

## Our Mission

*St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Community,  
inspired by  
the Spirit of Christ,  
reaches out, educates,  
helps and nurtures all  
people, as we worship  
and serve  
Our Heavenly Father.*

## All are Welcome Parishioners, New Members, Visitors and Guests:

Thank you for joining our worshipping community. Please stop by our parish office to register and let us know if we can be of assistance.

### **Sunday Mass**

English:

7:30am, 10:00am,

6:30pm

Spanish: 12:00 noon

### **Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:30pm

### **Daily Mass**

Mon., Tues., Wed, Fri,

7:00am Mass

Thursday & Saturday

8:30am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00-5:00 Sat. or by  
appointment

### **Adoration Chapel**

Open 24 hours for  
prayer. Call the office  
for the code.

### **Parish Office**

Tues.- Friday

9am - 5pm

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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February 27, 2011

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings. It is wonderful to be home and to be back on the Oregon time zone so I can get to work and to bed on our local schedule.

The Liturgy for this weekend, the Eighth Sunday in ordinary time speaks of the providential love and care of our merciful God, who loves us like a mother and provides us with tender care like a father. In the first reading from prophet Isaiah God responds to the cry of his people with a profession of his unshakable love: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you."

In the second reading St. Paul continues the last Sunday's reading by saying that himself, Apollos or Cephas should all be regarded as servants of Christ and Stewards of the mysteries of God. Paul further says that it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy in their work of tending and caring for a message that comes from God. Like Paul, we too will be judged on our faithfulness to this trust.

The Gospel of Matthew is a strong challenge to the lifestyle that prevails in most of our cities and in many parts of the developing world too. Jesus says, "You cannot at the same time be the slave of God and money" (and this includes all the things that equate to money, like property, cars, clothes). Jesus does not criticize the having of things. What is in question is our attitude towards them, our being attached to them, having our lives controlled by them and, above all, being unable to share them with those in real need. Also in question is the false illusion that, if we have money and power, we have control of our lives. We are secure. Nothing could be further from the truth. So ultimately, Jesus is teaching us that our only real security is total trust in God's love for us.

In the coming weeks and months we will engage ourselves in the "Sharing our Faith, Shaping our Future" Archbishop's capital campaign. It is an exciting effort that all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Portland will be involved in. Our parish is part of the third wave, which means we have already begun the planning process, with full parish participation by May 2011. The purpose of this capital campaign is to support four needs identified by the Archdiocese: First, to support the seminarians' education, preparing our future priests. Second is to support priests' retirement. Third is Catholic Education and Faith Formation, and fourth, the local needs of our parish. The total campaign goal of the Archdiocese is to raise \$50 million with pledges that may be met over a period of five years. We will keep you informed about our parish goal and other campaign updates in the coming months. As Archbishop Vlazny says, "With this Campaign - this exciting effort - I pray that we will all share in this renewal of our faith: our Catholic faith, our faith in one another, our faith in our clergy and our faith in our future."

May the word of God inspire us to be responsible servants and stewards of God faithful to this trust.

Many blessings,

Re. Maxy D'Costa  
Pastor

## TOPICS OF INTEREST

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**Calendar for This Week**

**Monday, Feb. 28**

Mass	7:00am	Church
Beginners	6:45pm	Parish Center
Spanish Prayer Grp	7:00pm	Church
AlaTeen/AA/Alanon	7:30pm	Parish Center

**Tuesday, March 1**

Mass	7:00am	Church
Good Grief Group	10:00am	Saalfeld
Grief Group	1:30pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	3:15pm	Daycare Rm
RCIA	7:00pm	Saalfeld/Cafe
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00pm	Church
Auction Committee Mtg	7:00pm	Library

**Wednesday, March 2**

Mass	7:00am	Church
Staff Meeting	9:30am	Jordan
Pinochle	1-4pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	2:15pm	Daycare Rm
Religious Education	5:30pm	Parish Campus
Legion of Mary	7:00pm	Jordan

**Thursday, March 3**

Mass	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15pm	Daycare Rm
Pastoral Council	7:00pm	Jordan
Parish Choir	7:00pm	Church
Spanish Bible Study	7:00pm	Cafeteria

**First Friday, March 4**

Mass	7:00am	Church
Adoration & Benediction	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15pm	Daycare Rm
Encuentro Mat	7:00pm	Jordan

**First Saturday, March 2**

Men's Group	7:00am	Jordan
Mass	8:30am	Church
Confessions	4-5pm	Church
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Church

**Sunday, March 3**

Masses: 7:30am; 10:00am; 6:30pm  
 Spanish Mass: 12:00 Noon

Liturgy of the Word	10:00am	Jordan
Spanish Band	10:45am	Jordan
Baptisms	11:00am	Church
Youth Band	11:15am	RE Office

**Dedication & blessing of covered play structure at 2:00 in the school yard.**  
 Private Gathering 1:00pm Cafeteria/Saal  
 Pastoral Council to host coffee & donuts

**Parish Staff**

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**Adult Education**

Thank you Deacon Gerry for your presentation on prayer.

After such a positive response, we will offer these presentations again.

**Advertiser of the Week**

Snap Fitness 503-353-SNAP  
www.Snapfitness.com/milwaukieor  
Milwaukieor@snapfitness.com  
4200 SE King Rd., Milwaukie, OR

**Adoration Chapel**

Have you made your Lenten plans? Why not schedule a weekly holy hour in our Adoration Chapel. We have many open hours. Call John White 503-513-6809 or Jean Hill Rutter 503-654-6634.

**Fatima Prayer Group**

The Archdiocesan Council of the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit us on March 13th at 7:00pm in the Saalfeld Room. We will pray for world peace, especially in the Middle East and also show a short video on the 1st Saturday Devotion which Our Lady requested in connection with the Fatima Peace plan. All are Welcome!

**St. Vincent de Paul**

In the month of January, we helped 71 families, consisting of 227 individuals. We delivered 2160 lbs of food to 46 of those households & gave \$2,721.74 in rent and utilities help to 23 of those families. WE are always in need of T.P. and personal care items, such as shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste and lotions. Our donation barrel is located in the back of church (no clothes please) and our boxes will be out on Sunday, March 6th. Thank you and God Bless.

**Reflection & Training**

**E.M.'s and Lectors**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Fr. Maxy will lead your day of reflection on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm or Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

**Lectors**

Fr. Maxy will lead your day of reflection on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm or Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

*You only need to attend one of the presentations. Father is just offering two choices.*

**Baptism**

NO Baptism's will be held in April or May. the next celebration of the sacrament will be June 5th following the 10am Mass.



Are you expecting or do you have a baby who you would like to baptize? St. John's offers baptism once a month on the first Sunday of the month. First the parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact Pat at 503-654-5449 or email at pat.raschio@gmail.com to arrange your class.

**Mark Your Calendar**

The next Estate Planning Interactive Presentation will be held Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 8 pm, in the Saalfeld Room, with complimentary wine/beer and heavy hors d'oeuvres provided. Our estate planner, Gene Christian will provide updated information on the tax codes and other considerations. This event is sponsored by the St. John's Catholic Community Foundation.

Collection	This week	BUDGET (Average/week)	
02/20/2011	\$17,681	\$14,135	
Week 34 of 52	2010/2011	2010/2011	Over (Short) Year to Date:
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$465,757	\$480,590	(\$14,833)
Prior year to Date (2010):	\$453,363		
<b>Building Maintenance Fund this week: None this week</b>			

## Living Your Strengths

### **Living Your Strengths and Growing Spiritually**

Do you know what specific gifts you have been given by God? Discover your God-given gifts (also known as *signature themes*) in the book, **Living Your Strengths**, available at no cost through the parish office. In the first letter of Peter, Chapter 4, he says:

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. If you have the gift of speaking, preach God’s message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies. Everything should be done in a way that will bring honor to God because of Jesus Christ, who is glorious and powerful forever.”

This week we look at the gift that makes you ask “Where am I headed?” As LYS says, “You need a clear destination,” so you set goals and priorities for achieving them. Your focus is very powerful because it allows you to filter out unnecessary information or actions. Focus is also helpful because it helps you to lead others back to the right path to move towards a common destination.

One piece of scripture that relates to this gift of focus comes from Philippians 3:12-13 “*Not that I have secured it already, nor yet reached my goal, but I am still pursuing it in the attempt to take hold of the prize for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*” One way to grow spiritually with this gift is to make goals for spiritual growth. Express gratitude for all that you have been given, and ask God to help you see where He was present in your day.

Do you recognize yourself? LYS says “Your greatest worth as a member of one of your parish’s teams or committees might be to help others set goals.”

At the end of a meeting, summarize your understanding of the next steps and identify who has the action items. Be aware that you can become frustrated when you can’t clearly see what a group is trying to do.



Please contact Libbie Allen in the parish office at 503.654.5449 to get your copy of

**Living Your Strengths.**

### Daily Scripture Readings

#### Monday, Feb. 28

Sirach 17:20-24; Psalm 32:1-7; Mark 10:17-27

#### Tuesday, March 1

Sirach 35:1-12; Psalm 50:5-23; Mark 10:28-31

#### Wednesday, March 2

Sirach 36:1-17; Psalm 79:8-13; Mark 10:32-45

#### Thursday, March 3

Sirach 42:15-25; Psalm 33:2-9; Mark 10:46-52

#### First Friday, March 4

Sirach 44:1-13; Psalm 149:1-9; Mark 11:11-26

#### First Saturday, March 5

Sirach 51:12-20; Psalm 19:8-11; Mark 11:27-33

#### Sunday, March 6

Deuteronomy 11:18-32; Psalm 31:2-25;  
Romans 3:21-28; Matthew 7:21-27

### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### Monday, Feb. 28

7:00: Fr. Lawrence Saalfeld (d)...  
Allan & Betty Jones

#### Tuesday, March 1

7:00: Bernadine Hopman (d)...Leo & Molly

#### Wednesday, March 2

7:00: Carlita Biteng (d)...Farida & Jim Holland

#### Thursday, March 3

8:30: Charles Oakden (d)...Julie Spencer

#### First Friday, March 4

7:00: Our Parents (d)...Vern & Yvonne Braun

#### First Saturday, March 5

8:30: Betty Kelly (d)...Richard & Shannon Kelly  
5:30pm: Carolyn Rice-Gadbois (Int)...Mary Vaetz

#### Sunday, March 6

7:30am: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Burbach (d)...Carl Jacob  
10:00am: For the People of the Parish...Pastor  
12:00pm: Emily Olney (d)...Farida Holland  
6:30pm: Paul Newman (Int)...Jean Hill Rutter

### Altar Servers



#### Saturday, March 5

**5:30 Mass:** Coree Gibson,  
Emily Hawkins, Julie Olson

#### Sunday, March 6

##### **7:30 Mass:**

Matt & Lizzy Hamaoka,  
Jack Gabrish

##### **10:00 Mass:**

Erin Perry, Chad Clark, Brendan Marquez

##### **12:00 Mass:**

Bart Torres, Alonso R-S,  
Jesus Ferreyra

##### **6:30 Mass:**

Kyle Obermire, Nicholas Childs,  
Lilly Christopher



### Prayer Concerns for February

Karl Anderson, Hal Bauer  
Millard Becker, Kathleen Butler  
Jeffrey Luna, Paul Newman  
Maggie Schwab, Joe Shelley

### Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult who has not received this sacrament, our Archbishop invites you to prepare for the celebration of Adult Confirmation on May 13th at the Cathedral. If you are one of the many people who decided in high school you did not have the time, or were not as faithful to the Catholic faith, but now are a practicing adult in the faith, and would like to be a fully initiated member, please call Pat. She will explain the simple process and give you more information and register you for the reception of the sacrament. Pat: 503-654-5449 or pat.raschio@gmail.com

**STEWARDSHIP POEM**

-Author Unknown

The Lord is my Banker. I shall not want.  
He makes me to lay down my dollars to the needy.  
He leads me to give of my time, talent, and money.  
He restores my flagging generosity.  
He leads me into the path of capital fundraisers for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I give freely to the Unquenchable fire,  
I will fear no loss; for You are my Advisor.  
Your promise of future returns comforts me.  
You prepare a safer place for my treasurers than today's insured institutions can provide.  
Though my purse seems empty, You still pleads before me the case of the hungry.  
Though wealth may evade me all the days of my life, surely in heaven I will draw on the bank of the Lord forever.



**Little Black Books** for Lent will be available in the vestibule of the church today.

**Care Ministry News****Grief Support**

The seven session grief support group starts Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm. It will be held in the Saalfeld room. There are two parishioners who are interested. No need to sign up, please feel free to drop in.

**Transportation to Mass on Sundays**

A parishioner who lives on King Road is still in need of a ride home from Mass on Sundays. The Tri-Met Lift bus works for her in getting to the church, the issue is that she waits a half-hour to an hour before the bus arrives to take her back home. Anyone who lives in the area and is available to take her home, please call Barbara Dunlap at the parish office 503-654-5449



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It's clear that I was raised both a Star Wars fan and a Catholic, because whenever I hear "May the Force be with you," I always respond in my head with "And also with you!" – Aaron Karo, Comedian/Columnist

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# Outside News

**Portland Symphonic Choir** will present a rare, all sacred, concert of choral and organ music Saturday, March 5th, 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 6th, 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral on NW 18th & Davis. The group, which regularly performs with the Oregon Symphony, will offer beautiful, inspiring music from the Renaissance to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century including works by Victoria, Mozart, Bruckner and Rachmaninov. The choir will also perform a number of contemporary sacred works, featuring a new composition by prize-winning local composer, J. Michael Saunders. To encourage members of Portland's faith communities to attend, the choir is offering a \$10 discount on advance tickets. Simply use the promotion code "CHURCH" when ordering in advance (on the web at [www.pschoir.org](http://www.pschoir.org) or via the phone at 503-223-1217).

**St. Louis Parish BBQ'd Chicken Dinner** will be held on Sunday, March 13th from 11:00am to 3:00pm at Sacred heart School Hall, 515 7th St., Gervais, OR. Cost for Adults is \$10.00; Children 12 and under - \$5.00.

## **"God's Doorkeeper: St. Andre of Montreal" film and discussion** **Tuesday, March 8**

The University of Portland will host a screening of the film "God's Doorkeeper: St. Andre of Montreal." Salt + Light Television produced the film documenting the inspiring life of Br. Andre Bessette, C.S.C., the first saint for the Congregation of Holy Cross, canonized October 17, 2010. The viewing of the film and a discussion with Rev. Ron Raab, C.S.C., is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 in Room 163 of Buckley Center on campus, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. The event is free and open to the public.

As the doorkeeper at College Notre-Dame in Montreal, St. Andre gained a reputation as a miracle worker. His compassion for the sick and determination to build a sanctuary for the many pilgrims who came to him for physical healing resulted in the St. Joseph Oratory at Mount Royal. The film includes interviews from religious in Montreal, Rome, and parts of the United States including Rev. Ronald Raab, C.S.C., Associate Pastor at The Downtown Chapel in Portland (recently re-named St. Andre Parish). For more information, please contact Jamie Powell at the Garaventa Center at (503) 943-7702 or at [powell@up.edu](mailto:powell@up.edu).

**Catholic Charities' Ministry to the Elderly Committee** is sponsoring a Lenten Day of Recollection for those who minister to the sick and elderly in any capacity from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, located at 2310 S.E. 148<sup>th</sup> in Portland. The event is presented by Rev. John McGrann. Pre-registration is required and a \$15 fee will be charged for lunch. Please mail your name, address, phone number, parish name and \$15 check (made out to Catholic Charities) to: Day of Recollection, Catholic Charities, 2740 SE Powell Boulevard, Portland, OR 97202.