

FROM FR. JOHN

BLESSED

“In him all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed.” Psalm 72:17

One day while walking through my favorite store, the dollar store (the dollar store is my favorite store because you can get everything for \$1), I said, “Hi”, to a man and he greeted me back. Then, his next response literally stopped me in my tracks. I asked him how he was doing and he replied, “Blessed.” I thought, “What an awesome, true and invigorating answer.” We are so blessed. I asked the man if he had a copyright on that answer and if I could use it. He just chuckled and told me to use it.

So, I have been teaching that when someone asks us how we are doing we can say, “Blessed.” Yes, we are so blessed! Just count your blessings. You have eyes, eyesight, and you are reading this now. You just took another breath. This day alone you will have at least 100,000 reasons to say you are blessed because that is how many times your heart will beat. We were created by God who loves us with an everlasting love! We know that God is good- all the time! We are forgiven and beautiful in his sight. Jesus died for us so that we could go to heaven. God invites us to live with him forever. Yes, we are so blessed! Count and count and count your blessings.

Many of you have shared with me how you have stopped other people in their tracks when they have asked you, “How are you doing?” You have told them, “Blessed.” Why does saying we are blessed stop people in their tracks? Because that response causes all of us to go to the source of every single blessing in our lives. When we tell others we are blessed, we are pointing our lives to the source of all blessing--God. Yes, we are blessed because we are beautiful, loved, forgiven, and invited to live with God forever. Could we possibly be more blessed than that? No! Please continue to let others know how blessed we **ALL** are.

My dad has Alzheimer’s disease. He is losing his ability to remember things. He is a bright man and has always been a creative thinker. As you can imagine, it can be frustrating to lose your mind when you have used it so well and creatively. He shared the following touching story with me. Going to sleep at night is difficult for him because his thoughts were so jumbled and confusing. Dad would get frustrated so he decided to seek peace in his heart by praying the rosary. But he said to me, “I tried to pray the rosary, John, but I cannot remember all of the words of the Hail Mary. So now I just keep repeating, ‘Thank you, Jesus’ until I fall asleep. It works.”

The words that dad wants on his tombstone are, “Thank you, Jesus.” My dad is a blessed man.

How are you doing?

Fr. John



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jun 28, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Nick Guarriello

(John and Sandy Guarriello)

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

+Edna Barnhart

(Mary Fromwiller)

Thursday, July 1, 2010

+Jane Tursi

(Phil & Sharon Cebula)

Friday, July 2, 2010

Special Intentions

(Pat Robison)

Saturday, July 3, 2010

+Nancy Cortazzo

(Geraldine Misa)

Sunday, July 4, 2010

8:30AM: People of the Parish

10:30AM: All Men and Women serving in the U.S. Military

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Jun 30, 2010

7:00PM-Back to Prayer Night S.R.

Saturday, Jul 3, 2010

2:00PM-4th New Orleans Pre-trip Mini Retreat and Pot Luck-S.R.

Thank You!!!!!! Thank you St Joseph the Worker!! You are amazing!! Your support of the Youth Car Wash and Pie Social was incredible. We are blessed by your generosity.

Pictures from Easter Vigil: If you did not receive a picture CD and you were Baptized, Confirmed, or received your First Communion on Easter Vigil, there are a few CDs left. Call Beth at the office if you would like one of them.

Homeless Outreach: On Friday, July 9th, 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.

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.**

Peter's Pence Collection: Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide in an effort of solidarity to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "God's love...gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all" (*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 78). Cast the love of Christ upon the world-please be generous in today's Collection.

Altar Guild: We have acquired many serving dishes from food brought for funeral luncheons. Some have names on them; Barbara B., Barb Ryan, Pat Rubich, Culley and Frances Wenner. Many have no identification on them. We have platters, bowls, plastic containers. These dishes are in the social room in a cupboard by the big TV. Please try to pick these up in the next 2 weeks. After that we will donate them to Good Will. Thank you!



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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 7,729.02

Over/under: + \$ 697.02

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.stjosephtheworkerpx.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.



Mother and Child Education Ctr:

Our Mothers and babies are so blessed. We thank God for St. Joseph the Worker and your faithful remembrance of Mother & Child Education Center. We are here to help Mamas take good care of their babies. If you know any Mamas who need encouragement, baby clothes or a shoulder to lean on. Please have her call us day or night. (503) 249-5801, (503) 853-4673
Телефон, (503) 913-9360 Español.