

FROM FR. JOHN:

PROMISES, PROMISES

"The promises of the Lord I will sing forever" Psalm 89:2

I received a voice message from a seminarian that I am a spiritual director for. We meet about once a month to talk about his life in Christ. He is a great man with a keen wit. He opened the phone message with, "Father John, this is _____, your spiritual son." (smiles) We are right around the same age. As I listened to the message I felt sheepish because I knew that I had missed an appointment with him about a week earlier. It was my fault - I just forgot in the haze of the day. I apologized, we rescheduled and now life can go on again! (more smiles)

Sometimes I break promises because I simply forget that I made the commitment and I do not do what I said I would do - like missing a spiritual direction appointment. Sometimes I break my promises deliberately. In general, I promised myself that, if I felt offended by someone, I would talk directly to that person about my feelings and to NO ONE else. I know it does no one any good if I seek to deal with any anger I have by being negative about the person behind their back. I have broken that promise at times. I try hard, but I am human.

There is one and only one who does not break promises. As a matter of fact, it is impossible for this one to break any promise He has made to us. It is impossible for this one, for example, to forget any appointment. There are over 6 billion people in the world. This one can make and be present to over 6 billion appointments at once. This amazing one can be fully present and attentive to all the 6-plus billion people in a single instant. The truth is, is that He is present to everyone all the time ready to fulfill every promise he has ever made to us. As the psalmist says, He will be faithful to all His promises throughout all generations.

Think about some of His promises that He keeps; "God chose us to be holy and full of love" Ephesians 1:4; "Take delight in the Lord and he will grant you your hearts desires" Psalm 37:4; "I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will not die but live forever"; John 11:25; God does not ration the gift of the Spirit" John 3:34. Aren't these awesome promises that Jesus will never break?

As a family/group, pick out some promises from God found in the bible or any promises God has made that speak to you. Write them down, talk about what they mean, believe in them and REJOICE! Rejoice because God is faithful to all His promises throughout all generations!

Soon in heaven,
Fr. John



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.

RCIA and Confirmation: Our first meeting for those interested in becoming Catholic and high-schoolers interested in being Confirmed started Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in the church. There is still time to sign up for each of the classes by calling the Parish Center **NOW at 503-761-8710.** Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

+Bill Serdar

(Peggy Serdar)

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

John & Sandy Guarriello

34th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, October 1, 2009

The Loumena Family

(Donna Wood)

Friday, October 2, 2009

+Yvette McConnell

(Cecelia Halseth)

Saturday, October 3, 2009

5:00 PM-+Jeral Beaty

(Cecelia Halseth)

Sunday, October 4, 2009

8:30 AM- People of the Parish

10:30 AM-+Paul Tran

(The Tran Family)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 28, 2009

5:30 PM-Monday Night Football in the Social Room

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

7:00 PM-Choir practice

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

7:00 PM-Life in the Spirit

RCIA/Confirmation-CH

Thursday, October 1, 2009

7:00PM-Prayer Group-SR

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Can/Bottle Recycling



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.



Monday Knight Football is Back!

Come join the Knights of Columbus for an evening of football, food and fun. Kick off is at 5:30 PM, it's the Carolina Panthers at Dallas Cowboys. We are firing up the bar-b-que and we will be serving up hamburgers and hot dogs at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you in the social room **THIS** Monday.

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.

Weekly Contributions

Amount Needed: \$ 7,032.00

Amount Collected: 7,663.29

Over/Under: + 631.29

Coffee and Donuts: Volunteers are needed for Coffee and Donuts. If we do not have volunteers we will no longer have Coffee and Donuts in the Social Room after the Sunday morning Masses.

If you wish to volunteer there will be sign up sheets available during the Coffee and Donut hour .

Mark Your Calendars - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast coming Sunday, October 4th after all Masses in the Social Room and Basement.

Grief Recovery Retreat: A grief recovery retreat for the widowed, separated and divorced will be held the weekend of October 16th-18th at The Griffin Center in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. Registration by October 12th is recommended. The retreat is offered by Beginning Experience of Oregon. For more information and cost, please call Margi Harp at 503-390-7971 or email her at margi8280@comcast.net.

The 3rd annual Rosary Bowl NW

Pray 2009, is this coming Saturday, October 3rd from 8:30 am - 5 pm **INDOORS** at The Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion. The event opens at 8:30am and features Confessions at 9:00am; Holy Mass at 10:30 am; Rosary at 12:30 pm; Speakers and concludes with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 pm plus special guests Michael John Poirier and Donna Cori Gibson. Free Parking and Free Admission. Bring the Entire Family. A free will offering will be taken. For more information: www.rosarybowlnw.org. Saturday, October 3rd Salem Oregon - See you there!