

FROM FR. JOHN

HE CAME FOR SINNERS

“The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they said, ‘Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’” Matthew 11:19

It is amazing how we can push away what we want the most. In today's verse Jesus is commenting on how many people are rejecting Him because He hangs out with and befriends sinners. The paradox is that by rejecting Jesus, the people are rejecting what they desire the most in life. We want to be saved and freed from our sin. We want to know that God's love is truly unconditional. We want to live forever. Jesus came to bring salvation and eternal life to us. Sadly, so many of us push Him away because we truly do not believe that Jesus loves sinners!

Jesus came for us. He came for sinners. He did not come for people who are perfect and make no mistakes. No other religion in the history of the world besides Christianity professes that God became man to save sinners. Jesus looks for sinners. He likes to spend time with them. He welcomes sinners with mercy and eternal life. There is no way any human being could conceive of a more real or loving God than the God of Christianity.

There is no sin too big for Jesus to forgive. He can forgive anything as long as we ask him to with a contrite heart - that is what we believe as Christians. Do you believe?

Oftentimes we get mixed up between the sin and the sinner. Jesus hates the sin and wants it out of our lives. But, Jesus always loves us, the sinner. We, the sinners, need to ask Jesus to forgive us. As Jesus roots the sin out of our lives we will come to find what we want the most.

The Savior waits for the sinner to act on their belief and ask for help and mercy.

PIG - Peace in God!

+Fr. John



Retreat - I am on my annual personal priest retreat with Abbot Aidan Shea from June 15-25. This is about the 10th year I have been blessed by the BEST to be on retreat with Aidan. It is so important for me (and you!) to go on retreats. If we do not go on retreats and take time daily for prayerful reflection, we become shallow, superficial, lifeless, dull and uninspiring. God is the opposite of all these things. I go on retreat because I cannot give what I do not have. And I want to give you Jesus and if I haven't received him, how can I give him. In order to give anything of worth, I must receive in prayerful reflection. Jesus was always retreating to his Father so that he could share what the Father was giving to him with us. So, make plans to go on a retreat! Don't say, I will "try" to do it. Do it! Love you. Fr. John

Save the Date - July 14, 2009 - There will be no 8:00 AM morning Mass July 14, 2009 (I will be rafting on the Deschutes with a friend who is taking me there for my birthday), but I will be back to offer a 7:00 PM Mass and a BBQ following. Come and Enjoy! Please call Carolyn at 503-761-8710 and give us your head-count so we can plan our food/drink for the BBQ. +Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 22 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Communion Service

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Communion Service

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Communion Service

Friday, June 26, 2009

The Mary Family
(Cherill & Jake)

Saturday, June 27, 2009

5:00 PM-+Al Ternes
(Irv Ternes)

Sunday, June 28, 2009

8:30 AM-Pamela Pel
(Edward Kane)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish
(Fr. John has taken the Mass Intentions for the week with him and will say the intended Masses while he is away.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 21, 2009

Happy Father's Day

Monday, June 22, 2009

9:00 AM-Lifeline Screening-SR

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

7:00 PM-Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

1:00 PM-Olan Mills Photo Session in SR

Thursday, June 25, 2009

2:00 PM-Olan Mills Photo Session in SR

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

Friday, June 26, 2009

2:00 PM-Olan Mills Photo Session in SR

Saturday, June 27, 2009

6:30 AM-Red Cross Blood Bank in SR

2:00 PM- Olan Mills Photo Session in Rm. 6

Peter's Pence Collection: Next week our parish will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. This Collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. We ask you to please be generous.

Care Ministry

WOWS Dinner: This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy a 5:00 PM dinner on June 23rd at The Spaghetti Factory by the Clackamas Town Center. We will have the bus, holding the first 14 callers, at the parish ready to leave at 4:30 PM. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x105 by Tuesday, the 26th.

Summer Memorial Mass

Sorry for those inconvenienced, but we had to move the Memorial Mass to July 2nd . 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 their memory. This Mass will be on Thursday, July 2nd at 10:00 AM. 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 the Mass. **NOTE: No 8:00AM Mass on that day.**

Pictorial Directory: We have sent all sign-up sheets for the Pictorial Directory to Olan Mills. If you need to cancel or re-schedule your appointments, or have questions, please contact them at: 1-800-866-2263, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM EST.

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.

Weekly Contributions

Amount Needed: \$ 7,032.00

Amount Collected: 6,610.45

Over/Under: - 421.55

Calling All Campers!

Camping Reservations Deadline

Thinking of coming to the camp out but haven't made your reservations yet? Please do so by **Sunday June 28th**. After that you will have to make them through Clackamas County and there will be no guarantees you'll be with St. Joe's group. Reserve on line, call or email:

Patti at 503-895-4045

pattiurlvd@stjosephtheworkerpx.org or

Dianne & Duane at 503-998-5683 or 503-998-5688

duane-dianne@comcast.net

There will be a camp out meeting in July. More information on that in upcoming bulletins.

Serendipity Center's Staff and Students want to express our sincere gratitude to the LOOP Women! Thank you for making Graduation very special for our Seniors! The photos and memory books will bring smiles to their faces for years to come. Also, we want to thank you for your gift of "time" and for hosting the Graduation reception. Thank You!

Thank You!

We would like to thank all those who were nominated for the Pastoral Council for coming and sharing with us and participating in prayer and voting for the newest members of the Council. We also would like to thank all the parishioners that weren't nominated that came to the discernment for prayer and voting as well. Your time and involvement was much appreciated!

Women of Faith Conference Coming

October 9th and 10th. Any women interested in attending, please contact Teresa Jefferies at 503-261-1159. We have 35 tickets available as we did last year. The seats are in a great location.