

The Father's LOVE

“The glory of Lebanon will be given to them.” Isaiah 35:2

I remember searching the bleachers during my high school basketball games. Looking. There was one person I wanted up there cheering me on who rarely showed. It was this person, more than any other person in the world, I wanted up there so I could make him proud. A painful memory for me.

Why this story? Because of what the glory of the incarnation, i.e. “in-flesh”, did for me. Jesus became one us to heal all of us! He came to reveal the Father’s heart. He wanted us to know that our loving Father was with us all the time. He did not just create us and then abandon us to fend for ourselves. We are not just spinning out of control into the land of desolation.

Being a fellow human being and brother or sister of mine, I bet you have had your times where people did not show up for you with the Father’s love. Have you invited the Father and his perfect love into those painful memories? We have a Father who always shows up even if our own fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters and friends do not.

You know what God, your Father and mine, said to me when I invited him into those painful basketball memories of mine in high school? “John, I know your dad wasn’t there. But I was always there, sitting in the stands and rooting you on. I was proud of you!”

Wow! See what the glory of the incarnation can do for us? Invite Jesus to transport the love of the Father into it all!

Pray and unpack what Karl Barth says; “God would rather share in human wretchedness than to be the blessed God of unblessed creatures.”

Let us pray: “Father, you want to bless me in your love. You did not create me and then abandon me and leave me to my own devices. Yes, Father, I believe you sent your Son to reveal just how much you love me. While others may not have showed up for me, you have always been with me whether I have realized it or not. I will now go back to those painful memories and let you in so I may be healed. We are not unblessed creatures. For all the times in the past I felt like I was, I will invite you in to heal and bless me. Amen. “

Wait in trust (WIT),

+Fr. John



Dec 18
Life Teen Mass
Dec 19
Social Service Night
“Fleece Navidad”
Dec 26
Off for Christmas Break
Jan 9
“Preaching and Walking”
Jan 15
Life Teen Mass
Jan 16
Off MLK Day



Dec 18
Life Teen Mass
Dec 18
Social Service Night
“Fleece Navidad”
Dec 21
Volunteer @ Grotto
“Festival of Lights”
Dec 26
Off for Christmas Break
Jan 8
“Rise and Walk”
Jan 15
Life Teen Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec 19, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, Dec 20, 2011

Communion Service

Wednesday, Dec 21, 2011

The Mary Families

(Cherill & Jake Mary)

Thursday, Dec 22, 2011

+Al Toelkes

(Phyllis Holmes)

Friday, Dec 23, 2011

+Donna LaVaque

(The Bible Study Group)

Saturday, Dec 24, 2011

4:00PM +Victor Errico

(Mom & Dad)

8:00PM: People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec 25, 2011

12:00AM: +Pat & Bill Robison

(Mary Fromwiller)

9:00AM: +Don Fromwiller

(Mary Fromwiller)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec 19, 2011

7:00PM-Edge (Fleece Night) SR

Tuesday, Dec 20, 2011

9:00AM-Prayer Chain

6:00PM-Womens Life Gp CR6

7:00AM-LOOP Mtg SR

7:00PM-Choir Practice

Wednesday, Dec 21, 2011

4:30PM-Grotto Festival of Lights LT

7:00PM-RCIA Class -SR

Saturday, Dec 24, 2011

4:00PM-Nativity Mass

8:00PM-Candlelight Mass

11:30PM-Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec 25, 2011

12:00AM-Midnight Mass

9:00AM-Christmas Morning Mass

**December 26th,
Parish Center Closed**



Hats and Scarf:

As you go about your Christmas shopping please take a moment to think about the gift of warmth. We are collecting hats/scarves/gloves and blankets for those in need. There is a box in the narthex for your donation. Thank you for your generosity. Frances Kenney 503.761.6403

Religious give thanks: A

Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Baptism: The next Baptism Class for infants will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31st at 2:00 PM in the Social Room.

Pre-registration for the class and Baptism is required. Please call Beth at the Parish Center to register. Baptisms will take place on Sunday, Jan 7th at the 5:00PM Mass.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 8,763.11

Over/under: + \$ 1,731.11

The Prayer Chain will meet Tuesday Dec.20th from 9:00-10ish in the Social room of the Church. Anyone from the parish is invited to attend and join us as we pray for those who are ill and have requested prayer support. We will be reading chapt. 3 in our book One Day He Beckoned by Antoinette Bosco and I have a few books left. If you are new to the parish and would like to join us, please come. There will be refreshments following the meeting.

.St Vincent de Paul- We are very happy to report that our annual Thanksgiving food drive was again a resounding success. A total of 2,950 lbs. of food was collected. Combined collections at Thanksgiving and in recent weeks totaled \$5,614.25. These cash contributions will provide future rent and utility assistance and pay for food purchases. Your contributions do make a difference. In late November we were able to prevent the eviction of a family with two children, aged two months and two years. That assistance provided in a months time for the family to find alternate housing. Please pray for them and for all people in similar situations.

High School Confirmation will be here Wed. April 11, 2012 at 7:00PM with Bishop Steiner. Mark calendar's. Confirmation team will have dinner with the bishop here at office kitchen at 5:00PM.

Volunteers needed to serve Coffee and Donuts on Sundays from 9:30AM-10:00AM and 11:30AM-12:00PM.

We especially need volunteers during 9:30AM—10:00AM. A sign up sheet is available on the counter. If the coffee and donuts is something you enjoy please help us keep this program going. If you have questions please contact Darcy at 503-255-6181.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th

4:00PM-Nativity Mass

8:00PM-Candlelight Mass

11:30PM-Christmas Caroling

12:00AM-Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

9:00AM-Mass