

Whose Plans?

**The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
Luke 1:27**

God has his plans. We have ours. Just ask Mary. Mary had seen how her family and friends had gotten married, worked their trade and lived their lives raising children. Why would she think she would do anything different? Marry the carpenter Joseph and have a family just like everyone else. Right? But then God shows up through his messenger Gabriel with a whole different plan. He wants Mary to give birth to his Son.

Thank God Mary listened.

May I ask you a question? OK- thank you for letting me ask. I do a lot of preaching. What is much more important for my preaching- my mouth or my ears? You got it- the correct answer is my ears. I must listen and listen and listen before I speak. I want to give the life of Jesus and not the death of John. So, before there is ever a word on my lips I want God to burn it on my heart.

What if Mary had not listened and followed? When would Jesus have been born?

Jesus wants to be born through us, too, all the day long. Otherwise, how else will he be revealed to others? How will he be born through us if we do not listen and follow? Are we giving others the life of Jesus or the death (sin) of ourselves?

I think we spend way too much time telling Jesus what to do instead of letting him tell us what to do.

The deal is that the Savior of the world wants to be born through you. Do not brush off this plan from God Most High.

God has his plans. You have yours. What's it gonna be?

Let us pray: "Teach me, like Mary full of grace, to listen. Prevent me from telling you what to do. I abandon myself to the mercy of your plan. Burn your words and life on my heart so that I may share you with the world. I know you want to be born through my thoughts, words and actions. Be born through me according to your plan. 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

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Join Fr. John on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Sept, 11-20, 2011. For more info call Rinda or Mike of 206 Tours at (800) 206-8687 or email rok@206tours.com or go to www.pilgrimages.com/framsberry .

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Aug 8, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, Aug 9, 2011

Communion Service

Wednesday, Aug 10, 2011

+Betty Beutelschies
(Jack & Cathy Tovey)

Thursday, Aug 11, 2011

Youth of our Parish
(The Conner's)

Friday, Aug 12, 2011

Virginia Shea
(Elsie White)

Saturday, Aug 13, 2011

Cathleen Markham
(Mom)

Sunday, Aug 14, 2011

8:30AM: +Margaret Cony
(Susan Cony)

10:30AM: People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Aug 9, 2011

10:00AM-Altar Guild Mtg-S.R.

The Marian Prayer Center in the King Road Shopping Center in Milwaukie announces a Summer Sale from Aug 8-Sept 8 with 50% off on books, DVD's, and CD's. The hours now are Tues-Sat, 1:00PM-4:00PM. Also, free holy cards and booklets are available. For more info call 503-786-9600

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!

Homeless Outreach: On Friday, Aug 12th,

we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House. We start preparing food at 4:00PM and serve at 6:00PM.

The soup kitchen is located at SE 35th and Yamhill. If you are interested in volunteering contact Jan at (503) 254-2212 for more information.



Altar Guild

Please join us for our Altar Guild planning meeting on Aug 9th, at 10:00AM in the Social Room. We start the Year making plans for our wonderful November Bazaar. All ladies are invited. We have loads of fun.

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, 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
Portland, Oregon 97233
503-761-8710

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: \$ 5,947.00

Over/under: - \$ 1,084.80

PSA

**St. Joseph the Worker Church
Presents**

**The Joplin, MO Sunday Market and
Musical Event**

On September 25th, 2011, St. Joseph the Worker Church of Portland will be presenting a Sunday Market and Musical Event to help raise money for the victims of the May 2011 Joplin, MO tornado that ripped through their town and leveled it in just 9 minutes!

The fundraiser will be held at 2310 SE 148th Ave, Portland, OR and will begin at 1:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00 the day of the event. Children under 10 are free. Other donations will gladly be accepted at the door as well.

There will be live music all day provided by local Portland musicians, a Sunday Market with arts, crafts, other items and good used items for sale, a raffle and a variety of food to enjoy! All for \$5.00!

We are in great need of sellers willing to donate 50% of their sales from the Sunday Market to the Joplin fund. If you are interested in being a seller, please contact Patti at 503-894-8291. This would be a good way for you to do a great thing for people who need your help!

100% of ticket proceeds, and raffle ticket sales along with 50% of the Sunday Market sales will go to the Bishop's Joplin Fund Relief in Springfield, MO.

**Our Lady of Peace Retreat House
Annual Family BBQ is Just Around
the Corner!**

August 7, 2011

12noon - 6pm

*Come join the Sisters in the beautiful
backyard of the retreat house
3600 SW 170th Avenue
Beaverton, Oregon
(503)649-7127 www.olpretreat.org*

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in July or August!**