



*Father of peace,  
we are joyful in your Word,  
your Son Jesus Christ,  
who reconciles us to you.*

*Let us hasten toward Easter  
with the eagerness of faith and love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

### **IN SYMPATHY**

Please remember in your prayers **Joseph Wolf**, the brother of Cleo Wolf, **Carol Wilson**, the wife of Mr. Willie Wilson, **Ina Martin**, Grandmother of Kathy Hauck and **Patricia Smith**, cousin of Dick Carroll and Joyce Prue. May we remember those families and friends who have gone before us marked with this sign of faith. May they enjoy the fullness of God's love.

### **UNEMPLOYMENT SECOND COLLECTION**

Due to the Catholic Relief second collection today (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) we will take up the Unemployment second collection next weekend, **April 9/10th**.

### **JAPAN RELIEF**

We received word from the Archdiocese that there will be no national second collection specifically for the Japan relief. What is currently being suggested is that we encourage people to be generous to the Catholic Relief Services annual collection this weekend. CRS is already partnered with Caritas Japan and is currently sending significant amounts for the relief. A generous CRS collection will see that there is sufficient funding for Japan relief as well as for other disaster relief and development projects in the poorest of our planet.

### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

Today we can support families that face difficulties most of us could not imagine, like famine, war, and life in refugee camps. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps families by working to reunite them, caring for vulnerable and exploited children, changing unjust laws, and providing pastoral care and humanitarian and emergency assistance across the globe. How will you help? Please be generous to this collection.



### **RELAY FOR LIFE TULIP SALE**

Relay for Life will be selling Tulips after the Masses next weekend, **April 9 & 10** and **April 16 & 17**. \$5.00 per bunch. Each bunch contains 10 tulips. If you would like to order in advance, call Thelma at 503-263-8750 or Ellen at 503-651-2973. \$2.75 for each sale goes to the American

Cancer Society. All monies stay in the state of Oregon.

## **REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL**

Unusual events, surprising twists, or unbridled creativity might lead us to exclaim, "I can hardly believe it!" Sometimes we check out preposterous statements for ourselves to see if they have any basis in facts. Yet, how many facts or signs does it sometimes take us to come to belief? And, surely, the more astounding the thing we are dealing with, the slower we are to grasp the signs, the facts. A half dozen times in this gospel the blind man is questioned about his cure. How exasperating! What does it take for us to come to belief? How many signs? How many facts? This long gospel describes a back-and-forth contestation over a sheer statement of fact—"I was blind and now I see" and the implications of that fact. The obtuse Pharisees in this gospel refuse to see the implications to which the fact points and refuse to believe in Jesus as the "Son of Man." The blind man, however, is open to much more than the amazing fact of his having been healed. He sees its implications: he comes to recognize Jesus, believe in him, and worship him. This dynamic of healing encounter, belief, and worship defines our own Lenten and lifelong journey to new life. Ideally, Lent leads us to encounter Jesus, sharpens our vision of his saving mission, and challenges us to more authentic worship. Lent is also a time when the darkness of our ignorance is challenged by the One who is the light of the world. This gospel challenges those who are preparing for baptism or full reception into the church to greater faith; it challenges all of us to deepen our faith so that our "enthusiasm" enables us to be possessed by our God. Then, like the blind man whom Jesus helps to see, we can exclaim "I do believe" and worship with raised hearts and voices. Worship may not lead to believing, but true believing always leads to worship. The worship prompted by faith is wholehearted participation in divine presence by those who have seen the Lord and been disciplined in the challenges of discipleship. This gospel teaches us that faith always moves the believer to action: confessing Jesus as Lord and worshipping him.

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## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Lent is a great time to come on Thursdays and sit in the presence of Jesus and allow yourself to “rest” in his presence. Hours of Adoration are between 12noon and 8pm.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Don't forget to join us for our weekly Friday Night Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross. **There are still slots available for Parish groups and organizations or individual families to sign up to provide and prepare a simple soup supper or to lead the Stations of the Cross.** Supper is served at **6pm** followed by the Stations of the Cross at **7pm**. A sign-up poster is posted in the vestibule of the church.

## **FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER PRESENTS: LENTEN RETREAT: Mary: Witness and Response:**

We remember the great faith of the Virgin Mary while we imagine the greatest challenge to that faith on Good Friday. What was Mother Mary feeling, remembering and hoping for her son, for God's will? In a similar light, how do our own past experiences and expectations of the future color our faith responses as we journey through Lent to the Cross and beyond? What do we expect of ourselves? What does God expect of us?

When: Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30am-3:00pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Facilitator: Carolyn Wilhelm

Place: Franciscan Spiritual Center, 6902 SE Lake Rd #300, Milwaukie, OR 97267. For more information, please visit: [info@francisspctr.com](mailto:info@francisspctr.com).

## **HOLY WEEK**

Shalom Prayer Center welcomes you to come for a private retreat during all or part of Holy Week. There will be abundant time for silence, reflection and joining the monastic community for the liturgy of the Hours and the Paschal Triduum liturgies. \$64 per day includes your room and meals. Please contact: Shalom Prayer Center - 503-845-6773.

## **LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY**

Baptism is a ritual sign of coming to belief and admits one to full participation in worship. This statement doesn't imply that those who have not been baptized or fully received into the church haven't worshiped God. They have or they probably wouldn't be seeking to be initiated into the Catholic Church. Initiation changes the way one can worship, and the sign of this is admittance to Eucharist and reception of the Body and Blood of our Lord.

Worship, however, is far more than attendance and involvement in ritual acts, as important as that is. Worship includes a mission to reach out to others who are in need of spiritual insight, a deepened faith, or healing in any way. Authentic worship always requires a response of charity on behalf of others. Authentic worship includes an encounter with the One who gives us sight, but then it must lead us to reach out to others with a healing hand, bringing them to see and believe too.

## **Parish Happenings**

### **Sunday**

9:45am

REP Grades 1-5

11:00am

Nursery

12:30pm

VBS meeting

3:00pm

Children's Baptismal

Preparation class [RCIC]

3:00pm

Spanish Sacramental Prep

5:00pm

Spanish Bible Study

6:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

### **Monday**

9:15am

Bible Study

5:00pm

Spanish Music Rehearsal

6:00pm

Intercession Prayers

6:30pm

Sacramental Parent meeting

(Hispanic comm)

7:00pm

Sacramental Parent meeting

(English)

7:00pm

Charismatic Prayer Group

### **Tuesday**

7:00pm

Tuesday evening Mass

7:00pm

Knights of Columbus

### **Wednesday**

8:00am

Daily Mass

1:00pm

St. Vincent dePaul Food Bank

meeting

7:00pm

Journey in Faith, Youth in

Action, Confirmation Class, RCIA

### **Thursday**

8:00am

Daily Mass

12:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

6:30pm

Spanish Religious Education

7:00pm

Bible Study

8:00pm

Benediction

### **Friday**

7:00am

Marian Prayer Group

8:00am

Daily Mass

6:00pm

Soup Supper

7:00pm

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group

### **Saturday**

7:00am

Confirmation Overnight

Retreat

9:30am

St. Patrick Choir Rehearsal

5:00pm

Music Prep (Hispanic

community)

CHRIST  
our LIGHT

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# Parish News

## OUR PRIVILEGE, OUR RIGHT, AND OUR DUTY

As it is written 'even if these forget,  
yet I will not forget you.' (Is 49:15):

We in the Catholic Church in the Community of St. Patrick remember, hold in our memory, and pray for the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces especially: *Cody Amick, Ryan Thomas Blackwood, Ryan Bridges, Aaron Burch, Isaiah Creel, Tanner Cushing, David Davis, Loyd Davis, Kenny Doleac, Brad Dunn, Bill Ellis, Adam Ferrell, David Hannon, Nolan Henden, Joe Hauck, April Kennedy, Patrick Kirsch, Mike Krzmarzick, Sarah Losson, William Losson, Johnny Lugo, Adam Lulay, Alonzo Maronilla, Jordan Martinez, Jordan Morelli, Joey Nikkirk, Daniel Olsen, Keith Schantin, Matthew Schmader, Robert Selner, Kristian Spencer, Tarl Spencer, John Suchanek, Brian Thomas, CJ Trillo, Jonathan Turner, William Walsh, Ivan Wilson and John Zagyva.* May they be servants of Christ through service to those in need, and may they be kept safe from all harm.



## PARISH SUPPORT

**March 27th, 2011**

Funds Collected for Others:

Cemetery	\$
St. Vincent dePaul	\$
Central & Eastern E.	\$1.00
Total:	\$1.00

Collection Parish Operating Expenses:

Envelopes'	\$5230.00
Loose	\$478.46
Children's	\$3.00
Poor	\$
Unemployment Fund	\$
Building Fund	\$30.00
Total	\$5741.46

Only goodness and kindness  
follow me all the days of my life.

Psalm 23:5

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

+Dallas Meyerhofer by Clem & Patti Meyerhofer

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

+Virginia DiTommaso by Maria & Dino Malatesta

**Thursday, April 7, 2011**

+Marino Malatesta by Rina Malatesta

**Friday, April 8, 2011**

Trumm family by the Trumm family

**Saturday, April 9, 2011**

5:30p.m. Intention of the parishioners

**Sunday, April 10, 2011**

8:30am +William Leavell by Helena Leavell

11:00am Intention of the parishioners

4:00pm Intention of the parishioners

## OUR PRAYERS FOR HOLINESS OF LIFE

\*That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

\*That during this season of Lent all members of the church encounter Jesus in new ways that deepen their faith in him, we pray to the Lord.

\*That the sick and suffering encounter the healing presence of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

\*That all of us here be more open to encountering Jesus in the many people and circumstances of our daily living, we pray to the Lord.

## SPRING BAZAAR

The Canby Adult Center is now accepting applications for vendors for its Spring Bazaar, to be held from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Still only \$20/table, you keep all of the proceeds. We are also looking for donations of plants, cuttings, and decorative pots and baskets. Please plan to do your spring plant shopping with us. If you are interested, please call Kathy Robinson for vendor applications, or Heidi Crispin for donations at 503-266-2970.

# Religious Education

## LENTEN ACTIVITY

The elementary students will continue to collect supplies for the soldiers throughout Lent. In addition to supplies, we are also in need of **large, Flat Rate Boxes** (available at the Post Office) to ship the supplies in. If you would like to donate a box, the boxes are on sale for \$12.95 per box. If you did not receive a list of supplies in the bulletin and would like to donate items for the soldiers, please contact Jody Patershall for the list of needs, or see the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

**We would like to encourage all parishioners to collect supplies and write letters of support for our military personnel.** If you have a family member who is currently overseas, please contact Jody Patershall with an updated mailing address so that we may send your loved one a care package.

## FIRST EUCHARIST MEETING

Mary Jo Tully will be our guest speaker at the First Eucharist meeting this Monday, **April 4<sup>th</sup>**, in room 7/8. Parents, please mark your calendars and plan on attending this evening with your child. **All parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting.**



## GATECHIST/VBS MEETING

If you are starting to plan summer vacations and fun activities for your children, why not consider helping out with Vacation Bible School? Vacation Bible School is a week long event that is filled with fun, faith and learning for our young children; ages preschool-5th grade. Many hands are needed to help plan and decorate. **VBS is set for July 11th-15th from 9:00-12:00p.m.**

We will be having a short Catechist meeting starting at **12:30p.m.**, this Sunday, followed by a meeting for all those who are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year. Please come and see what we are planning and how you can help be a part of it. Thank you!

## BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

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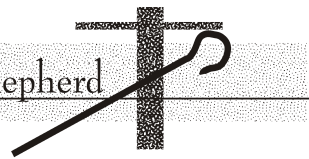
## OPEN OUR EYES

Today Jesse's son David is called from his flock to serve the Lord and shepherd his people. Today Jesus opens the eyes of a man to the wonders of belief in God's son. God also calls us from our ordinary work and opens our eyes through baptism to insight into his mighty works. He calls on us to believe, to worship, and then to follow the Lord Jesus, his Son. We are made new, enlightened children of the light of God. We must discover what the Lord wants of us. Do we dare follow where Jesus leads us? Do you?

*Today's Liturgy-Lent, Easter Triduum, Easter, 2011*



The LORD is my shepherd



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