

UR Sent- All the Time

“Through Christ we have received the grace of apostleship.” Romans 1:5

Mt. Hood is our glorious 10,000+ foot mountain about forty-five minutes from us here in Portland in the great northwest. For those who haven't seen it when the sun shines its light on Mt. Hood and its white snow (I know, that is rare in Oregon in the winter) it is a glorious sight indeed. Majestic, powerful, glistening and awe-inspiring are some of the adjectives I would use to describe this creation of God.

What can Mt. Hood tell us? It surely can inspire feelings of awe and beauty. It can inspire us to think of things bigger than what is seen, things that are eternal.

But, no matter how inspiring Mt. Hood is, it cannot be an apostle. An apostle is one who is “sent” to tell the Good News of what Jesus has done for us. If I may, let us connect being an apostle with the mass. The word “mass” comes from the Latin *misa* which means to be “sent”. So, we see the direct connection between the words “apostle” and “mass”. Yes, every human being who goes to mass is an apostle! That means you! At the end of mass you are sent to go out and preach of Good News of Jesus' saving love for us all. Mt. Hood cannot do that. It cannot tell others what Jesus did for us on the cross. Only human beings, i.e., you and me, can be apostles.

St. Paul teaches us that through Christ we all have received the grace of apostleship. That means that we are all “sent”! At the end of each mass we are “sent”. As a matter of fact, we are “sent” all the time. The grace of apostleship is an ongoing reality until we breathe our last breath and then some. No getting out of it now. Way too many of us Christians being let off the hook. Guess what, if you thought you were off the hook before, you are now on the hook. From reading this a forever forward, you are on the hook. No more excuses. No more abdication. You are sent to tell. Mt. Hood cannot do that. If you don't do that, who will?

Let us pray: “Lord, I am not off the hook anymore. I am an apostle. I am sent. I will choose to live the grace of apostleship and speak of you to the nations. I know apostleship is ongoing- not just here and there, when it is convenient or does not cost, not just when I feel like it. It is for every moment- to live that grace. What am I sent with? You! So why so often do I not share the Love and JOY of my life? Lord, teach me to constantly live in the grace of apostleship. Amen.”

Wait in trust (WIT),
+Fr. John

I would like to express my deep gratitude for all the many people who came to the Candidacy Mass on Wednesday, May 25th. Thank YOU for making this a special day for me, Mark Bentz, and Timothy Furlow. And a very special thanks to Norm Ragnone for taking all those pictures--including the Seminarian Tea Ladies! Praise be to God!
Seminarian Gregg Bronsema

CONFIRMATION 2011-12

Confirmation will be offered during the 2011-12 school year. Any high school student wishing to be confirmed should plan on being a part of the Confirmation Program. For planning purposes please call the Parish Office to register 503 761-8710, or add your name to the list on the Youth Ministry board.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 6, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

+Jim Swafford

(Jack & Kathy Tovey)

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Martha Cox

(Jack & Kathy Tovey)

Thursday, June 9, 2011

Memorial Mass

No 8:00AM Mass

Friday, June 10, 2011

Carol Christopher

(Jack & Kathy Tovey)

Saturday, June 11, 2011

+Mary Families

(Cherill Mary)

Sunday, June 12, 2011

8:30AM: People of the Parish

10:30AM: +Jim Swafford

(Mary Fromwiller)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 6, 2011

7:00PM-Social Justice Mtg S.R.

Tuesday, Jun 7, 2011

7:00PM-Family Rosary

7:00PM-KOC Officer Mtg S.R.

7:30PM-LOOP Mtg S.R.

Thursday, June 9, 2011

10:00AM-Memorial Mass

5:00PM-WOWS Dinner

Sunday, June 12, 2011

9:00AM-Faith Formation Classes

10:30AM- International Potluck

2:00PM-Prayer Walk (see article)

Altar Guild's annual Ladies Night

Out is June 14th. Happy hour at 6:00PM and dinner at 7:00PM. It will be at the Old Country Kitchen, located at 10519 SE Stark. The choices for dinner are:

4oz. Tenderloin steak \$20.55

6oz Prime Rib \$22.75

Chicken Fried Steak \$15.55

Prawns \$21.55

Fish and Chips \$16.75

It is a wonderful time to meet new friends and visit with old friends.

Our Prayer Walk for this year will be Pentecost Sunday June 12. We will join with other churches in our zip code to pray for our area. We will begin with praise at Freedom Foursquare Church, 660 SE 160th at 2:00. Isn't that a beautiful symbol of unity for Pentecost! Our theme this year is "Heal Our Land" taken from 2 Chronicles, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their Land." More detail in coming weeks.

International Potluck

By popular demand, the Pastoral Council is hosting another International Potluck on Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, after the 10:30AM Mass. This time it's a Pentecost theme. Bring an ethnic cuisine dish representing your cultural heritage, wear red, and have your kids prepared to run around on the grass at our Red Easter Egg hunt for children up to the age of 10. Sign-ups will start the weekend of May 21-22, after all three masses. Come be filled with good food, great community, and the glorious Holy Spirit!

WOWS Dinner June 9th 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 Eleni's Greek Restaurant @ 7712 SE 13th in Sellwood. We will have the bus, holding the first 14 callers, at the parish ready to leave at 4:30PM. The bus ride is \$2. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x106 by Tu. June 7.

Summer Memorial Mass - We invite everyone who has suffered the loss of a family member or friend to join us in our Spring Memorial Mass especially dedicated to his or her memory. This Mass will be on Thursday June 9th 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.

Capital Campaign

We would like to announce the start of an exciting campaign for the Catholic Church of western Oregon and St Joseph the Worker. The *Sharing Our Gifts, Shaping Our Future* Capital Campaign is being launched. Gifts received will ensure the ability of our parish to meet important needs, as well as, the needs of the Church in western Oregon.

What is this Capital Campaign about? It is an all-parish, all-parishioner, five-year pledge effort to raise funds for St Joseph the Worker and the future of our Catholic faith. The funds are to solidify the financial future of:

- Seminary education
- Priest retirement
- Faith Formation and Catholic education

our needs at St Joseph the Worker

Why conduct this campaign now? There has been a need to conduct a campaign to address financial areas for over a decade. The time is now to attend to these critical items. Every parish will conduct the campaign; several have already successfully completed this task. We at St Joseph the Worker are part of the final wave of participants.

What does this mean for St Joseph the Worker? Well, we will be asking every household to respond in this campaign. Over the next 12-14 weeks we will explain the campaign, the needs to be addressed, the way in which you can give—all the information you will need to make an educated decision. So what this means is we're looking toward the future for St Joseph the Worker. *Will you help us shape our future?*



Our next Back to Prayer Night will be June 30th.

We will begin at 6pm in the Social Room with a simple pot luck and will continue at 7pm in the

church. Our special guest will be the **Holy Spirit!** Come sing, pray, praise and get to know Him better! This will be our last BTPN until **September 30th!** Please come and worship Him!