

FROM FR. JOHN

Only Say the Word

The centurion said in reply, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.” Matthew 8:7

I was teaching a Confirmation class and a kid kept asking me, “What is the word?” He was referring to the above scripture, which is what Catholics pray in the mass right before receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist (see John 6). The context is that Jesus had told the centurion that he would come to heal his servant and the faith-filled centurion replied by asking Jesus to just say the word right there without coming to the house and his servant would be healed.

So, how would you answer the kid’s question, “What is the word?” Would it be something like “Be healed”, “Suffering cease”? We do not know exactly what “the word” was and that is not the point. The point is throwing ourselves into Jesus and acting like he has the power that he says he has. The centurion inspires us to believe that Jesus has the power to do anything.

We do know that Jesus wants to heal our hearts. Do you believe in the power of his word working healing in you? He may not ever heal us physically but he is going to give us the healing that will last forever (forgiveness and the resulting, indescribable peace and joy) if only we would believe. Can our prayer become more like, “Only say the word, Jesus, and I, your servant, will be healed?”

The centurion brings up a point about not being worthy to have Jesus under his roof. Maybe we feel that we would never be worthy to receive Jesus into our home, our heart, our life. It is true. On our own merits, we will never be worthy of Jesus. But the reality is that Jesus has made us worthy. He has come to teach, heal, befriend, love, suffer, die and rise for us and in this he makes us worthy! We just say yes to Jesus and jump into him to be healed in the power of his word.

Jesus, only say the word and I, your servant, shall be healed.

Fr. John



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jun 21, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Frank Ternes

(Johanna Ternes)

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

+Our Parents

(Johanna Ternes)

Thursday, June 24, 2010

+Gerry Barger

(Mary Fromwiller)

Friday, June 25, 2010

+Gerry Barger

(Carolyn Clawson)

Saturday, June 26, 2010

John and Sandy Guarriello

(For our 35th Anniversary)

Sunday, June 27, 2010

8:30AM: People of the Parish

10:30AM: Larry Evans

(Carolyn Clawson)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Jun 20, 2010

Father's Day

Tuesday, Jun 22, 2010

11:00AM-WOWs Lunch

Thursday, Jun 24, 2010

10:00AM-Summer Memorial Mass

Saturday, Jun 26, 2010

8:00AM-3:00PM-Red Cross Blood Drive-S.R.

CAN/BOTTLE Monthly Recycling

is "on vacation" until Sept. No collection in July or August.

Summer Memorial Mass:

We invite everyone who has suffered the loss of a family member or friend to join us in our Summer Memorial Mass especially dedicated to his or her memory. This Mass will be on Thursday June 24th at 10:00AM.

There will be a sign up sheet as you come in the door to write the names of those for whom you wish the Mass said. You are invited to continue this community commemoration and join together for fellowship and refreshments following Mass. NOTE: No 8:00AM Mass on that day.

Back to Prayer Night June 30:

This month our Back to Prayer Night will be on **Wednesday** night instead of our usual Thursday night. Our speaker will be **Kelsey McKay** who is returning to our community after being gone for 3 years. The evening will include a speech about his spiritual journey, concluding with your prayer intentions and special prayers for the unborn child. The evening will begin at **7:00PM**. It is a **pot luck** event so please bring something to share if you can. It would be much appreciated! Hope to see you there! **This is our last BTPN until Sept 2010.**

July 11th Outdoor Mass and BBQ:

Come to our 10:00AM outdoor mass followed by a BBQ on Sunday, July 11th. It is surely going to be a time of Joy and celebration. Please, Please, Please, call Beth at the office and let her know how many are coming to the BBQ-we need a head count. You can reach her at the office at 503-761-8710. Also, Catholic Comedian Judy McDonald (she was here before- you can Google her) will wrap up our celebration together with some great Catholic comedy. She will be on in the church at 1:00PM for about 45 minutes. She is funny so come and laugh and enjoy! **Remember, there will be no confession or 5:00PM mass scheduled for Saturday, July 10th and the 10:00AM mass on July 11th will be the only mass on that weekend at St. Joseph the Worker.**

Thank you, Father John

Peter's Pence Collection: Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Benedict we can cast the love of Christ upon the world.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 6,646.53

Over/under: - \$ 385.47

WOWS Lunch June 22nd. This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy an 11:30 lunch at La Cordon Bleu in downtown Portland. Lunch is \$13 with tip and you need to bring it in cash as they want one check. We will have the bus, holding the first 14 callers, at the parish ready to leave at 11:00. The bus ride is \$2. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x106 by Tues. the 21st. **There was an error on the date in last weeks bulletin. The correct date is June 22nd.**

Camp Out Meeting:

Calling all campers! We have a camp out meeting scheduled for **Sunday July 18th at 12:00 noon** in the Social Room! It is important that all who are camping please attend for we need to go over a few things before the actual camp out. We also invite those who might be interested in coming for the day on **Saturday August 21st**. It's going to be a fun day that will include a pot luck picnic! So please mark your calendars!

Fun News! It was requested that something fun be put on the website. The suggestion was to have a place for recipe exchanges. Well, ask and you shall receive! You can go to the website or type in <http://www.stjosephtheworkerpdx.org/recipeexchange.html>

So join St. Joe's Recipe Exchange and have fun!

Sign Up for Vacation Bible School:

July 26-30 (M-F), 9 AM to Noon
Enrolling children ages 4 - 11

Be a **Sonforce Kids Secret Agent**

Lots of fun with music, songs, crafts, Bible stories, games and snacks. Invite your friends and neighbors. Call Mary Robinson, (503) 761-8710 for more info.