

FROM FR. JOHN

Created for Relationship

“I believe I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living” Psalm 27

I remember the popular theology of the “prosperity gospel” that was taught where my brother went to medical school. All you had to do was plant a “seed”, i.e. money, and God would return the favor by blessing you with material wealth and the good way of life that comes from it. If you would just trust God with your money, He would always return it more generously. So, this theology could be seen as investing money with God our banker so that we could get a generous return from God our banker who wants us to have a bountiful material life. But God is not a banker. He wants much more and different for us in life than material prosperity.

Some say that success is happiness and it would be hard for me to disagree with this statement. We can have all the toys we want, the power of money to buy or travel, have prestigious jobs and friends, and still not be happy. We have all heard stories of lonely and unhappy rich people. These stories just point to the fact that money, in itself, cannot bring happiness.

God’s plan for us is to live a happy life. We either live according to that plan and are happy or reject that plan and our happiness dwindles. His plan for our happiness comes to fruition when we live in loving, giving and forgiving relationships with Him and others. If we are seeking to live in love with God and all other people, then we will know the happiness that God has called us to. We will experience the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. The bounty of the Lord is characterized by relationships filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

It is in good relationships, not in material wealth, that we will have the bountiful happiness that God intends for us. We are created for relationship- that is what God is- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God wants us, His children, to be forever caught up in His love. His love is extravagant, forever overflowing, and the only thing that can satisfy our most desperate longing in life. This love can happen only in the context of relationships.

Are you happy? Are you in the land of the living and seeing the bounty of the Lord with you own eyes? If you feel ill with sadness and lack in life, the remedy is to form more loving relationships with God and others in your life. The happiness and bounty of the Lord does not happen by accident for us in life. We either choose it or deny it. God has given us the prescription for bounty and happiness in life in the face of sadness and emptiness. The remedy is ours to run with.....

Soon in heaven,
Fr. John



Vacation- Fr. Bob (thanks to his parishioner) and I (thanks to my airline miles) are flying to Barcelona, Spain for 2 weeks right after Mother's Day so I will not be answering emails or phone calls during that time. We will send the sun/Son your way! Tell the whole world that Jesus lives! +Fr. John

Fatima, Spain and Lourdes Pilgrimage- Fr. John Amsberry is leading a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes from Sept. 26th - October 5th, 2010. For more information, call Beloved Beth at the office, 503-761-8710.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 17, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

+Jane Tursi

(Phil & Sharon Cebula)

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

John Best

(Mom)

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Paz Kabigting

(Maria Santos)

Friday, May 21, 2010

+ Jane & Joseph Tursi

(Tursi Family)

Saturday, May 22, 2010

+Savanah Leonard

(Becky Fletcher)

Sunday, May 23, 2010

8:30AM Eugene Best

(Carole Anne Best)

10:30AM People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 16, 2010

9:00AM-Faith Formation

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

9:00AM-Prayer Chain

7:00PM-Choir Practice

Thursday, May 20, 2010

7:00PMBible Study Rm4

Friday, May 21, 2010

6:00PM-Scrapbooking S.R.

Saturday, May 22, 2010

8:00AM-3:00PM Red Cross Blood

Dr S.R.

Can/Bottle Drive-Youth Trips

Inquiring About Baptisms: The next class is scheduled for June 12th. If you are interested please contact the church office at (503) 761-8710

Youth Group: All Jr High & High School come celebrate a great year at "Glowing Greens" blacklight miniature golf course.

Sun, May 23rd from 1:30-4:30PM.

Cost is \$5.00

Permission slips on Youth Bulletin board

Our Prayer Walk for this year will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. We will join other churches in our zip code to pray for the crime-ridden areas. We will begin with praise at the Rockwood Plaza del Sol on 188th and Stark at 2:00PM. Isn't this a beautiful symbol of unity for Pentecost! Our walk this year is from Dairy Queen on 174th and Division to the Church. It is a 1-mile walk so don't forget water. You can always get a goodie at Dairy Queen to speed you on your way. The 12-passenger bus will take people to Rockwood and then to Dairy Queen. For those who wish to drive and leave their car at Dairy Queen, the bus will take you back to your car. For those who would like to walk with neighbors or closer to home please feel free to do so.

Saint Anthony Spring Luncheon:

May 21, 2010, Friday 11:30 AM, Salad Lunch, Bingo and Door Prizes \$6.00 Located: 3720 SE 79th Ave, Portland, OR. Contact Kathy Warner if you have questions (503) 774-7411

UPCOMING DISCERNMENT

The Discernment Process will take place on Sunday, May 23, 2010, beginning at 12:00PM in the Sanctuary. At this time, ALL the parish is invited to assist with choosing nominees for three positions on Pastoral Council. This is a spiritual process done with thought and prayer of all who attend. Please attend this meaningful event.

The Prayer Chain will meet Tuesday May 18th from 9:00-10ish 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. Don't forget to bring your appreciation book also. 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.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 9,184.46

Over/under: + \$ 2,152.46

Catholic Cursillo Weekend: Like a retreat, the Cursillo is a 3 day (Thurs. night-Sun Afternoon) opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and joyful community with approximately 30 fellow Catholics.

Men's Weekend Jun 10-13, 2010

Women's Weekend July 8-11, 2010

Both weekends will be held at Grif-fin Center, Milwaukie, OR. Applications need to be received one month before the weekend. For more info and to download an application go online to: www.natl-cursillo.org/portland and go to link UPCOMING WEEKENDS or call Juanita Wald (541) 563-2315, or Mike Davis (503) 322-3581

Gapline: We currently have over 300 members signed up. If you would like to be added in order to receive or request prayers please send an email to SJTW-gapline@hotmail.com

Camp Out is Coming: If you haven't reserved a spot for the camp out that is August 18th-22nd there is still time to get a pretty good campsite. We're at our favorite campground Metzler Park. If you can't come camping that's ok, come join us Saturday, Aug 21st for a pot luck gathering, softball, croquet, arts and crafts for the kids. Come and enjoy the beautiful scenery and the company of good friends! You can reserve a site online or call Patti @ (503) 915-4096 or Dianne @ (503) 998-5683. ALL reservations must be in by July 1st & payments should be sent in by July 18th.