

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Monday, February 2, 2009**

Communion Service

### **Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

Deacon Mike Caldwell

(Frances Wenner &

Peggy Augustine)

### **Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

Jim & Lois Swafford

(Marion Flier)

### **Thursday, February 5, 2009**

+Gloria Lux

(Rosemary Linhart)

### **Friday, February 6, 2009**

+Kathy Munger

(Her Family)

### **Saturday, February 7, 2009**

5:00 PM-People of the Parish

### **Sunday, February 8, 2009**

8:30 AM-+Kathy Munger

(Her Family)

10:30 AM-+Giovanna Udovini

(Ketty Gattman)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, February 1, 2009**

8:30 AM-Commissioning of E.

M.'s to the Sick

9:00 AM- Faith Formation

9:00 AM-Bible Study

11:30 AM-Super Bowl Party-S.R.

7:00 PM-High Sch. Yth Grp.-P.C

### **Monday, February 2, 2009**

10:00 AM-Bible Study-S.R.

1:00 PM-Bible Study-S.R.

### **Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 6

7:00 PM-Family Rosary Nite

7:30 PM-Choir

7:30 PM-LOOP mtg.-S.R.

### **Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

7:00 PM-RCIA-S.R.

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 6

### **Thursday, February 5, 2009**

7:00 PM-Prayer Group-S.R.

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

### **Friday, February 6, 2009**

8:30 AM-Fatima Prayer Cell

6:00 PM-Scrapbooking-S.R.

### **Saturday, February 7, 2009**

5:00 PM-Baptisms

Can/Bottle Recycling

## **The Relationship of The Scriptures and the Eucharist at Mass**

Fr. Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy, was asked the following question:

**Q:** Could you succinctly state the relationship between the importance of the Eucharist versus the Word of God in the liturgy of the Mass? I was on a Eucharistic retreat with a group of Catholics, when the leader of our group said that we as Catholics believe that the Word of God is as important as the Eucharist. I have always been taught that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, but after she said this I did some research into adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Word of God, and it seemed that there was more than a little validity to her statement since the "Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us" ... and God speaks to us though his inspired Word, etc. Please clarify this. -- N.C., Cleveland, Ohio

**A:** I would like to begin this answer by recalling a conversation I had during my seminary years with an elderly Catholic layman while on vacation in upstate New York. This wise gentleman, of Lithuanian descent, rented canoes in the Adirondacks and often dealt with evangelical Christians who tried to win him over by saying they had the Good Book. He replied that as a Catholic he not only had the Book but moreover frequently met the Author.

Although one might discuss the theological precision of the anecdote, it does reflect a fundamental truth with respect to the different forms in which Christ is present to us. God certainly speaks to us through his inspired Word, and the Church teaches that he is present when the Scriptures are read. This presence, however, as Pope Paul VI teaches in his encyclical "Mysterium Fidei" is a real but transitory presence enduring while the liturgical reading lasts. It is, therefore, not of the same class as the substantial real presence found in the Eucharist.

From another angle we can also consider how Scripture is fulfilled in Eucharistic worship.

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us" this is the foundation of our faith. However, the same Word who took flesh in Mary's womb, who died, rose and ascended, is the same one who said, "This is my body ... this is my blood," and is thus present body, soul and divinity under the species of bread and wine. In every Eucharistic celebration the entire mystery of Christ from the incarnation to the ascension is truly made present anew, albeit under the veil of sign and symbol.

From this perspective the Eucharist is thus "more important" than Scripture because Scripture's ultimate goal is to lead us to union with Christ through full participation in the Mass. The Mass is a sharing in the worship, which the Incarnate Word offers to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

Yet, from a different perspective and precisely in the context of the Mass, the question as to the relative importance of Scripture vis-a-vis the Eucharist is relatively meaningless.

In every Mass we are like the disciples going to Emmaus, except we already know that Christ is present among us. Like them, our hearts should burn as we listen to Moses, the prophets and the New Covenant as they speak about Christ. At the same time we are aware that in the end we will recognize him only in the breaking of bread.

Therefore it is not a question of the superiority of one over the other but of an inseparable interrelationship and ordering of one toward the other. Precisely because Scripture is ordered toward Eucharistic worship, the celebration's external form necessarily follows the road to Emmaus. All the historical evidence available shows us that the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist have always formed a single act of worship. Likewise, Scripture is so intimately intertwined within the fabric of every single prayer that we can say that without Scripture there could be no Catholic liturgy.



### Fr. John's Daily Lenten Reflections

If you would like to receive Fr. John's Daily Lenten Reflections via email, please send him your email address at [urldvfj@aol.com](mailto:urldvfj@aol.com). There is no need to sign up if you were receiving them this past Advent.

### Youth Group News

#### Souper Bowl Of Caring Can Food Collection January 31-February 1

While stocking up on items for your Super Bowl Party the Jr. High Youth Group invites you to pick up some canned food for those in need. All donations will go to SVDP. Thank You!

**Schedule Change: High School Youth Group will NOT meet tonight due to the Super Bowl. Our next meeting will be February 8th.**

#### Youth Group Schedule

- Feb 8 Jr High Mtg PC  
11:30AM-1:00 PM  
HS Mtg Soc Rm  
7:00-8:30 PM
- Feb 13 Homeless Outreach  
Jr High  
4:00-8:30 PM  
Sunnyside Soup Kitchen
- Feb 15 Jr High Mtg PC  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
HS Mtg Soc Rm  
7:00-8:30 PM
- Feb 21 GLOW Retreat  
Jr High 5:30 PM to  
midnight  
St Cecilia Church
- Feb 27-28 World Vision Lock-in  
HS Soc Rm  
7:00 PM-7:00 PM

**Contribution Statements** for 2008 were sent out this week. If you receive envelopes, but did not receive your statement, please contact Carolyn at the Parish Center-503-761-8710.

### Care Ministry

**Commissioning** of Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick will take place at the 8:30 AM Mass on February 1st. Come and be honored for your service.

**Ride wanted** for lady with a hearing problem. She would like to come to 10:30 AM Mass and lives on 119<sup>th</sup> and Division. Please call, Becky at 503-761-8710 for more information.

**Also there** is a lady with MS who has a ride to church but needs someone to wheel her from the bus into the church and back each week. If you could help, please call Becky 503-761-8710.

**Altar Guild News:** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th at 10:00 AM in the Social Room. All are invited to attend!!!! We will again do an auction. The theme is Valentine. Buy something and wrap it pretty. After the meeting we will go to Heidi's out in Gresham for lunch. Come and join in on all the fun.



### 2009 Annual family Camp Out is Coming!

Just an early note for all you campers out there! This years camp out will be **August 14th thru August 16th!** So mark the dates on your calendars! We will be returning to **Metzler Park** this year! Woo Hoo! Reservations may be made online, by phone or email. Questions? Please contact at Patti: 503-895-4095 or [pattiurldv@stjosephtheworkerpx.org](mailto:pattiurldv@stjosephtheworkerpx.org)

Dianne: 503-998-5683 or email her at [duane-dianne@comcast.net](mailto:duane-dianne@comcast.net)

Duane: 503-998-5688 or email him at [duanec@comcast.net](mailto:duanec@comcast.net)

### Weekly Contributions

**Amount Needed:** \$ 7,032.00  
**Amount Collected:** 7,428.89  
**Over/Under:** + 388.89



### LOOP'S

(Ladies of our Parish)

#### 2nd Annual Luncheon Tea

Tickets on sale in January

Cost: \$ 18.00/ea

(Assistance available if needed)

**Time: 1:30 pm**

Saturday

February 21, 2009

**Mark your calendars:**

**Bring your grandmothers, mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters and girlfriends.**

**Our social room will be transformed into an atmosphere filled with fun.**

**Together we will share delicious food, a wonderful speaker, several flavors of tea and abundant fellowship.**



### Scrapbooking Craft night!

Calling ALL crafty people, come this

Friday, February 6th for an evening of scrapbooking and/or crafts. We meet in the social room from 6:00 PM to Midnight. Beverages provided, please bring a snack to share. (See the parish web site for future dates and details). For more information contact Tonja Anderson at: [cutefinn@yahoo.com](mailto:cutefinn@yahoo.com) or 503-618-9835.