

Behold

“Behold” Jeremiah 23:5



Slow down. Observe. Enjoy (live in-JOY).

We live in the rat race. Even if you "buy in" and "win" the rat race you are still a rat.

It was the day before Thanksgiving this fall past. The bright hued leaves were falling from the sky like snowflakes. I decided to catch one. I was in the middle of a slow walk, praying a slow rosary. It was such a gift to slow down from the rat-race world I spin in. I observed the bright red leaf- its color and texture and veins and form. For a few minutes I was just able to enjoy it. The deepest place the observing led me was to think that this beautiful leaf came from a Beautiful Someone.

I was beholding.



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If you are a practicing Catholic you are commanded to “Behold” at least once a week. Where would that be? In the mass, right before you receive communion. “Behold, this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How happy are we who are called to this supper.”

But that command to “Behold” can become so rote and glossed over to us. I mean, I have commanded thousands and thousands of people in thousands and thousands of masses to “Behold.” It could be easy to get to a point where you are just going through the motions. Not helpful- right?

In the mass, Slow down. Observe. Enjoy (live in-JOY).

Behold, it is Jesus’ body broken for you and his blood spilled for you. Pouring out everything for you.

Behold- it is a command.

Let us pray: “Jesus, in each mass I am commanded to behold you. May I behold you as you behold me. Amen.”

Wait in trust (WIT),
+Fr. John

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, May 30, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

+Eugene Best

Johanna Ternes

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

+Eugene Best

(St Vincent De Paul)

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Jamie Fletcher

(Becky Fletcher)

Friday, June 3, 2011

+Eugene Best

(Becky Fletcher)

Saturday, June 4, 2011

+Margaret Cony

(Susan Cony)

Sunday, June 5, 2011

8:30AM: People of the Parish

10:30AM: Military Members

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day Parish Ctr Closed



Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Edge Year End Celebration

Friday, June 3, 2011

8:30AM-Fatima Prayer Cell

Saturday, June 4, 2011

Pie Social/Car Wash during/after Mass

Sunday, June 5, 2011

Pie Social/Car Wash during/after all Masses

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 10:30 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!

Mary Queen of Heaven Mission:

Through our Social Justice efforts we have invited Joaquin Duenas to speak about his missionary trip to Cebu, Philippines. Please come and hear Joaquin on Monday, June 6, at 7PM in the social room. Become aware of the needs of our sisters and brothers in Christ and the situation of global needs. Deacon Mike

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 5:00 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 4:30. The bus ride is \$2. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x106 by Tu. June 7.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 5,466.52

Over/under: - \$ 1,565.48

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?*

PIE SOCIAL & CAR WASH

June 4-5

Support Youth Summer Trips

The youth serving at Dolores Mission Church and those attending Steubenville San Diego will be hosting a Pie Social after each Mass. Cars will be washed during and after each Mass.

