

**FROM FR. JOHN**

## **We Need Community!**

"Jesus said to the woman, 'Go, and from now on do not sin any more'" John 8:11

Sin can be seen as not being faithful to the way God is calling us to live in His love. Today we have the story of the woman caught in adultery. In the Old Testament, adultery was a crime punishable by death. Jesus is bringing a new way, a new law. While he surely is not condoning the serious sin of adultery, He is not condoning that a woman would be put to death for breaking her marriage vows. Jesus would not let the people condemn her and He told her face to face that He would not condemn her. He did, however, ask her to live in fidelity to God. In His final words with her, Jesus tells the woman to go and sin no more.

Imagine being in the adulterous woman's shoes. What would it be like if the final marching orders that Jesus gave you were to not ever sin again? Gulp! Surely, the woman knew her sin and she knew she was weak. It seems like an impossibly tall order to never sin again knowing the human heart. But Jesus knows the human heart better than we do. He gives us the ideal in the order he gives to the woman. He doesn't want us to be unfaithful, because He knows that our infidelity to His love will only cause us sadness and death. Being faithful, in contrast, will lead to a life of flourishing in His grace.

Jesus doesn't ask us to strive for the ideal without giving us the means to get there. His goal for us is to be saints with no sin. His grace will get us there if we fully cooperate with it. Prayer is obviously essential. But Jesus also gives us each other and I wonder how well we use this gift. He calls us to community- that is the context in which we are to be saved. Sadly, the context that seems to be the norm in the USA is the exact opposite of community- individualism. I see so many people trying to be faithful to God's love who are ruled by their sin and it's resulting death and sadness. We are a foolish people if we think we can live up to the ideal without the support of and accountability to others.

We are called to live in fidelity to our God, spouse, family, friends, and all of creation. Have you been faithful? What does it mean to live in the fidelity of God's love towards all people and the earth? Gaining an understanding of the ideal fidelity God is calling us to; we must seek regular support and accountability from others to help lift us to the ideal. Is that in place for you? If it is not, you can pretty much bank on falling flat on your face. We are not saved in a vacuum but in the context of Christian community.

Fr. John



**Fr. John's Lenten Dailies-** If you would like to receive a daily reflection from Fr. John each day during Lent, let him know ASAP at [ur1vdfj@aol.com](mailto:ur1vdfj@aol.com) .

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 29, 2010

Communion Service

### Tuesday, March 30, 2010

+Richard Orth

(Colleen Lackey)

### Wednesday, March 31, 2010

+Richard Orth

(Colleen Lackey)

### Thursday, April 1, 2010

+ Victor Errica

(Mom and Dad)

### Friday, April 2, 2010

No Mass

### Easter Vigil, April 3, 2010

8:00 PM RCIA-People brought into the church

### Easter, April 4, 2010

8:00AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Greg Best

(Mom)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010

NO Faith Formation

NO Bible Study

### Monday, March 29, 2010

10:00 AM-Bible Study-SR

### Tuesday, March 30, 2010

7:00 PM-Bible Study Rm 6

7:00 PM-Choir Practice

### Wednesday, March 31, 2010

10:00 AM-Bible Study-SR

7:00 PM-RCIA—SR

### Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010

No AM Mass

7:00 PM-Holy Thursday Mass

### Friday, April 2, 2010

No AM Mass

7:00 PM- Good Friday Service

### Saturday, April 3, 2010

2:00PM-Easter Egg Hunt

No Confessions

No 5:00PM Mass

8:00PM- Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

8:00AM- Mass

10:00AM-Mass

### Next Baptismal Class

April 10, 2:00PM

**NO Coffee and Donuts Easter Sunday**

**WOWS Lunch:** April 7th This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy a 1:00 lunch at Claim Jumper at Clackamas Town Center. We will have the bus, holding the first 14 callers, at the parish ready to leave at 12:30. The bus ride is \$2. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x105 by Tues. the 6th.

### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

St Joseph the Worker Parish will have a Divine Mercy Prayer service from 2:00-3:00PM Divine Mercy Sunday afternoon. The prayer service will consist of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers related to this devotion, information and history of St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Devotion and Benediction. Confession will be available during the service. To help ensure that the faithful, of more Parishes, would observe this day with intense devotion, Pope John Paul II, in 2002, established that a Plenary Indulgence may be obtained on Divine Mercy Sunday. Questions, call Ed @ (503) 761-3852.

### Tickets Now Available

For the St Therese Women's Association Spring Fling 2010, Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show Tickets are again \$8 a person. This will be held Thursday, April 22 at 12 noon in our Parish Social Center. For information call Sharon @ (503) 253-0053 between 9:00 AM and 5:00PM, Mon-Fri. **SEE YOU THERE!**

### Benefit Dinner and Auction for Mt Angel Seminary-April 17:

Every year is the "Year of the Priest" for the Knights of Columbus as we continue our third annual Mt Angel Benefit Dinner and Auction. Last year we were able to raise over \$10,000 to benefit our future priests. The Dinner is delicious. The Auction is awesome and the Fun is fabulous. This event takes place in our own social room on April 17. Purchase your tickets (\$40) after all the Masses or email lynnlawer@pcez.com or call (503) 201-5656.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

**Budget amount:** \$ 7,032.00

**Amount collected:** \$ 7,095.30

Over/under: + \$ 63.30

**No Can/Bottle Recycling Easter weekend. It has been moved to April 10-11.**

**Homeless Outreach :** Homeless outreach during the season of lent-we will be collecting socks, new or slightly used for men and women. A marked box will be in the Narthex.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Jr High Youth Group invites all children preschool through 4th grade to an Easter Egg Hunt

When: Sat April 3

Time: 2 pm

Please bring an Easter Basket

### To Save a Life

**How far would you go?**

**How much would you risk?**

**How hard would you fight to save a life??**

**It's TIME to find out!**

High School students are invited to the "To Save A Life Series"

**WHEN:** April 11, 18 & 25

May 2 & 16

**TIME:** 7:00-8:30 PM

**Take a chance-Make a difference**

### Youth Group Schedule

**Jr High**

Sun: Mar 28 11:30 PC

Sat: Apr 3 1:30-3 pm **Easter Egg**

**Hunt**

Sun Apr 11, 9 AM mtg Rm 5

Sun Apr 18, 9 AM mtg, Rm 5

Sun Apr 25, 9 AM mtg, Rm 5

**High School**

Sun. Apr 11, 7 PM, Rm 5

Sun Apr 18, 7 PM, Rm 5

Sun Apr 25, 7 PM, Rm 5

### Phone number correction in Church Directory:

Cecelia Halseth (503) 254-0182