

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 5, 2009

Communion Service

### Tuesday, January 6, 2009

+Johnnie Doran

(Judy & Henry Kramer)

### Wednesday, January 7, 2009

+Julia Baker

(The Alexander Family)

### Thursday, January 8, 2009

+Gloria Gianelli

(The Wenner Family)

### Friday, January 9, 2009

Charles Tood

(The Wenner Family)

### Saturday, January 10, 2009

5:00 PM-+Kyle Linhart

(Rosemary Linhart)

### Sunday, January 11, 2009

8:30 AM-People of the Parish

10:30 AM-+Gressi Udovini

(Ketty Gattman)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, January 4, 2009

9:00 AM- Faith Formation

7:00 PM-High Sch. Yth. Grp.-S.R.

### Monday, January 5, 2009

7:00 PM-Social Justice mtg.-S.R.

### Tuesday, January 6, 2009

7:00 PM-Family Rosary Night

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

7:30 PM-Choir

### Wednesday, January 7, 2009

NO RCIA

### Thursday, January 8, 2009

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

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

### Friday, January 9, 2009

4:00 PM-Homeless Outreach at

Sunnyside Cafe

### Saturday, January 10, 2009

7:00 PM-Yth. Grp. Praise &

Worship in Ch. & S.R.

### **Are you registered in the Parish?**

If you would like to be registered, please contact the Parish Center and request a registration form or stop by during business hours and fill out a form. **Hours:** Monday-Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the secretary.

## FROM FR. JOHN:

## COMPLAINING

*"We have sinned in complaining." Numbers 21:7*

The Israelites are in the desert after God has freed them from slavery. Granted, their desert experience is not exactly the Hilton Hotel, but God is leading and providing for them. The people are tired, hungry and thirsty. They begin to complain. Because of their complaining, we read that God sends serpents to punish them. The serpents kill or make ill whomever they bite. But does God punish complainers? No, God does not punish people. Complainers punish themselves and those around them.

I do not like to admit this but I complained against my mother far too often when I was growing up. (Even once was too often) A common whining she would hear from me is, "Mom, do we have to have that for dinner again." I regret that kind of griping because I knew it hurt my mother and it caused separation in our relationship. God did not punish me for my griping. Rather, I punished my mom, others and myself because my complaining caused pain and separation.

Is complaining a sin? You bet it is. Any way that we choose to separate ourselves from the love and friendship of God and others is a sin. When we complain, we separate ourselves from God and others.

How could the Israelites have approached Moses differently with their desire for better food and more water? Instead of complaining, they could have offered as much help and assistance to Moses in order to deal with the problem. You and I both know that there is a world of difference between complaining for the sake of complaining and choosing not to complain but help.

Complaining is a sin. It always separates and it never unites. How can we stop the pain and separation it causes? First and foremost, we need to stop complaining. Do not let complaints be nurtured in your mind or be heard from your lips. Secondly, when something bothers you, choose to do all you can do to help improve the situation. For instance, instead of complaining when mom was making that same, "dreaded" casserole, I could have said, "Gee, mom, thanks you for making dinner for us eight spoiled boys. I really love the food you prepare for us. I honor you for your labor of love. Is there any way, I mean any way at all, that I can help you get dinner prepared?" Finally, life is not fair and there are many things we cannot change and so there is no use complaining. Trust in God who works all things for good for those who love Him and live according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

+Fr. John



**Baptism Class for infants** will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Pre-registration is required, please contact Carolyn at the Parish Center to register. Baptisms will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the 5:00 PM Mass.

## Youth Group News:

### Sock Drive



The High School Youth Group is sponsoring a **Sock Drive** for the homeless. Please put donations in the boxes located in the Narthex. Donations will be accepted through January 4, 2009.

### **LOS EMBAJADORES 2009**

**When: June 28-July 6**  
**Where: Ensenada, Mexico**

The Mexico service immersion trip is an incredible opportunity for high school and college age students (16 and older) to serve the poor, experience another culture and to grow in their faith. To sign up or for more information call Janet Rathbone at 503-761-8710

### **End of Year Giving**

Just a reminder that any donations received after December 28th will be credited to January, 2009 statements. Contribution statements will be sent out at the end of January, 2009. If you would like to receive your statement via email, call Carolyn at the Parish Center with your email address. Thank you for supporting St. Joseph the Worker Church.

**Social Justice Meeting:** Please join Deacon Mike in the Social Room on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM for a Social Justice meeting. This will be the first meeting of the New Year.

### **Catholic Cruise to the Mexican Rivera**

Come sail away on a 7-Night cruise with Fr. John Smith, May 10-17, 2009 on the Carnival Splendor out of Long Beach, CA. **Ports of Call:** Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan & Cabo San Lucas. Prices begin at \$1,502.54 for two passengers. Deadline date: February 11, 2009. For more details call Cheryl at 949-249-9618.

**Thank you thank you!** To all who donated to the Care packages for the homebound. And, thank you to all the children at Sunnyside Montessori School who made the Christmas cards for everyone. The Harry and David sugar free candy is so appreciated. And thank you to the person who donated the snow globes also. Everything is so appreciated and it's so fun playing Santa Claus. We had extra socks so we gave them out at the Sunnyside soup kitchen where we serve. You are all so generous in giving to the mentally ill and the homebound in our parish area, may God continue to bless you all. Happy New Year to you all!

**Greeters Are Needed** for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. If interested in helping, please contact Marcie Burton at 503-760-5669 or turn your name and phone number in at the Parish Center. If you have greeted in the past and no longer wish to be on the greeter's list, please contact Marcie Burton at the above number to have your name removed.

**Homeless Outreach:** On Friday, January 9, 2009 we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House. We feed around 200 people and will need volunteers to help us prepare dinner and serve the guests. We start preparing the food at 4:00 PM and serve the dinner at 6:00 PM. Please call Jan at 503-254-2212 for more information. The soup kitchen is located at SE 35th & Yamhill (off 39th between Belmont and Hawthorne).

**Vocation Retreat:** If you are a single man of 18-50 years of age and have felt a calling to the priestly ministry, you are invited to a weekend retreat, Friday thru Sunday January 23-25, 2009 hosted by Archbishop John Vlazny: "On the Priestly Vocation." The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton and is free of charge. Please contact Fr. Kelly Vandehey at 503-233-8368 to register and for further questions.



### **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. Ticket prices, times, and  
more information will be in future  
bulletin announcements.**

### **Family Faith Questions**

**Epiphany of the Lord  
Matthew 2:1-12**

**In today's Gospel the Wise men  
came and brought gifts to Jesus  
and took away with them the gift  
of knowing God's presence in a  
whole new way.**

***When has someone that, you did not  
expect, come and recognized a gift in  
you—like the Wise men recognized in  
Jesus? Who was the person and what  
was the gift?***

**Coffee & Donuts** are served in the Social Room after the Sunday morning Masses. Volunteers are needed to help with coffee and Donuts, please sign up during the Coffee and Donut hour.