

No Getting out of it- UR a Disciple

Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31

At a recent weekday mass God gave me a particular joy. I had a smile on my face because the makeup of the congregation was different than normal. Besides the adults, there were children and teenagers who chose to go to mass that day. For me, there is not anything much more beautiful when a young person believes and loves the Lord. After mass, a young mother came up to me and told me her young son commented on how there was only one young disciple by me at mass. This little one, of course, was referring to my altar server that day. The mom tried to teach that that person was the altar server but this little boy again called my altar server “the young disciple.”

There is much food for thought in the young boy’s image of the altar server as a disciple. The word “disciple” means “learner.” In the young boy’s view, the altar server was a disciple who was serving on the altar. What if each of us took on that same paradigm? Let us try on the metaphor that we are all disciples who serve at the altar during each mass. We come before our Teacher to learn what salvation is all about. Salvation is a mystery of indescribable joy and we keep coming back to the altar to plunge deeper into the mystery. We want to learn, learn, and learn about the wonder of God’s saving love for each of us.

Jesus told us that if we remain in his word we would be his disciples. There is no doubt that if we call ourselves Christian we should be reading the bible each day. Also, we can look at the mass as the way disciples remain in God’s word. Basically, the first half of the mass is listening to God’s word. We hear about all of God’s wonderful deeds for us and, namely, about how Jesus died for our sins that we might have eternal life. We plunge deeper into understanding the sacred mysteries offered to us. Then, in the second half of the mass we physically receive The Word of God, Jesus, into our bodies in the Eucharist. So, in the mass, we always hear the words of God from scripture but these words of God always lead us to the Word of God, Jesus. The words of God from scripture prepare, enliven and enflame our hearts to have a living encounter with The Word of God, Jesus, in the Eucharist. The awesome beauty of the mass is that we receive into our very bodies the One to which all the words of scripture; angels and saints, human beings and creation speak! We always end up receiving the Real Presence of Jesus. God grants us our greatest desire-to see Jesus face to face!

I know in my life I can often complicate things. There is so much information always coming at us I am surprised we do not have more nervous breakdowns. We are bombarded by information overload. And, maybe many of us feel the need to take it all in and understand it. Obviously, this is impossible. Might I suggest going simple. In relation to being a disciple who serves at the altar each mass, just try to pick one thing Jesus is trying to get to you with. He might offer peace or healing, show you your sin, teach you a new way of relating, tell you to slow down or simplify your life, nudge you to ask forgiveness or reach out with a note, phone call or flower, put your priorities straight etc. Whatever it might be, just open yourself to Jesus in church and pick one thing. Then, do what he asks,

You are loved perfectly by Jesus in the Eucharist,

Fr. John



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 11, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Communion Service

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Virginia Shea

(Elsie White)

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mary Families

(Cherill & Jake Mary)

Friday, July 15, 2011

Kathleen Schance

(Mary Pat Gigliotti)

Saturday, July 16, 2011

+Oronzo Gallo

(Daughter)

Sunday, July 17, 2011

8:30AM: +Rudolph Paluck

(Julian Paluck)

10:30AM: People of the Parish



Homeless Outreach: On Friday, July 22nd, we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House. We start preparing food at 4:00PM

and serve at 6:00PM. The soup kitchen is located at SE 35th and Yamhill. If you are interested in volunteering contact Jan at (503) 254-2212 for more information

GAP-line

If your email has changed, or if you have not been receiving the GAP-line weekly, or if you would like to join the 300+ people praying, please notify the GAP-line at SJTW-Gapline@hotmail.com. We are still praying weekly for any and all request and God is doing amazing things!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 8,136.02

Over/under: + \$ 1,104.02

St. Joseph Peace & Justice Meeting.

When: Monday, July 11, 2011, 7 to 8:30 pm

Where: St. Joe's Social Room

What: Join our parish in new projects to promote peace and justice in our larger community. We all have talents, generosity and compassion to share! *Everyone* is invited to come see how we can pool our resources to better our community and increase our faith in the process. As always, refreshments and friendship will be provided!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 11, 2011

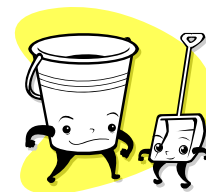
Social Justice Mtg-SR

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

7:00PM-KOC General Mtg-SR



Next Class for Infant Baptisms will be held on Sunday, Sept 18, 2011 at 2:00PM in the Social Room. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Beth at the Parish Center to register. Baptisms will take place on Sunday, Sept 25, at the 10:30AM Mass. **NOTE:** The date of the class has been changed.



Son Surf Beach Blast Vacation Bible School

July 18-22 9:00AM to Noon

Pre K (Age 4) to 5th Grade
Music, Bible Stories, Games Crafts, Snacks & Lots of Fun!

Friends & Neighbors are Welcome

Sign up before June 26th!

Don't Delay...Sign Up Today

CAN/BOTTLE Monthly 😊
Recycling is "on vacation" until Sept. No collection in July or August



NOTICE:

All are invited to a Thanksgiving & Healing Mass Sunday, July 10, 2011 @ 11:00am @ Our Lady Of Sorrows Catholic Church for Divine Mercy of Our Lady of Fatima Crusade 11th yr. Anniversary Celebrations. Our Lady of Sorrows is located at: 5239 SE Woodstock Blvd. Portland, Oregon 97206. For information: Tel. No. (503) 939 -6906, Email: dmolfcrusade@yahoo.com

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week:

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Fairlawn Village**

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Thought for the Day:
So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:18