

Christmas Listening

"The utterance of one who hears what God says." Numbers 2:3

I am not exactly sure what the laws are on getting a tattoo verses getting an abortion but generally I think it is much easier legally for a minor to get an abortion than a tattoo. If I am up on my laws, do you think in a million years these kinds of laws would ever issue forth from the mouth of God?

What is God saying about all of this?

I was teaching a group recently how different the world's definition of a man and woman is from God's definition. What does the world say it is to be a man or woman and what does God say it is? If we dissect it down we are going to find two wholly different definitions.

What is God saying about what it means to be a man and a woman?

Before this Christmas past, I was listening to God and felt him telling me to have 2 hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in preparation for His Son's Birthday December 25th. The day was to be the shortest day of the year to help us remember that the Light of Christ is coming into our dark world. So, on December 21st, 2010 from 7-9 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church we decided to slow down, listen and to enjoy Jesus. Then, we could all share with our families and loved ones what he shared with us as we gathered around the Christmas tree on Christmas Day. Or, if we were really listening to God we might be called to make the crèche the main symbol for our Christmas celebrations? As I continued to listen, Jesus asked me to propose making the crèche and not the Christmas tree our main symbol this holy season. See how listening leads us into true life!

If we pray, which I fear many of us aren't doing daily or giving ample time to the Lord of Everything, are we leaving out what should be the most important part of prayer? What part is that? LISTENING.

There is no greater speaker than Jesus. What is he saying? Let Him dissect every ounce of your life down and lead you home. He will right the wrongs, heal the scars and show you into His Blessed Life.

Let us pray: "Jesus, what are you saying about Christmas and about our lives? Is it you who told us to throw out the crèche and bring in the tree? You seeing us buying, wrapping, rushing, stressing, and sometimes fighting. Is it true that you just want us to have peace and joy? Does that really happen just by being in your presence and listening to you? Speak, for I am tired for peace and joy. Amen."

Wait in trust (WIT),
+Fr. John



Feb 13th

"Save the Date"

Feb 20th

Life Teen Mass

Feb 25th-26th

"30 Hour Famine"

7:00PM Friday- 7:00PM Saturday

Mar 6th

"Fight"

Mar 12th

"Rise Up" Rally @ St Pius

1:00PM-11:00:PM Saturday



THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Many thanks for your support of the youth can/bottle monthly recycling. Total earnings for Nov-Jan were \$811.75.**

A request: **Please keep glass separate from cans & plastic, just like in curbside recycling.** Thank you!



Feb 7th

"Anywhere Man"

Feb 14th

"Game Night"

Feb 20th

Life Teen Mass

Mar 7th

Edge Night

Mar 14th

Edge Night

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb 7, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, Feb 8, 2011

Becky Fletcher

(John Fletcher)

Wednesday, Feb 9, 2011

+For Deceased Family Members

(Johanna Ternes)

Thursday, Feb 10, 2011

+Joseph A. Blaser

(Kay Blaser)

Friday, Feb 11, 2011

+Wayne Fetherston

(Helen Fetherston)

Saturday, Feb 12, 2011

+Gerhard Heckman

(Patty Murphy)

Sunday, Feb 13, 2011

8:30AM: +Helen Kessell

(Julian Paluck)

10:30AM: People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Feb 7, 2011

7:00PM-Just Faith

Tuesday, Feb 8, 2011

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

3:00-6:00PM-1st Comm/Family Reconciliation

7:00PM-KOC Meeting S.R.

7:00PM-Choir Practice

Wednesday, Feb 9, 2011

3:00-6:00PM-1st Comm/Family Reconciliation

Thursday, Feb 10, 2011

3:00-6:00PM-1st Comm/Family Reconciliation

Friday, Feb 11, 2011

4:00PM-Homeless Outreach

Saturday, Feb 12, 2011

9:00AM-RCIA S.R.

Sunday, Feb 13, 2011

7:00AM-KOC Breakfast

9:00AM-Faith Formation

1:00PM-6:00PM-Teams of Our Lady Scramble

Altar Guild News: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8th at 10:00AM in the Social Room. All are invited to attend!!!! We will be collecting vegetable seed packets.

There will be a **Pastoral Council Meeting** on Feb 16, 6:00-7:00PM, In the Social Room.

Homeless Outreach



Friday, Feb 11th, we will host the dinner served at the Sunny-side 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.



Mark Your Calendars - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast coming Sunday, Feb 13th after all Masses in the Social Room and

Basement. It will be in support of summer youth trips



Back to Prayer Night

✦ Please come join us on **February 24th, 2011** for our first BTPN of 2011! Our Guest Speaker will be **Beloved Larry Loumena**. Come and

listen as he shares his spiritual journey with all of us! The evening will begin at **7:00PM** in the church. This will be a **community pot luck** so please bring something to share if you can! Hope to see you there!



On Sunday, Feb. 20, following the 10:30 Mass, Deacon Jim Pittman from Christ the King parish will speak in the social room about Social Justice issues and how we can help. This talk is related to Deacon Mike's Monday evening Just Faith classes. Deacon Jim is an engaging speaker and has an opportunity for our parishioners to get involved in helping the local community and an orphanage in the Congo. We will begin at 11:45 AM in the social room.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 6,808.78

Over/under: - \$ 223.22

Here is a corrected list of all those people whose names were misspelled in last week's bulletin. Sorry for all the errors.

A BIG THANK YOU to all these people who are taking communion to the nursing homes and homebound: Carole Anne Best, Barbara Brosh, Claire Clow, Jan Cornelius, Jan Cox, Rosemary DeLeon, Juaquin Duenas, Mary Fromwiller, Darlene Greiner, Ann Hyder, Anna Jones, Judy Kramer, Patty LaRue, Geraldine Misa, Kathy Nordlund, Janet Rathbone, Patty Rubich, Kim Ruff, Peggy Serdar, Kathy Deidl, Mimi Taylor, Johanna Ternes, Bonnie Waterston, and Mary Weber.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist of Bridal Veil The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist of Bridal



Vale are having their 32 Valentine Luncheon on Feb.12th. Seating at 11:00 & 1:00. We have reserved 50 seats at 11:00 and will have the bus available at the parish leaving at **10:15**. It is a free will offering for the lunch and \$2 for the bus. There are also raffle tickets available for \$1. If you would like to go, please call Donna or Sandy Norton 503-256-0791. This is a benefit for the work of the Sisters.



LOOP Ladies Tea February 19 at 1:00PM. Our speaker this year is Joanie

Quinn. Joanie is a forty-something, goofy mom who turns her stay-at-home chaos into hilarious tales for all to enjoy. Tickets are \$18 and are on sale after all the masses. Get your ticket soon, they are sure to sell fast.