I realize the shepherd's hand in it. A calendar with all the birthdays of my family hangs in front of me. I know the shepherd's love in my wonderful sister-in-law who gave it to me. And right now, with these and countless other ways of realizing how the shepherd is feeding me love, I have slowed down, observed and now am en-joying, i.e. in JOY.

Let us be clear. Your deepest hunger in life is love not things. Gather with family and friends and collectively think about what your deepest hunger is and how you are or are not feeding it. How can loving relationships be the priority in your lives? What about slowing down in prayer, observing all the shepherd's outpouring and enjoying that? What about slowing down just to be with each other- sharing hearts and blessings and scriptures and observations on just how much God loves us?

SLOW DOWN. OBSERVE. ENJOY.

All the love you could ever want is with you now.

Let us pray: "Lord, my greatest hunger is to know your love. Help me to SLOW DOWN. OBSERVE. ENJOY. Amen."

Wait in trust (WIT),  
+Fr. John



**Apr 3rd**  
Life Night  
"Nailed"

**Apr 8th**  
Stations of the Cross & Humble Dinner

**Apr 10th**  
Life Night  
"Uum"

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



**Apr 4th**  
Edge Night  
"Rules, Rules, Rules"

**Apr 11th**  
Edge Night  
"Amazing Love: Good Friday"

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



**CAR WASH/BAKE SALE**  
**APRIL 9-10**

Come support our youth summer  
trips to Dolores Mission Church &  
Steubenville San Diego.

Drive home  
in a clean car or enjoy a home  
baked treat.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, Apr 4, 2011

Communion Service

### Tuesday, Apr 5, 2011

+ Durward Gurusinghe  
(Charlotte Gurusinghe)

### Wednesday, Apr 6, 2011

+ Durward Gurusinghe  
(Charlotte Gurusinghe)

### Thursday, Apr 7, 2011

+Marcella Heber  
(The Otto Family)

### Friday, April 8, 2011

+Marcella Heber  
(The Otto Family)

### Saturday, Apr 9, 2011

+ Margaret Cony  
(Susan Cony)

### Sunday, Apr 10, 2011

**8:30AM:** +Mr. & Mrs. Don Webber  
(Julian Paluck)

**10:30AM:** People of the Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, Apr 4, 2011

**6:30PM**-Edge Night

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

### Tuesday, Apr 5, 2011

**1:00PM**-WOW Luncheon

**6:30PM**-Family Rosary

**7:00PM**-Choir Practice

**7:00PM**-KOC Officer Mtg

### Wednesday, Apr 6, 2011

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

### Friday, Apr 8, 2011

**4:00PM**-Homeless Outreach

**6:30PM**-Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, Apr 9, 2011

**9:00AM**-Choir Practice

**5:00PM**-Bake Sale & Car Wash

### Sunday, Apr 10, 2011

**9:00AM**-Faith Formation

**Car Wash & Bake Sale**

**1:00PM**-Anointing of the Sick

## Lenten Reconciliation Services

St. Therese-April 7th -7:00 PM

St. Henry-April 12th - 7:00 PM

St Anne's-April 13th -7:00 PM

**Anointing of the Sick Mass** will be done differently this year. We will have a Mass at 1:00PM on Apr. 10th dedicated to the elderly and or ill in our parish. Any member of the Church who is seriously ill or has a condition or sickness that could seriously threaten their health or quality of life is invited to receive this sacrament. All older people are invited to be anointed also because your health is more fragile. In celebrating this sacrament, the church calls on Christ's healing mercy to strengthen the faith and body of those who are sick and/or aged. Everyone is welcome to come pray for them during the Mass also.

**Next Class for Infant Baptisms** will be held on Saturday, Apr 30, 2011, at 2:00PM in the Social Room. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Beth at the Parish Center to register. Baptisms will take place on Sunday, May 1st at the 8:30AM Mass.

### **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. 8th 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.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 7,363.26

**Over/under:** + \$ 331.26

**The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Today we can support families that face difficulties most of us could not imagine, like famine, war, and life in refugee camps. The CRSC helps families by working to reunite them, caring for vulnerable and exploited children, changing unjust laws, and providing pastoral care and humanitarian and emergency assistance across the globe. How will you help? Please be generous to this collection.

**Via Matris on Family Rosary Night** Family Rosary Night this April 5th will be at 6:30PM. We will have our Lenten Rosary of the Via Matris or the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Please come and join us. Next month we will be back to 7PM for Rosary Night.

# It's Spring!

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. 14<sup>th</sup>! For more information check the website or call:

Patti @ 503-894-8291

Dianne @ 503-998-5683

**WOWS Lunch** April 5th This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy a 1:00PM lunch at the Original Taco House on NE 82nd. We will have the bus, holding the first 14 callers, at the parish ready to leave at 12:30PM. The bus ride is \$2. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x106 by Mon. the 4th.