

FROM FR. JOHN

I just wanted to share a message I got on face book from Francis in Indonesia. See how the Holy Spirit brought him and his family into the Catholic Church. God is at work bringing all His children home to his church. Let us give all that we are to join in His work! Blessed by the BEST! +Fr. John

"My name is Francis from Indonesia, where I live now. My days are full of prayers, which I always do. My favorite thing to do is going to the confession and going to the mass. I strictly teach my wife, Emmanuella and my son, Timothy, how important it is for us Catholics to follow the Catholic rules. I was born Protestant, a Pentecostal to be precise. I'm a Catholic convert myself. In 2006 I was accepted into the Church without having to be re-baptized and picked the name Franciscus for what I believed in. Before joining into the Church, I've always had some doubts about my position as a Christian: what I was to do as a Christian? What are the teachings of Jesus? Are they original? because they are sooo... many doctrines spread around, especially among those the Protestants, Restorationists and so on. I had no knowing whatsoever about the Catholicism in its standing as FIDEI DEPOSITUM, the original teaching of Jesus Christ, and the only Church, which Jesus Himself gave the Key to one of His disciples, St. Peter. On the day of my acceptance into the Church, in St. Ignatius' Church, I burst in tears down inside saying, "My Lord Jesus, I am HOME at last." My days as a Catholic began with prayers at home, going to the confession at least once a month, joining Legion of Mary, praying the Rosary during October in our Catholic community, and most importantly teaching my wife and kid some Catholic values, that every catholic family should have. My son, Timothy, loves dipping his whole hand into the holy water ponds placed inside our home. My son Timothy is only 20 month old now, and he is learning how to bless himself although is not perfect yet. My wife Emmanuella was a Pentacostal too just like me before I had to convert her into Catholicism. Now we are a Catholic family from this generation to the next. Our days in the family are always full of love. Love of God and His Kingdom (which I think is AMAZING!! Hard to describe...), love being Catholics (which we are enjoying every bit of it), and not to forget our neighbors especially the suffering ones. My wife is a true giver to the poor. My wife and my son Timothy are true blessing in our home. I am also into the Catechism just so you know. Thank you for adding me as your friend, father. And thank you for your blessing."



Baptism - I am honored that my niece Annie and her husband Matt asked me to baptize their newborn son Will. They live in the Bay Area and I am blessed by the BEST to be there baptizing Will on the weekend of May 23 and 24. Please pray that Will and all our children will grow up to be faithful to the Gospel. +Fr. John

RED - Please wear **RED** Pentecost Weekend, May 30-31, 2009!



Pictorial Directory: Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory through Olan Mills. The last directory that we did was in 2004. Reserve your appointment time today at one of the sign-up locations. Each family/household that comes for photography and portrait viewing at the church will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 Custom Color Portrait. You will be able to view and select your portraits electronically from a variety of poses. Additional Olan Mills portraits will be available for purchase. Your entire appointment will normally take less than one hour. Photography dates are: Friday, June 12th, Saturday, June 13th and Friday, June 26th, Saturday, June 27th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 18, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

+Gressi Udovini

(Ketty Gattman)

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

+Bill Serdar

(Peggy Serdar)

Thursday, May 21, 2009

+Nick Bachma

(Patty Rubich)

Friday, May 22, 2009

Jim & Darlene Wilhelm,

Happy 50th Anniversary

(Frances Neibauer)

Saturday, May 23, 2009

5:00 PM-+James Murphy

(Tom & Betty Hunter)

Sunday, May 24, 2009

8:30 AM-+ Gloria Lux

(Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 17, 2009

12:00 NN-E.M.& Lector Training
in Church

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

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

7:00 PM-Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

6:00 PM-Parish Council-Pr.Cntr.

Thursday, May 21, 2009

7:00 PM-Prayer Grp.-S.R.

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

Saturday, May 23, 2009

8:00 AM-Red Cross Blood Drive
in S.R.



Dish Pickup: Thank you so much for your wonderful salads and desserts you donate to our funerals.

We have a number of dishes that have not been picked up, we will have them out in the Social Room on the weekend of May 16th and 17th to be picked up.

What is not picked up will be going to Goodwill.

Care Ministry

Ride wanted for a woman living at 118th and Division who would like to come to 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday. Walking is not a problem, she just can't do long distances. If you would be able to do this, please call Becky at 503-761-8710.

Hospice Workshop: There will be a workshop titled "Taking Care of Me" presented by Mt. Hood Hospice on Saturday, May 30th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NN here at St. Joseph in the Social Room. The workshop will cover: what is hospice care and what do they do? How Ministers to the sick can work with them, what can I bring to the visited person and bereavement for self. Anyone who thinks they would benefit from it is welcome. There is no cost but we ask that you register. Flyers are in the narthex and you can put the registration in the collection basket. I would like to encourage all the Eucharistic ministers to the sick to attend. If you have questions call Becky at 503-761-8710.

Pastoral Council Nominations and Discernment

Nominations for three Pastoral Council positions will be requested the weekends of May 16th-17th. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in a prayerful discernment process on May 30th at 12:00 Noon. Please pray and consider yourself or someone else for this worthwhile service to our community. Questions? Call Lori Burmester (503) 380-7836

Training for New Ministers

If you are interested in serving as Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please come to the next training class, which will be held on Sunday, May 17th after the 10:30 AM Mass (About Noon). The class will be held in the church. Questions, please phone Deacon Mike at 503-761-8710 x106.

Weekly Contributions

Amount Needed: \$ 7,032.00

Amount Collected: 7,335.05

Over/Under: + 303.05

Are you, or have you ever been, a smoker? Are you a male over 55? St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church is pleased to host a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for risk of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology to detect an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. Warning signs of AAA often go unidentified and if ruptured, abdominal aortic aneurysms are 80-95% fatal. The screening will be held on June 22, 2009. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call **1-888-653-6441**, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com, for more information or to pre-register.

Back To Prayer Night: All of us would like to thank all of those who came and participated in April's Back To Prayer Nite and making it a success! We really had a lovely evening. We will be taking an extra month off this year beginning this month. There will be none in May, June, July or August but we will return in September, with Sharon Standley as our guest speaker. See you in September!

Homeless Outreach: On Friday, May 29th we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House. We will be feeding around 200 people and will need volunteers to help us prepare dinner and serve the guests. We have a great time and welcome you to come and join us. We start preparing the food at 4:00 PM and serve the dinner at 6:00 PM. Please call Jan at 503-254-2212 for more information. The soup kitchen is located at SE 35th and Yamhill (off 39th between Belmont and Hawthorne).