

What do you hunger for Most?

“Like a shepherd he feeds his flock.” Isaiah 40:10

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 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 an 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-enjoying, 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

Aug 21st Outdoor Mass and BBQ: Come to our 10:00AM outdoor Mass followed by a BBQ on Sunday, Aug 21st. It is surely going to be a time of Joy and celebration. Please call Beth at the office and let her know how many are coming to the BBQ-we need a head count so we can plan for enough food. You can reach her at the office at 503-761-8710. **Remember, there will be no confession or 5:00PM Mass scheduled for Saturday, Aug 20th and the 10:00AM Mass on Aug 21st will be the only mass on that weekend at St. Joseph the Worker.**

Thank you, Father John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Aug 15, 2011

NO Communion Service

Tuesday, Aug 16, 2011

+Carl Dulay

(Rose Lambert)

Wednesday, Aug 17, 2011

+Lourdes Saligumba

(Monina Satabay)

Thursday, Aug 18, 2011

Mae Elena Fletcher

(John & Becky Fletcher)

Friday, Aug 19, 2011

+Paul Tran

(Mary Tran)

Sunday, Aug 21, 2011

10:00AM: +Mike Paluck

(Julian Paluck)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Aug 15, 2011

7:00PM-Memorial Mass, Feast of the Assumption (See Article)

Saturday, Aug 20, 2011

No Mass or Confession

Sunday, Aug 21, 2011

10:00AM-Outdoor Mass and Church Picnic (See Article)

Scheduling Information: As we head towards the new school year several of our groups will start holding meetings again. Please do not assume you have the same days or times as last year. I will need an email, note, or for you to drop by the office and give me the dates that you plan on using the church and/or social room. Thank you!



Church yard Beautification, Saturday, August 27th, Come one and all! Come work on our yard on the church grounds. Do you

have an hour or 3 to help us? We are planning 9:00AM until 1:00PM; we will be weeding and pruning especially in the office back yard. Bring gloves and tools if you have them. We will provide drinks and pizza.

The fourth annual Nationwide Friends of the Poor® Walk will be on September 25. Consider



volunteering to walk while others make pledges on your behalf. Money raised will benefit those most in need in our community. Walk a mile in someone else's shoes and find out how good it feels to give. To register as a walker, to pledge support for a walker, or for more information, go to:

www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org

or contact:

Barbara Stonewall: 503-665-8357

Virginia O'Donnell: 503-761-8596

Feast of the Assumption: Memorial Mass for the Little Saints (Those children lost before birth or at a young age).

St Joseph the Worker

2310 SE 148th Ave

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Monday, Aug 15th, 2011, 7:00PM



We Need Your Help:

St Vincent de Paul is in urgent need of canned and boxed food. We have in recent years received the majority of canned food

from the Food Bank, Food Drives and our own food barrel. In the last five years our food requests have increased from 656 a year to over 1,700 a year. During that same time the trend has been toward less available food from the Food Bank, Food Drives and our own barrel. We are asking the parishioners to increase their weekly or month contribution of canned and box foods. We are in need of canned fruit, vegetables, tuna fish, chili, etc. If each parishioner could donate several items a month, we believe we could continue to meet the needs of our clients. If not we will need to use our monies to buy food, which will result in our helping less with rent and utility assistance. Thank you for your many years of help and we pray that your will respond to this request.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 8,625.90

Over/under: + \$ 1,593.90

ATTENTION!

RUMMAGE



Items Needed!

The Joplin, MO fundraiser could use some items for the rummage sale. If you have some good used items you would like to donate, we would really appreciate it! All we ask is that you would please put prices on your items before you bring them to donate! We will not have the time to do this ourselves! Thank You!

If you have any questions or you want to donate something please call Patti at:

503-894-8291 H

or

503-992-9121 C

P.S. We still need sellers

Save the Date: On Sept 11, between 5-7PM, Michael Allen Harrison is performing a benefit Concert on the Lawn of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, at Bridal Veil. The Concert funds will assist in the on-going restoration of their home. Tickets: \$35.00. This includes the Michael Allen Harrison Concert on the Lawn with refreshments, a guided tour through the home they have spent the last 30+ years restoring and living in this Sacred Space. Reservations available by contacting: info@frnes.org, or call 503-760-8220

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until Sept. No collection
in July or August!