

FROM FR. JOHN

HDTV and HDCD (High Definition Christian Disciples)

“He made of me a sharp-edged sword.” Isaiah 49:2

The word of God is a sharp-edged sword piercing lies, confusion, untruths, half-truths and that, which is not of God. It makes things clear in terms of what is from God and what is not, what is life giving and what takes life away. Satan battles against the word of God because he wants us to be confused and unclear about the truth. How much confusion do you see in our world today? How unclear are people with their identity and purpose?

Identity. How many people do you know who are seeking their identity outside of God? Materialism, money, power, sex, and addictions of all sorts are just some of the ways we try to find our identity. Without God, what identity do we have, what will last? How clearly do we know that our identity is in God? We are his sons and daughters and he has loved us first, freely and forever. He shows us what our identity is all about as he pours out his love in our hearts more deeply and clearly shows us the purpose of our lives.

Purpose. One area where there is so much confusion about the purpose of our lives is how we are to relate to each other sexually. How many people know that having sex is saying your wedding vows with your body? When you have sex with someone you are committing to him or her all that you are for the whole of life and when there is no actual commitment there a lot of confusion is born. The two main purposes of sex are babies and bonding. Each act of sex should be open to a baby and the growth in love of the couple. If that is not the case, more confusion visits the couple about their purpose to grow together and be always open to a third, a new child.

We have HDTV- High Definition Television. Have you ever seen how clear the picture is on an HDTV? I do not know exactly how it works but it does!

We need **HDCD**- High Definition Christian Disciples! We need Christians who know who they are and what their purpose is. In a confused and unclear world, we need Christians who are loving and learning and living the word of God. They cut through all the lies and are a constant reference to the truth.

How does one become an **HDCD**? Pray about it. Have others pray about it. Pray about it together as a family/small group. Talk about how you can better live as an **HDCD** and implement strategies to live clearly, distinctly for Christ. Once you have lived it, come back and talk about how you have clearly, distinctly shown others Jesus.

In growing to become more of an **HDCD**, reflect on this statement; “Live your life in such a way that it can only be explained by Jesus.”

Make Christ as clear as possible with your life. You exist to do this!

You are loved by God, 24/7 like 7-11!

+Fr. John

TO LIFE! - Fr. John Amsberry will be giving a Women's Morning of Reflection from 8:00 AM to noon on Saturday, May 9th. The focus will be on growing in God's gift of LIFE. We will start with breakfast, Fr. John will talk and talk and talk (just kidding), we will reflect and share the fruits of our reflection, and we will close with The Holy Mass. Women 18 and older are invited. Invite friends. Bring others. Evangelize! Call Carolyn at 503-761-8710 to sign up now, as we need to know how many are coming for breakfast.

Vacation - In May I will be on vacation the weekend of May 16th and 17th. If you can guess correctly where I am going to be you win a FREE confession! +Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 4, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Pamela Pel

(Edward Kane)

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

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(Edward Kane)

Thursday, May 7, 2009

+Jean Bruck

(Jim Bruck)

Friday, May 8, 2009

+Kyle Linhart, Jr.

(Rosemary Linhart)

Saturday, May 9, 2009

5:00 PM--Anton Ashenbrener

(The Ashenbreners)

Sunday, May 10, 2009

8:30 AM--Mr. & Mrs. Kiem

Nguyen (Their Family)

10:30 AM--People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 3, 2009

9:00 AM--Faith Formation

(Last Class)

10:30 AM--Baptisms

7:00 PM--H.S. Yth Grp. mtg.-S.R.

Can/Bottle Recycling

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

7:00 PM--Family Rosary Night

7:30 PM--LOOP mtg.-S.R.

7:30 PM--Choir Practice

Thursday, May 6, 2009

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

7:00 PM--Bible Study--Rm. 4

Friday, May 8, 2009

4:00 PM--Homeless Outreach

Saturday, May 9, 2009

8:00 AM--To Life Workshop with

Fr. John

Are you registered in the Parish?

To register, call and request a registration form or stop by the Parish Center and pick one up. If you are not sure that you are registered, please contact Carolyn and she will check our database to see if your name is included.

Care Ministry

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.

Thank You !!!!

St. Joseph the Worker Community for being so incredibly supportive of the Youth Car Was and Bake Sale . We are blessed by your generosity!!

Congratulations to Jason Deleon and Eveliina Anderson who will crown our Blessed Mother during our May Day celebration to-day at the 10:30 AM Mass. The statue of Mary will remain in the narthex for the month of May. Flowers from your gardens would be greatly appreciated during this time.

Thank you, Sharon Drew

Pastoral Council Nominations and Discernment

Nominations for three Pastoral Council positions will be requested the weekends of May 8th -9th and 15th-16th. 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

2009 Annual Family Camp Out

Reservations are now being taken for our 2009 camp out that will be at **Metzler Park August 14th thru August 16th. You can start camping as soon as August 12th! So please feel free to make your reservations for any dates from August 12th thru August 16th.** For your convenience you may place your reservations via the website:

www.stjosephtheworkerpx.org/map.html or by phone or email.

Questions? Contact:

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Homeless Outreach: On Friday, May 8th 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 & Yamhill (off 39th between Hawthorne and Belmont).

Help Needed for Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, May 17th. If you can help, please sign up during the Coffee and Donut hour. Without your help, we may need to discontinue the Coffee and Donut hour. The last Sunday for Coffee and Donuts will be May 31st. We will see you the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Thought for the day. . . .Today pass out joy, smiles, love, encouragement. See your return doubled.