



# St. Juan Diego Parish

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

**February 19, 2012**

**Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

## What does “Pro-Life” Mean? Part IV

*Thou shalt not kill.* That means we have no right to kill another (the only exceptions being self-defense, or defending an innocent victim against an unjust aggressor), nor ourselves. For Catholics, when it comes to physician-assisted suicide, the Commandment says enough. But in a pluralistic society we need to speak of other compelling reasons.

Firstly, the justification for physician-assisted suicide comes from a perspective that drives (and confuses) much of our United States culture: a radical individualism, which eschews any responsibility toward others because its highest value is “me and my rights”. It is a distorted view of freedom to ignore the serious impact of one’s decisions upon another.

Additionally, depression and loss of self-identity, which lead to thoughts of suicide, are very common in light of a life-threatening illness and need to be treated as a tragic side effect of such an illness. Not even the worst illness can destroy our fundamental human dignity.

In other cases it is very common for someone with a strong sense of self-responsibility to feel like a failure when facing an illness that they cannot beat. They say: “I don’t want to be a burden to anyone.” However, it is a major step in the maturing process to realize that none of us are self-reliant, and that we don’t have absolute control over our lives. Physician-assisted suicide is a desperate attempt to control the uncontrollable. Furthermore, many families would be honored and grateful to support a loved one in the natural dying process. Families, like my own, have found those final and difficult days to be of the most significant in their relationship.

Also, the motives of heirs can be seriously compromised when advising a benefactor who is spending large amounts of money (even burning through their savings) on health care.

But the reasons above are not enough of a response. We also need to improve pain management, palliative care in end-of-life situations, and promote hospice. And we need to provide access to free hospice support for those who either cannot afford it, or have no family or friends who will support them in their final days.

One excellent example of such a response is the *Martha and Mary Ministries* (to whom our parish provides financial support via our Social Justice fund: [www.marthamaryministries.org](http://www.marthamaryministries.org)). This organization is exemplary in their commitment that no one should die alone or feel forced to choose suicide.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. John Kerns  
Parish Priest

## Family Faith Sharing:

Mark 2:1-12

PILGRIM TRAVELERS



“Do not deal unfairly,” says the Lord. Christians are called to conduct their affairs fairly. If they do so, they will dwell securely in the land, according to the Lord. All creation belongs to God, and humans are pilgrims traveling through on their way home in God’s heavenly reign. Here is not a lasting city. As a body of passersby, Christians set their sight on the glory of Christ’s risen body. In Christ, members love God above all and their neighbors as themselves. With such love, how could one not deal fairly?

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. Illustration © 1999 S. Erspamer.

## Prayer Intentions



*For those who are ill:*

- Helen Taylor
- Jason Blankenship
- Olive Latham
- Joan Eisenbach
- Clay Lalic
- Nancy Farrenkopf
- Dottie and Al Faiman, parents of Joan Eisenbach
- Kenneth Kim, father of Theresa Kim
- Kristi Claeys, daughter of Don and Ardith Claeys
- Daniel Noll, brother of Cindy Kingsbury
- Ray McKeen, father of Frank McKeen

**Crisis Prayer Chain:** Your fellow parishioners are willing to pray for your crisis prayer intention. Contact the Crisis Prayer Chain at [sjdcrisisprayerchain@googlegroups.com](mailto:sjdcrisisprayerchain@googlegroups.com). To join the Crisis Prayer Chain send a blank email to [sjdcrisisprayer-chain+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:sjdcrisisprayer-chain+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

## Our Mission

We are St. Juan Diego Catholic Church,  
a welcoming community  
empowered by the Holy Spirit, who worship, serve and evangelize as we gather a vibrant, diverse, multicultural  
People of God dedicated to proclaiming  
the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## Scripture Readings

February 19  
Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

February 26  
First Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25	Genesis 9:8-15
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 1:18-22	1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 1:12-15

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Evening Mass:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday Morning Mass:** 9:00 AM and 11:45 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation :** Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM

**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 6:00 PM and Wed. – Sat. 8:00 AM


**Liturgy of the Hours** (Divine Office)

*Half an hour before daily Mass*

**Holy Day Masses** call for schedule 503-644-1617

If you would like to have a Mass offered for anyone, call or email Peggy Brice at the office. Suggested donation \$10

**Mass Schedule and Intentions for this Week:**

Feb 20	Mon	No AM Mass
Feb 21	Tues	6 PM Sally Wendling by Jan Moran
Feb 22	Wed	♥ Joan Eisenbach by Kathy & Wayne Hudson
Feb 23	Thurs	† Mary Agnes Kelty by Quillin Family
Feb 24	Fri	† Maury Packer by Mary Packer
Feb 25	Sat	† 8 AM Mark Maloney by Mary Johnson † 5:00 PM Joseph Hung Pham by Nguyet Vu
Feb 26	Sun	 9:00 AM Mass for the People 11:45 AM Open Intention

**Visitations to the Sick and Homebound:** Please call Kathy at the office if you know of someone who needs Communion taken to them at home or in the hospital.

## St. Juan Diego Directory

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Crisis Prayer Chain: [www.stjuandiego.org/crisisprayerchain.htm](http://www.stjuandiego.org/crisisprayerchain.htm)

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 503-985-6046

Hours: Mon 4:00-5:30pm, Thurs 10:00am-12:00pm Fri 11:00am-1:00pm

## Faith Formation

### Faith Formation 2011 –2012 Schedule

No Class	Feb 19
Class and Lenten Activities	Feb 26
Class	March 4, 11, 18

Classes meet from 10:30-11:30 in Building 2 at PCC. Visit [www.stjuandiego.org/dfaithformation.htm](http://www.stjuandiego.org/dfaithformation.htm) for more info.

**First Eucharist Parent Meeting:** March 4 during class. All parents should attend this session presented by Charlie Schreck, Theology teacher at Jesuit High School.

**Save the Dates! More information coming soon**

Vacation Bible School—August 6-10, 2012

St. Juan Diego goes to Camp Howard—July 15-20, 2012.

Camp Howard brochures available in the Narthex.

**Stations of the Cross:**

High School Youth will be hosting on March 2

Middle School Youth will be hosting on March 9

Stations of the Cross will be presented at 6:30 PM with a simple soup supper at 7:00 PM. Please join us for this special Lenten tradition.

SCRIP sales have now provided over \$4,000 for the building fund in just a few months! You can help St. Juan Diego by using SCRIP (pre-loaded gift cards) to purchase groceries, eat at restaurants, buy clothes or sports equipment, get your car washed or download iTunes. SCRIP gift cards are the **exact same cards** you buy at retail outlets, except that St. Juan Diego gets a percentage of every sale. There is something for everyone with over 200 restaurants, pizza chains, coffee shops and department stores to choose from. SCRIP orders are taken and distributed following every Mass. If you have any questions email us at [StJuanDiegoSCRIP@gmail.com](mailto:StJuanDiegoSCRIP@gmail.com) or call Lisa at 503-277-8637.

“Christ is the light which illumines the way” (Blessed John Paul II). **The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide food, shelter, medical care, and compassion for the depressed and lonely, in addition to pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation on Ash Wednesday helps to reinforce the Christian ideals of charity, family values, and kindness in a place struggling in the aftermath of 70 years of atheistic Soviet rules. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit [www.usccb.org/national](http://www.usccb.org/national) collections to learn more about the important projects funded by the Collection. Please make your check out to St. Juan Diego.

**Thank you for your generous support of our parish**

**February 11/12 760 people**

**Collection Basket \$3,829.41**

**Received electronically or by mail \$2,152.50**

## From the Social Justice Committee

*You Can Make a Difference*

**Bishops Continue Urging Passage of Respect for Rights of Conscience Act:** The President has announced some changes in HHS's mandate. "These changes require careful moral analysis, and moreover, appear subject to some measure of change. But we note at the outset that the lack of clear protection for key stakeholders—for self-insured religious employers; for religious and secular for-profit employers; for secular non-profit employers; for religious insurers; and for individuals—is unacceptable and must be corrected." [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

### **ACTION:**

- Contact your U.S. Representative by phone, mail or FAX letter.
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: [202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121)
- Write a letter and send to your representatives. Go to [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience) for more information.

Start a new Lenten tradition—join your parish family for

## *Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers!*

Every Friday in Lent, we will gather to reflect on Jesus' journey to Calvary through the Stations of the Cross. We will then share a simple soup supper. Each Friday will be hosted by a different parish group and will reflect the charisms of that particular group. Stations begin at 6:30 PM in the church followed immediately by a soup supper. Please join us!

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| <b>February 24</b> | <b>RCIA and Liturgy Committee</b>      |
| <b>March 2</b>     | <b>High School Youth Group</b>         |
| <b>March 9</b>     | <b>Middle School Youth</b>             |
| <b>March 16</b>    | <b>Pastoral Council</b>                |
| <b>March 23</b>    | <b>Circles of Women Seeking Wisdom</b> |
| <b>March 30</b>    | <b>St. Juan Diego Choir</b>            |



*You're invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl.* This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet in the Narthex after all Masses and join in this simple

yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit <http://orb.crs.org> for additional resources to use at home.

**Memorial Flowers for Easter:** Donations are being welcomed for Memorial Flowers for Easter. Donation envelopes are in the Narthex. Please include if the flowers are in memory or in honor of any specific individual.



**Ash Wednesday Masses:** Masses on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22 will be at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

**Little Black Books:** All are invited to take a Little Black Book. These books contain six minute meditations for each day of Lent.. The donation of \$1 to cover cost is appreciated.

### ***Fasting and Abstinence Regulations***

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

**Save the date:** The Youth Group Auction will be on May 5. The youth are in need of items for a silent auction. If you have something you can donate, please contact Kathy Marshall at [marsh06@comcast.net](mailto:marsh06@comcast.net)

## Around the Archdiocese

**Catholic Charities' Ministry to the Elderly Committee** is sponsoring a Lenten Day of Recollection, "Do This in Memory of Me," for those who minister to the sick and elderly in any capacity from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Fri, Feb. 24, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. The event is presented by Rev. Bob Barricks. Pre-registration is required and a \$15 fee is required 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 #1, Portland, OR 97202.

**There is hope and healing after abortion** no matter how long ago or how many. Forgiveness and mercy await you at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Upcoming 2012 retreat is June 1-3 in Portland. Participation is strictly confidential. Contact Project Rachel at 1-800-249-8074 or email [ProjectRachel@catholiccharitiesoregon.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@catholiccharitiesoregon.org). The cost is \$175 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Don't let financial constraints stop you; there is generous financial assistance available! For more information, visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**Adapted Liturgy:** You are invited on Feb 26 to the St. Pius X Adapted Liturgy, a Mass that celebrates the lives and gifts of all people, including those with physical and developmental disabilities and illnesses. Every effort is made to accommodate the inclusion and participation of each person. The church is accessible for wheelchairs, and listening devices are available. The Adapted Liturgy is offered the 4th Sunday of every month at **2:45 pm (new time)** at St. Pius X; call 503-644-5264 for more information. Future dates are March 25, April 22, and May 27. A casual reception follows. All are welcome to this joyful gathering!