

From Fr. John:

Through You?

“Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own place” Luke 4:24

Some of Jesus' own people were questioning ministry in their hearts. Just two verses before Jesus says that no prophet is accepted in his own place, someone asks the question, “Is this not Joseph's son?” In other words, they were wondering how special he could be because he was just a carpenter's son. They were entranced by his words and life but at the same time they knew He was just Joseph and Mary's kid.

To imagine the Son of God as a no-name carpenter from no-name Nazareth would be a foreign thought to the people's expectations of a powerful and conquering Messiah. Jesus was just the kid from down the block, from a small town in the backcountry. Elsewhere in the gospels a question that is asked about Jesus is, “How can anything good come out of Nazareth?” How could something good, let alone the savior of the world, come out of an insignificant, throw-away place like Nazareth? Needless to say, the people struggled to believe that God could do his saving work through just a regular guy in ways that were thoroughly unexpected.

Our query today lends itself to reflecting on how God wants to use us in incredible ways. First, we have to believe that Jesus wants to work through us, sins and all, to reach out in love to the world. Just as Jesus carried the love of God that would change the world for all eternity, so do we carry that same love. Even if we think we are just a regular, sinful, no-name people who have nothing to offer, Jesus is saying that is not the truth. He has picked each one of us to share His salvation with as many people as we can so that they and the whole world might be changed for all eternity. Listen to that - Jesus wants you and me to be essentially involved in changing the world for all eternity! That is that exact opposite of an insignificant life.

Jesus walked on water, healed the sick, befriended sinners, gave hope to the poor and raised the dead. What does he want to do through you?

Fr. John



Italy - I am leading a pilgrimage to Italy for OCP October 7th-23rd. Twenty-three out of the 45 people going are from SJTW! We will be praying for you. I will say "hello" to our boss if we see him! Fr. John

Baptism Class for Infants will be held on Saturday, October 31st at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Pre-registration is required for both the class and the Baptism. Please call Carolyn at the Parish Center to register. Baptisms will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the 5:00 PM Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

+Todd Ternes

(Johanna Ternes)

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

+Al Ternes

(Johanna Ternes)

Thursday, October 22, 2009

+Frank Neibauer

(Frances Neibauer)

Friday, October 23, 2009

+John Lauro

(Linda & Gene)

Saturday, October 24, 2009

5:00 PM-+Ida Lauro

(Linda & Gene)

Sunday, October 25, 2009

8:30 AM- +William, Kathleen &

Eleanor Bailey (Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 18, 2009

9:00 AM-Faith Formation

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

9:00AM-Prayer Chain mtg.-SR

7:00 PM-Choir practice

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

7:00 PM-RCIA-SR

Thursday, October 22, 2009

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

Saturday, October 24, 2009

8:00 AM-Red Cross Blood Drive in SR

LOOP Scrapbooking: Due to scheduling conflicts, October Scrapbooking has been cancelled. Please join us on Friday, November 20th at 5:00 PM in the Social Room.

Back to Prayer Night Presents

Dina Marie Hale of KBVM

Catholic Radio as guest speaker on

Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 PM

(see flyer in this weekend's bulletin). We mistakenly did not include

that this month BTPN is also a pot

luck. So, if you can, please bring

something yummy to share with

everyone - we'd really appreciate it!

CARE MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain will meet Tuesday, October 20th 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 finish our book The Art of Affirmation. 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.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick Mass will be done differently this year. We will have a Mass at 2:00 PM on October 25th dedicated to the elderly and or ill in our parish. Any member of the Church who is seriously ill or is burdened with a condition or sickness that could seriously threaten their health or quality of life is invited to receive this sacrament. All older people are invited to be anointed also because your health is more fragile. In celebrating this sacrament, the church calls on Christ's healing mercy to strengthen the faith and body of those who are sick and/or aged.

The Fall Memorial Mass will be October 29th at 10:00 AM. We invite everyone who has suffered the loss of a family member or friend to join us in our Fall Memorial Mass especially dedicated to their memory. There will be a sign up sheet as you come in the door to write the names of those for whom you wish the Mass said. You are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the Mass. **Note: No 8:00AM Mass on that day.**

Thought for the Day. . . .

Look back and thank God.

Look forward and trust God.

Look around and serve God.

Look within and find God.

Candlelight Rosary Procession: We ask for your prayers on Worldwide Fatima Sanctity of Life Day October 18th. One Hundred Million prayers will be offered to God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary from all around the world for Life and Peace. To celebrate this occasion there will be a Candlelight Rosary Procession on Saturday evening, October 17th at 6:00 PM. at St. Sharbel, 1804 SE 16th St. Portland. For more info call Marie at 503-288-2040.

Prayer Group Schedule: Below you will find our schedule for the rest of 2009. If you would like to join our group or you just have a need for special prayer, please come by on any of the dates listed below.

Back to Prayer Night October 29th

November 5th

November 12th

Back to Prayer Night November 19th

December 3rd

December 10th

All evenings begin at 7:00 pm in the Social Room. We hope to see you there!

Do You Need Food??? Our parish's St. Vincent de Paul can help you. You will need to call St. Vincent de Paul's Central Office (503-235-8431). They will take your information-name, address, phone number, how many in your family, how many adults and how many children. The information is then faxed to us. Our volunteers deliver to homes five days a week. A volunteer will call you before they come to your home. We also do some limited help for rent or utilities.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church at SE 52nd and Woodstock is having an Oktoberfest Dinner and Mini Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, October 25th from 12:30 to 5:00 PM. Dinner consists of Chicken, Sausage, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Applesauce, Dessert, Beverages and Rolls. The mini bazaar features Holiday Goodies, Jams and handicrafts. Cost for dinner: \$10.00 for adults, children over 10 years of age. Children under 10 years - \$5.00