

Have you Imprisoned HIM?

“Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

Matthew 11:6

How many of us have put Jesus in prison? We don't like the demands he makes and the changes he calls for so we throw him in prison, lock the door and toss the key away hoping that we will never have to see him again. He offends the way we want to run our lives so we incarcerate him so he cannot get back out at us. This is all a silly notion because we all know Jesus can walk through walls.

Which of the following 2 statements describes your fundamental stance towards Jesus: “Get your laws off my body” (bumper sticker) or when King David says in Psalm 1:1-2, “Happy the one who delights in the law of the Lord”?

I think many of us spend a lot of time just trying to keep Jesus at bay. We don't even give him a chance to be offensive to us. He's got his life and I got mine and let us keep it that way. Why would I give up control of my life to his radical, counter-cultural life to who knows leads where?

But is Jesus really offensive? To me, he is the least offensive person I have ever met. He is a God who is for me and not against me. He is on the offense for me and is gravely offended by anything that offends who I am. As a matter of fact, that is why he came to earth. No more was he going to allow his children to die in their offenses. He would put an end to all of that on Calvary.

Let us pray: “Jesus, have I put you in prison and thrown the key away because I somehow believe that your life offends mine? If you are who you say you are, if you are the least offensive person who takes all my offenses away, then why don't I give you full welcome? Jesus, I am going to let you out of that prison and back into my heart. With King David I will believe that, ‘Happy is the one who delights in the law of the Lord.’ Amen.”

Wait in trust (WIT),
+Fr. John



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 4, 2011
NO Communion Service
Tuesday, July 5, 2011
Communion Service
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
+Carl Dulay
(Johanna Ternes)
Thursday, July 7, 2011
Special Intention
(Johanna Ternes)
Friday, July 8, 2011
+Rose Barce
(Johanna Ternes)
Saturday, July 9, 2011
John Gibson
(Cherill & Jake Mary)
Sunday, July 10, 2011
8:30AM: People of the Parish
10:30AM: +Ed Sobolewski
(Elsie White)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 4, 2011
No Communion Service
Parish Center Closed
Tuesday, July 5, 2011
7:00PM-Family Rosary Night
Friday, July 8, 2011
4:00PM-Homeless Outreach (See Article)



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.

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
PARISH CENTER WILL BE
CLOSED**



Beloved St Joseph family,
Greetings from rainy Burlington, Vermont! (I almost feel like I'm back in Oregon!).

Thank YOU for showering me with hugs, pleasant words, and support. You really sent me off with great love. I wish I could say or write a personal "Thank You!" to each one of you...but very soon I will be Italian Only!

Arrivederci!
Gregg Bronsema



Homeless Outreach: On Friday, July 8th, 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

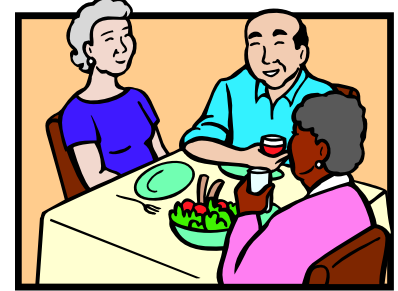
If your email has changed, or if you have not been receiving the GAP-line weekly, or if you would like to join the 300+ people praying, please notify the GAP-line at SJTW-Gapline@hotmail.com. We are still praying weekly for any and all request and God is doing amazing things!

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

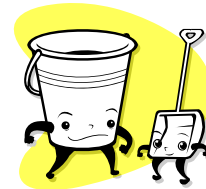


WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00
Amount collected: \$ 5,841.55
Over/under: - \$ 1,190.45



WOWS Dinner July 6th This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy a 5:00PM dinner at The Pink Feather at 14154 SE Division. Because it is so close we will car-pool rather than take the bus in the church parking lot at 4:45. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x106 by Tues. July 5th.



**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

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