

FROM FR. JOHN

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31

We are all terminal. Shakespeare describes it as life on our mortal coil. We are going to die. What will your life be like one hundred years from today? Is that thought fear producing or joy inducing? I asked a group of middle school kids the “where they would be one hundred years from now question” and one boy responded, “Rottin’ in a box.” Not exactly joy producing, huh?

If the Son has set you free, you are free indeed. Free from fear. His perfect love casts out fear. The more we are anchored in his truth through faithful, authentic prayer, the more he sets us free in the knowledge that his goodness, beauty and love never ceases. Receiving his truth is joy producing and the opposite of “rottin’ in a box.”

The more we grow in the word of God, the more we become free. We grow in his word by seeking to be fed by it each day. As the master teaches his disciples (disciple means learner), we become more confident to live his life, no matter what consequences and persecutions come, because we know that he will raise us up when we come to the end of our mortal coil.

Yes, I know you are thinking, “This is nice, Fr. John, but how can I remain and grow and be in communion with the word of God so that I will know the truth and the truth will set me free?” Well, brothers and sisters, do I have an idea for you! Find a number of scripture verses to memorize (I have about 15) and put them to heart such that you can quote them on a dime. There is power in knowing God’s word and being able to pull it up on a dime! As you remember it and speak it out in faith, it sets you free. For example, I am often pulling up Romans 8:28 on a dime- “God works all for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose.” When I remember that God raised Jesus from the death of crucifixion because Jesus loved God and was living God’s purpose, I know that God can work any suffering, no matter how horrific, for good! By knowing that scripture quote and speaking it out in faith, God’s truth floods my soul and sets me free in the knowledge that God will work all for good if we let him.

Let us pray, “Holy Spirit, you lead us into all truth. Set us free in your truth. I want to be free to live the life of Christ and you have promised you will show me how. Reveal to me the scriptures you want me to memorize and put to heart. May I live the life you are living as I trust in the Word of God as living and true. Move us from a life of fear to joy knowing that God works all for good if we follow him, even the death of his Son. Sweep me up in the truth this day and forever, Amen.

We are Blessed by the BEST- all the time,
+Fr. John



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Aug 9, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, Aug 10, 2010

Frances Wenner

(Mary Fromwiller)

Wednesday, Aug 11, 2010

For Youth of the Parish

(The Connor's)

Thursday, Aug 12, 2010

+Clara Graffeo

(Priscilla Winning)

Friday, Aug 13, 2010

+Odelia Walter

(Mar Buruta))

Saturday, Aug 14, 2010

+James Murphy

(Patty Murphy)

Sunday, Aug 15, 2010

8:30AM: +Cathy Rossetto

(Richard Rossetto)

10:30AM: People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Aug 10, 2010

10:00AM: Altar Guild Mtg-SR

7:00PM: KOC Mtg-SR

Friday, Aug 13, 2010

4:00PM: Homeless Outreach

Sunday, Aug 15, 2010

2:00PM: Memorial Mass for the



CAN/BOTTLE RECYCLING

Your support of the monthly can/bottle recycling has been awesome! From Sept-June a total of **\$2870.40** was raised. That translates to **57,408** cans/bottles This money goes directly to Youth activities and trips. URLVD!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week:

Ancil Heating and Cooling
503-281-0752

All Day Get Together & Pot Luck Picnic



Everyone is invited to join us at Metzler Park Sat, Aug 21, for an all day get together! There will be a family softball game at 10:00AM, croquet at 11:30AM and a pot luck picnic at 1:00PM! Please come and visit your fellow camping parishioners for a beautiful day at Metzler Park! Directions can be found on the church website or you can call Dianne at 503-998-5683 or Patti at 503-894-8291 with any questions you might have.

WOWS Dinner

Aug. 17th. This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy a 6:00PM dinner at the Tollgate Inn in Sandy . We will have the bus, holding the first 14 callers, at the parish ready to leave at 5:30PM. The bus ride is \$2. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x105 by Mon. the 16th.

Mass Planned for Smallest Saints'

A memorial Mass for those who are our smallest saints is set for 2:00PM Sunday, Aug. 15, at St. Joseph the Worker Church. The day, held on the feast of the Assumption of Mary, is offered to remember children lost through abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth, or who die shortly after birth. For questions, contact Deacon Mike (503-761-8710)

Altar Guild

Our first meeting of the 2010-2011 year will be Tuesday, Aug 10, at 10:00AM in the Social Room. This will be our big planning meeting for the Annual Craft/Bake sale in Nov. We will set up our committees. Please come and join us! There is plenty to do and best of all, it's lots of fun to be involved in this event.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 9,450.00

Over/under: + \$ 2,418.00

Ride Wanted: We have 2 new parishioners who would like a ride to the 10:30AM Mass on Sundays. They live on SE 135th and Market. Is there anyone willing to help, weekly, bi-weekly or even 1 time a month? Please call Becky at 503-761-8710x106.

If you or someone you know is house-bound and would like to have communion brought to them or you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, please let us know. Due to privacy guidelines, the hospitals are no longer able to call the parish with this information so we rely on families or friends to notify us. We can also put them on our prayer chain and have about 300+ more people praying for them. Call Becky, the Minister to the Sick Coordinator, at 503-761-8710x106.



Marian Prayer Center

invites you to visit their Catholic bookstore from July 24th to Aug 15th and receive 20% off all new and used books and religious items. Also available are many spiritual books in the library and religious DVD/Video rentals. Great for summer reading and spiritual growth. Located at 4370 SE King Rd., #175 in the Milwaukie Safeway Shopping Center, lower level. (503) 786-9600.

Homeless Outreach



Friday, Aug 13th, 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. We are always looking for volunteers so if you are interested please contact Jan at (503) 254-2212 for more information.