

FROM FR. JOHN

From Passion to Compassion

“It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings he endured.” Isaiah 53:4

It is a tradition of the Church to remember Jesus’ death at 3:00 pm each day. Think about His generosity and humility in coming to us. He left heaven, where there is no pain, tears, sin or even a possibility of being hurt and He came to earth to be crucified by those He loved unconditionally. In the Gospels we see how Jesus has left the perfect joy and love of heaven to come to us. In totally giving himself over to us, Jesus has left the place where there is no suffering to take on the suffering of us all. Jesus traded His total enjoyment in heaven to endure in His heart, mind and body the suffering of all people for all of time. Passion means, “to suffer”. Think about the enormity of His Passion as He suffered for all people of all times.

If there is one thing for sure in life it is that we suffer. If I gave a band-aid to everyone who came to Church on any given Sunday who was suffering, everyone would have a band-aid. Whether it is physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual, we live in an imperfect world and we all suffer with something. One of biggest crimes in the world today that breaks my heart is that so many of us suffer alone. We are so busy achieving our “involved” and “fulfilled” lives, but do we really have time for each other any more? Do we ever really listen to each other? The busier we get, the more we suffer through life alone.

Jesus never intended for us to suffer alone. Look at how wide Jesus opens His arms to love the world from His Passion on the cross. Jesus, from the cross, shows that he will embrace all people, from all times, with any kind of suffering. Anyone in their suffering who jumps into the open arms of Jesus will know His love and forgiveness. Through His Passion, Jesus brings compassion. Com-compassion (com- with, passion- to suffer) means that Jesus suffers with us in love.

As a people, we need to move from being a people of the “passion” to a people of “compassion.” We need to move from being a people who suffer alone to a people who suffer together. As families, friends, enemies and Church, let us share our sufferings with one another and invite Jesus in. Then our love for one another will be strong. Then we will be one in God.

Jesus’ Passion makes deep love and unity possible. At three o’clock each day, the hour of our Lord’s death, remember your call to compassion- to suffer with Jesus and others.

Don’t “Go it” alone!

+Fr. John

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HEAD COUNT- Please call Carolyn at 503-761-8710 NOW and let her know how many people you have coming for Fr. John's Birthday BBQ on Tuesday, July 14th. BBQ follows the 7:00 PM Mass. No 8:00 AM Mass on July 14th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 13, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

7:00 PM-Happy Birthday

Fr. John

(Vincent & Jill Bresch)

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

+Dick Redlin

(Pat & John Huffman)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

+Jim Skoch

(Jeral Beaty)

Friday, July 17, 2009

+Kyle Linhart, Jr.

(Rosemary Linhart)

Saturday, July 18, 2009

5:00 PM--Diane Misfeldt

(Jeral Beaty)

Sunday, July 19, 2009

8:30 AM--Rudolph Paluck

(Julian Paluck)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 12, 2009

12:00 NN-Camp Out mtg.-Rm. 6

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

7:00 PM-Mass followed by Fr.

John's Birthday BBQ

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

6:00 PM-Montana group Mass

followed by Dinner in S.R.

Friday, July 17, 2009

6:00 PM-Scrapbooking with Tonja

in S.R.

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Youth Group to Montana

The next **Baptism Class** for infants will be held on Saturday, August 1st at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Registration is required for the class and Baptism. Please contact Carolyn at the Parish Center - 503-761-8710 to register. Baptisms will take place at the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, August 9th.

Contribution Envelopes: We encourage all those parishioners who receive Contribution envelopes to use them as this is the only way we have of posting your contribution to your envelope number.

Care Ministry

Can You Help? We have a parishioner who would like communion and a visit. The lady is in her own home just off 138th and Division. If you feel led to try this, call Becky @ 503-761-8710. On the job training is provided and it's very rewarding.

Large Print Books: If anyone has any large print books, we have a parishioner who loves to read but is having trouble finding large print books. They do not have to be religious. You may leave them in the narthex on the counter and I will get them. If you have questions, call Becky @ 503-761-8710.

Printing New Parish Directory

We will be printing a new parish directory after Olan Mills finishes taking pictures. You will want to be sure we have your current address and phone number **BEFORE** we print the new directory. Please call Carolyn at the Parish Center if your address or phone number has changed. Parish Center: 503-761-8710 x101.

The Maryknoll Missionaries send their sincere thanks to all your parishioners for their kindness shown to Fr. Tom Marti when he visited your parish the weekend of May 23, 2009. We will remember all of your parishioners in our Masses and prayers. The donations collected were \$2,699.25 and 127 families chose to receive the Maryknoll Magazine.

Homeless Outreach: On Friday, July 31st 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.

Reminder to ALL Campers - Just a reminder that there will be a camp out meeting on **Sunday, July 12th at 12:00 noon**. The meeting will be in **Room 6** and shouldn't take too much of your time. If you have not paid for your camp site yet, this would be a good time to do so! Thanks! See you there!

Multi-Cultural Family Rosary and Potluck

We will be having our Multi-Cultural Rosary in honor of Fr. Chester this year. It will be held on Monday (change of date), August 3rd at 6:00 PM with a potluck to follow. We're looking for a Polish speaker to lead a decade. Please call Kathi Nordlund at 503-760-8429.

Are you or someone you love

Widowed, Separated or Divorced? A grief recovery Weekend is being offered by Beginning Experience July 24 - 26, 2009. The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. Two nights lodging in a double room, meals and resource materials are included in the cost of \$195. However, partial scholarships and special payment arrangements are available. The retreat will be held at The Griffin Center in Milwaukee, near Clackamas Town Center. Follow-up sessions will be held in Eugene, Portland, and Salem. Beginning Experience, a peer ministry, was created with the help of the founders of Marriage Encounter in the 70's. The Oregon team, active since 1978, provides 3 healing Weekends each year. For more information, please call Margi Harp at 503-390-7971, email her at margi8280@comcast.net, or go to www.beginningexperience.org.

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