

FROM FR. JOHN:

HUMPTY DUMPTY

“Cursed is the man who seeks his strength in flesh” Jeremiah 17:5

This line from Jeremiah reminds me of the story of Humpty Dumpty; “Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king’s horses and all the king’s men, couldn’t put Humpty back together again.” Humpty lay hurting and broken on the ground and all the might of the king and his resources couldn’t help him. Like Humpty, it is in times when we lay broken and hurting on the ground that we find out where we seek our strength. In our weakness we can seek out many things (i.e. drugs, cheap relationships, being busy etc.) for strength but ultimately what we are reaching out for is a person to help us heal - either ourselves, others or God.

I visited a lady in her early 50’s who has been confined to a wheel-chair for about the last 15 years of her life due to her illness. I asked her how she did not lose hope in dealing with her disease and basically not ever leaving her home. She told me she had friends and family that cared for her, but that it was only through her faith in God that she had the will to continue to keep trying and living. Human medicine could help her physically. Friends could bring comfort and strength. But beyond this, she still had a broken and hurting heart. She came to realize that, finally, only Jesus could heal her heart and give her the will to live. Being homebound and suffering from a devastating disease, she sought her strength in Jesus. She shared with me that she was convinced that the healing God really wants for all of us is not physical but spiritual - a healing of the heart. I could not agree more fully.

If we are honest, we are like Humpty Dumpty in that we have all fallen off the wall and, at least, our hearts are broken and hurting. We are looking for someone to put us back together again. Do we look to ourselves, others or God? There is only one who can heal broken hearts. There is only one who has the infinite resources and might to put us back together again. When your heart is hurting or broken, how often do you call out to Jesus for help? Examine yourself at the end of the day to see who you turn to for help with your broken heart. Do you turn to yourself, others, or Jesus? Turn to Jesus first - it only makes logical sense if we believe He is who He says He is.

Every time you come up against your broken and hurting heart, pray this prayer or something similar: “Jesus, you are the healer of broken hearts. I give you my broken heart now. Put me back together in the power of your love. Thank you for healing my heart. I love you, Jesus.”

Fr. John



Animal Blessing - October 4th at 1:00 PM at St. Joseph the Worker! In honor of St. Francis. Bring your beloved pets.

Fr. John's New Book - It is almost here! The title is: "**More of You Through Prayer.**" God-willing, there will a book signing after all the Masses the weekend of October 3rd and 4th.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 5, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

John Best

(Mom)

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Communion Service

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Communion Service

Friday, October 9, 2009

Communion Service

Saturday, October 10, 2009

5:00 PM-+Yvette McConnell

(Mary Fromwiller)

Sunday, October 11, 2009

8:30 AM- +Kyle Linhart, Sr.

(Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish

(Fr. John has taken the Mass

intentions with him to Italy).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 4, 2009

8:30 AM-KOC Pancake Breakfast

9:00 AM-Faith Formation begins

Can/Bottle Recycling

Monday, October 5, 2009

7:00 PM-KOC Officer's mtg-SR

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

8:45 AM-SVDP mtg-SR

7:00 PM-Family Rosary Night

7:30 PM-Choir practice

7:30 PM-LOOP mtg-SR

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

7:00 PM-RCIA/Confirmation-SR

Thursday, October 8, 2009

7:00PM-Prayer Group-SR

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

Friday, October 9, 2009

4:00 PM-Homeless Outreach at

Sunnyside Methodist Church

6:00 PM-LOOP Scrapbooking-SR

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.



Join in on **OCTOBER 4th**
Jr High
9:00-10:00 AM in Rm 5
Sr High
7:00-8:30 PM in Social Room

Altar Server Training: There will be training for former and new Altar Servers in the church after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, October 11, 2009. If you have not taken the training before you must attend or call to arrange another time for training. Former Altar Servers are also urged to attend, as some things change and you can improve your confidence. If you are unable to attend the Training Session, but would like to be on the schedule this year, please call - Marge McDevitt at 503-252-9428.

Looking for Catechist Helpers for Grades 4 & 5

Have you ever thought about being a Catechist? This is an excellent opportunity to learn to be a Catechist while working and helping a Catechist in the classroom. Please call Mary Robinson at 503-761-8710 ext 104.

Prayer Group Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009. Hope to see you there!

Jesuit High School

Invites You and Your Family to
attend

Open House

On Sunday, October 18, 2009

From 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Quote for the day. . . . It is always
springtime in a soul united to God.
St. John Vianney**

Weekly Contributions

Amount Needed: \$ 7,032.00

Amount Collected: 8,336.86

Over/Under: +1,306.86

Homeless Outreach: On Friday, October 9th 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).

Enrollment openings at St. Ignatius Grade School!

Openings are still available in several grades for the 2009-2010 school year.

St. Ignatius Parish School offers:

Caring and experienced faculty

A challenging, faith-centered
curriculum

Success for students of all abilities

An involved parent community

Please contact the school office at

503.774.5533 to schedule a tour now of our school facility and newly updated gymnasium! **Schedule your**

tour before October 15, 2009 and

we'll waive the application fee if

you decide to enroll

Visit our website at

<http://www.stignatiusschool.org>, or

contact our principal at

jmatcovich@stignatiusschool.org.

Volunteers are needed for Coffee and Donuts. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up during the Coffee and Donut hour after the Sunday morning Masses. A sign-up book is available for you to select the date and time you would like to serve. **Remember - No Volunteers - No Coffee and Donuts!**