

Live Gracefully

He will be gracious to you when you cry out." Isaiah 30:20

Grace is the life of God. It is powerful, beautiful and loving but there is an order to it that is demanding. Grace does not conform to us, we conform to grace.

The Trinitarian River of Life is the same yesterday, today and forever. It does not change according to our feelings. Chew on this good news from C.S. Lewis, "Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."

So, we know that God's love is there for us always- YOU ARE LOVED!!!- but we know it makes great demands on us. God's grace has never given us license to do whatever we want to do. For example, smoking is bad for you- the medical profession tells us that. Grace is not going to tell you to smoke. It is going to say it is bad for your health and tell you not to smoke.

Let us pray: "Lord we know that you will always be gracious to us. Each time we reach out to you in our need you will reach out to us with your grace. You are the Trinitarian River of Life who loves us forever. But your unchanging love for us is demanding. You will not compromise your love and let us settle for anything less. My desire, Lord, is to live in your grace. May I hear your demands and conform to your grace as you fulfill my desire. May it be done unto me according to your grace. Amen."

Wait in trust (WIT),

+Fr. John

Wonder Wednesdays- Slow Down. Observe. Enjoy. Calendar holiness. Give the Lord time and primacy of attention on Wonder Wednesdays during Lent. Each Wednesday in Lent we will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30 to 8PM in the church. Come and be Blessed by the Best who is forever blessing. Be forever changed by his wonder. Please enter the church in silence (Remember, silence is the language of the saints). Then, on all subsequent Wednesdays during Lent, up to and including April 20th, we will have Adoration from 6:30 to 8PM. Come with your Scriptures, journals and holy readings. You don't have to be there from 6:30 to 8PM but know Jesus and I will be. If you can only make it for something like 20 minutes, great. Better one minute with the Lord then thousands elsewhere. Consider yourself invited. What an invitation! +Fr. John



Mar 12th
"Rise Up" Rally @ St Pius
1:00PM-11:00:PM Saturday
Mar 20th
Life Teen Mass
Mar 27th
Spring Break-No Class



Mar 14th
"Rules, Rules, Rules!"
Mar 20th
Life Teen Mass
Mar 22nd
Spring Break-No Class

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Mar 14, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, Mar 15, 2011

+Barbara Dragicivic
(Pitts Family)

Wednesday, Mar 16, 2011

+Barbara Dragicivic
(Pitts Family)

Thursday, Mar 17, 2011

Memorial Mass

Friday, Mar 18, 2011

+Barbara Dragicivic
(Pitts Family)

Saturday, Mar 19, 2011

+ Margaret Cony
(Susan Cony)

Sunday, Mar 20, 2011

8:30AM: +Perry Paluck

(Julian Paluck)

10:30AM: People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Mar 14, 2011

6:30PM-Edge Night

7:00PM-Just Faith S.R.

Tuesday, Mar 15, 2011

9:00AM-Prayer Chain Mtg S.R.

7:00PM-Choir Practice

Wednesday, Mar 16, 2011

6:30PM-8:00PM-Adoration

7:00PM-Womens Support Grp

Friday, Mar 18, 2011

8:30AM-4:00PM-Day of Reflection

6:30PM-Stations of the Cross

Sunday, Mar 20, 2011

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:30AM-Life Teen Mass



Don't forget the Spaghetti dinner this Sunday after mass till 5:30PM. Come and enjoy some spaghetti while spending time and community with fellow parishioners. Tickets will be available at the door.

Adults \$8:00
Seniors over 65 \$7:00
Children 3-12 \$5:00



Baptism Class for Infants will be held on Saturday, April 30th at 2:00PM in the Social Room. Pre-registration is required for both the class and the Baptism. Please call Beth at the Parish Center to register. Baptisms will be held on Sunday, May 1st at the 8:30AM Mass.



Coffee and Donuts: We need help serving coffee and donuts. To volunteer there

will be sign-up sheets in the Social Room after every Mass. We especially need people to sign up after the 8:30AM Mass. It's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners. For additional information contact Darcy at 503 255-6181.

Lenten Day of Recollection

This is day of spiritual nourishment especially for our ministers to the sick. Our topic is "Sharing Our Brokenness: The Gift of Compassion." Our speaker is Fr. John McGrann, a retired priest who often helps with daily Mass here and is chaplain at Laurelhurst Village. It will be on Fri. Mar. 18th from 9:30AM to 2:30PM here at St. Joseph's. Flyers are in the back of church. Pre-registration is needed in order to know how many lunches to prepare. There is no cost to ministers to the sick in our parish; \$15 to others who wish to attend. Please pre-register by calling Becky or dropping the registration in the collection basket.

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Time to Think Camping?

Camping? You got to be kidding right? It's still winter. But it's never too early to start planning for St. Joe's Annual Camp Out, Aug 12th thru Aug 14th! We already have reservations that have come in so to get a good spot, you can reserve online or call Patti at 503-894-8291 or Dianne at 503-998-5683. There is also an online sign up if you only come for the Saturday get together.



The Prayer Chain will meet Tuesday Mar.15 from 9:00AM-10ish in the Social room of the Church.

Anyone from the parish is invited to attend and join us as we pray for those who are ill and have requested prayer support. We will continue our new book Let in the Light - facing hard stuff with hope, Chap.13. If you are new to the parish and would like to join us, please come we share books well. There will be refreshments following the meeting.



Knights of Columbus Event

Seminary Dinner
Sunday, April 2, 2011

Proceeds for the Mt Angle Seminarians
Please buy a ticket and join us
Silent Auction Items Needed
Call Jim Anderson if you have items
To donate 503 618-9835