

It's an icy winter's night, and O'Hare International Airport is in bedlam. All flights are canceled. Visibility is poor due to fog, frost, and freezing rain. Thousands of people are clustered at the ticket counters; some clamoring for redress, others wrapped in stoic silence. Children are crying, the PA system is blaring, and the defeated are bellying up to the bar. I'm in mild turmoil. How can the Good News be proclaimed in Dallas if the weather won't shape up in Chicago?

Across the aisle sits a middle-age black woman cradling a child. It's more than a serene smile playing at the corners of her mouth. She's laughing. She's actually laughing. Intrigued I cross the aisle and find myself staring at this woman. She is rubbing her fingers across the child's lips as he blows mightily, "brrh, brrh." She looks up.

"Ma'am, you're the only person in this place who seems to be together. Would you mind telling me why you are so happy?"

"Sho," she said. Christmas is coming and dat Jesus—He make me laugh!"

"Dat Jesus - He make me laugh!" I repeated.

(excerpt taken from Brennan Manning's book, *Souvenirs of Solitude* (pg 45-46).

Has being a serious follower of Jesus meant becoming sad and distressed about life? That is not the God of the Scriptures! Seriousness about Jesus should lead to a freedom-induced JOY! Jesus has set us from sin such that we can dance on the grave and join the laughter of heaven! "Dat Jesus" wants us to be laughing all the way to our true home!

Laugh!  
+Fr. John



- Jan 30**  
"Treasure Hunters"
- Feb 4 & 5**  
Super Bowl of Caring Canned Food Collection 10AM-12PM, Sat
- Super Bowl of Caring after 5PM Mass on Saturday
- Sunday after each Mass
- Feb 12**  
"Praise and Worship"
- Feb 13**  
"Truth of the Matter"
- Feb 19**  
Life Teen Mass
- Issue Night "To Save a Light"
- Feb 27**  
"Lights Out"

**Living the Eucharist** will be a six week program beginning on Feb 22 here at St Joseph the Worker. There will be 2 classes every Wed. through Lent. First class will be after the 8AM Mass in the social room and the second class will be at 6:30PM in classroom 6. Look for handouts in your bulletins.

- Feb 5**  
No Life Night
- Feb 12**  
"Praise and Worship"
- Feb 19**  
Life Teen Mass
- Issue Night "To Save a Life"
- Mar 4**  
"Special Event"
- Mar 10**  
"Rise Up" Rally @ St Pius
- Mar 16**  
Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
- Mar 18**  
Life Teen Mass
- Life Night "Wipe Out"

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Jan 30, 2012**

Communion Service

**Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012**

Communion Service

**Wednesday, Feb 1, 2012**

+Estagen Zimmerman

(Zimmerman Family)

**Thursday, Feb 2, 2012**

+Robert Nicholson

(Fiorella Featherston)

**Friday, Feb 3, 2012**

+Richard Kendall

(Fiorella Featherston)

**Saturday, Feb 4, 2012**

+Estagen Zimmerman

(Julie Zimmerman)

**Sunday, Feb 5, 2012**

**8:30AM:** Thanksgiving

(Geraldine Misa)

**10:30AM:** +Norma Comacho

(The Conner Family)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Vigil** for Hugh Melvin "Mel" Amsberry-  
**7PM Sunday, Jan. 29** at Immaculate Con-  
ception Church, Stayton, Oregon.

**Funeral- 11AM Monday, Jan 30** at  
Immaculate Conception Church, Stayton,  
Oregon.

**Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012**

**7:00PM-**Choir Practice

**Wednesday, Feb 1, 2012**

**7:00PM:** RCIA Class, SR

**Friday, Feb 3, 2012**

**8:30AM** Fatima Prayer Cell

**Saturday, Feb 4, 2012**

Can & Bottle Recycle-After 5PM Mass

**Sunday, Feb 5, 2012**

**8:30AM:** Music Ministry

**8:45AM:** Faith Formation

**8:30AM:** Ministers to the Sick Com-  
missioning (See Article)

**1:00PM:** Super Bowl Sun. (See Art.)

**7:00PM:** No Life Night

**Can & Bottle Recycle after all  
Masses**

In celebration of a **Day for Consecrated  
Life**, Archbishop John G. Vlazny invites  
parishioners to join him, and those living  
in consecrated life, to a vespers service at  
St. Mary's Cathedral, Saturday, February  
4, 2012 at 7:00PM. Reception to follow.

**Super Bowl Sunday:** Join the  
Knights and fellow Parishioners in  
watching the "Super Bowl" on the **big  
screen TV** in the social room, Sunday,  
Feb 5, at 1:00PM. A \$20.00 admission  
gets you a full course steak dinner, 3  
drinks (Beer, Wine, Soda or Water),  
tons of munchies and conversation.  
For tickets, or more info, see one of the  
Knights before or after Mass or call  
Bob (503) 912-0670 or Ed (503) 804-  
3950.

**Ministers to the Sick Commis-  
sioning:** On Feb. 5th at the 8:30AM  
Mass, we will again commission and  
bless all those involved in Pastoral  
Ministries- the Eucharistic Ministers to  
the Sick, those who drive people to  
Mass, bake cakes and send cards.  
There will be a brief service following  
the homily. Please pray for these com-  
passionate visitors and helpers. Becky  
Fletcher

**WOWS** Sat. Feb. 11th This is a so-  
cial activity open to all widows, wid-  
owers and those who are single for any  
reason. This was changed at the re-  
quest of many so that we could go to  
the Bridal Veil Valentine Luncheon  
which is a fund raiser for the Francis-  
can Sisters of the Eucharist. We will  
enjoy an 11:00 lunch and leave the  
church at 10:15 on the bus. There are 2  
seats left so call to reserve them. Call  
Becky, at 761-8710x106 by Thurs. Feb.  
9th.

**Open Houses are planned for  
St. Therese School** on February  
10th at 9:30am, February 15th at 6PM,  
February 26th at 10AM and March 6th  
at 6pm. The choice to send your child  
to a Catholic school can make a differ-  
ence in their life. We have a fully ac-  
credited academic program which ex-  
ceeds state requirements, before and  
after school care, a hot lunch program  
and specialty classes such as Spanish,  
PE, Technology, Humanities and Fine  
Arts (choir, strings, band, guitar, hand  
bells choir and private music les-  
sons). Our principal, Sr. Kathy Cordes,  
shej, has worked hard over the last  
seven years to build a strong and di-  
verse educational program. She is the  
only religious principal working the  
Archdiocese of Portland. Come to an  
Open House or call 503-253-9400 for  
questions or to schedule a private tour.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 7,394.45

**Over/under:** + \$ 362.45

**Prepare for Lent!** Day of Recollection  
Retreat: "Mother of Divine Grace: Imitat-  
ing the Virtues of God". Father Vincent  
Kelber will lead this retreat day at Holy  
Rosary Church, Portland, OR. The Retreat  
Day begins on Saturday, February 4th with  
7:30 AM Rosary, followed by 8:00AM  
Mass. (Breakfast is included) Father Kel-  
ber will lead the Day of Recollection and  
deepen our holiness with the focus on our  
Blessed Mother's Divine Grace while in-  
spiring us to live and model the virtues of  
The Holy Trinity. Everyone is welcome!  
The retreat day will include the movie  
"Stay on Mission", Chaplet of Divine  
Mercy at 3:00, followed by a Benediction  
to close this introspective Day of Recollec-  
tion. Questions? Contact  
info@wafpdx.org, or Brenda Schwartz:  
503-784-8039.

**Lenten Day of Recollection** It's a day  
of spiritual nourishment especially for  
our ministers to the sick. Our speaker  
is Fr Bob Barracks and we know he is  
a wonderful speaker. His topic is "Do  
this in remembrance of me." It will be  
on Fri. Feb.28th from 9:30AM to 2:30  
here at St. Joseph's. Flyers will be in  
the back of church. Pre-registration is  
needed in order to know how many  
lunches to prepare. There is no cost to  
Ministers to the Sick in our parish; \$15  
to others who wish to attend. Please  
pre-register by calling Becky or drop-  
ping the registration in the collection  
basket.



### **Free Community Dinner:**

Please plan to join us for our next Commu-  
nity Dinner on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> @  
6:00 PM, St Joseph the Worker Social  
Room. Come join us for Dinner & Com-  
munity Cheer! Sponsored by St Joseph  
Peace & Justice