

From Fr. John:

Now this is the Living Bible:

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college.

He is brilliant.. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything.

Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet.

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill.

Now the deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do.

How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy.

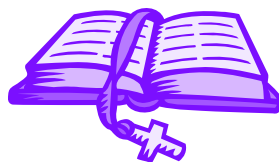
The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do.

And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the minister gains control, he says,

'What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget.'

'Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read!'



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Tom Ceciliani

(Frances Wenner)

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

+Timothy Joseph Tripp

(Mary Helen Tripp)

Thursday, November 26, 2009

9:00 AM-+Eileen Francis

(The Alexanders)

Friday, November 27, 2009

+Joan Marie Bowen

(Joe Bowen)

Saturday, November 28, 2009

5:00 PM-+Larry Evans

Sunday, November 29, 2009

8:30 AM- +Yvette McConnell

(Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 22, 2009

9:00 AM-Faith Formation

9:00 AM-Bible Study

9:00 AM-JR High mtg-Rm. 5

11:30 AM-SR High mtg

Monday, November 23, 2009

5:30 PM-Monday Night Football

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

7:00 PM-Choir practice

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

NO RCIA

Thursday, November 26, 2009

Happy Thanksgiving

9:00 AM-Thanksgiving Day Mass

Saturday, November 28, 2009

8:00 AM-Red Cross Blood Drive

Family Rosary Night will start at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 1st. We will again pray for priests and the increase in vocations.

Cub Scout Needs Help

If you are a Boy Scout and you can help a 3rd Grade Cub Scout work on his Merit Badge for the Catholic Church, please contact Faith Formation Coordinator, Mary Robinson at 503-761-8710.

Coffee and Donuts are served in the Social Room after the Sunday morning Masses.

CARE MINISTRY

Advent Day of Recollection

This is a day of spiritual nourishment especially for our ministers to the sick. Our speaker is Fr. Francis Chun, a retired pastor, teacher and gifted speaker. It will be on Friday, December 4th from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Therese Parish, 1260 NE 132nd Ave., Portland, 97230. Flyers are in the back of church. Pre-registration is needed in order to know how many lunches to prepare. There is no cost to Ministers to the Sick in our parish; \$15 to others who wish to attend. Please pre-register by calling Becky or dropping the registration in the collection basket.

Christmas 'Care Packages' for Homebound Parishioners

We are collecting things for the next 3 weeks (December 13th) for homebound parishioners. Help us prepare 'We Care Packages' for our homebound parishioners by contributing socks for 30 mentally ill people in group homes, nuts, candy and/or boxed candy for some of the homebound, grocery gift cards, hand lotion, puzzles and word puzzles, personal care items like lip gloss, calendars, McDonald's coupons, gift cards to Starbucks, Dairy Queen, Fred Meyer, movie tickets and sugar free candy for 15 diabetic people, little things you would enjoy if you were homebound.

Advent and Ember Day

Wednesday, December 2nd is another Archdiocese Ember Day for healing of those abused by the church. There will be prayer and Adoration all day starting after the 8 am Mass and ending with Benediction and Reposition at 7:00 PM. Please sign up for your hour so that the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone during the day. Sign up sheets will be on the counter in the Narthex.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Amount Needed: \$ 7,032.00

Amount Collected: 8,092.20

Over/Under: + 1,060.20

Youth Group News

JR HIGH

Nov 22 9:00 AM Meeting Rm 5

SR HIGH

Nov 22 **Real Life Exhibit**

11:30 AM- 3:30 PM

Questions: Call Janet

503-761-8710

Hats & Scarves: The annual hat/scarf, blanket and gloves drive has begun. Please bring any of these items to the parish center or social room. Scarves are made from fleece fabric and require no sewing, and hats require minimum sewing. Fleece blankets can be purchased at local stores. Gloves are always appreciated. All items need to be at the Church by December 13th. If you need a pattern for the hats and scarves you can go to the website at hevanet.com/projectkeepwarm or pick one up in the narthex. If you would like to make a cash donation, please put it in an envelope labeled "**Project Keep Warm**" and drop it off at Church. I will use any money donated to buy blankets and fabric. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Day Food Drive

In October we delivered 152 boxes and helped over 20 families with utilities and rent assistance. We have been blessed again this year with your generous contributions of money and food. We will be having our annual food collection November 26th and November 28th and 29th Masses. We are in need of packaged pastas, cereal, canned foods especially canned corn. The entire monetary collection on Thanksgiving Day will be for our parish St. Vincent de Paul. Last year we received over \$5,000.00. Thanks to your generosity we helped 1,885 families and 7,091 individuals.