

Christians Work For “A Life” Not Just For “A Living”

Last week Jesus performed the multiplication of the loaves, and all the people who witnessed the amazing miracle wanted to make Jesus king. Making Jesus king was the same thing as asking him to lead them in a revolution against the Roman Empire.

But Jesus didn't come to earth in order to spark a political revolution. He had a much bigger agenda, and so do his followers. He tries to explain this to them. He says: *"Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life."*

True Christians, in other words, understand that real fulfillment comes from more than just making a living; it comes from making a life. Many of our Lord's most famous sayings taught the same lesson: *"Blessed are the poor in spirit"* (Matthew 5:4), for example, and *"seek first the Kingdom of God"* (Matthew 6:33), and *"what does a man gain if he wins the whole world but loses his soul?"* (Matthew 16:26)

Our life on earth is preparation for something greater; our citizenship is in heaven, and here on earth, as the Letter to the Hebrews puts it, *"We have no lasting city"* (Hebrews 13:14).

Fr. Peter Nhat Hoang



REFLEXIONES DEL PADRE PEDRO

Los Cristianos Trabajan por “La Vida” No solo para “Vivir”

La semana pasada Jesús hizo la multiplicación de los panes, y toda la gente que fue testigo de este maravilloso milagro querían hacer de Jesús un rey. Haciendo de Jesús un rey era lo mismo como pedirle que los guiara en una revolución en contra del Imperio Romano.

Pero, Jesús no vino a esta tierra para hacer revoluciones políticas. EL tenía una agenda mucho mas amplia, y sus seguidores también. El trato de explicarles esto a ellos. Y dijo: *"NO trabajen por el alimento que perece, sino por el alimento que perdura para la vida eterna."*

Los verdaderos cristianos, en otras palabras, entender que el cumplimiento real no viene de solo vivir; viene de hacer la vida. Muchos de los famosos dichos de nuestro Señor enseñan la misma lección: *"Benditos son los pobres de espíritu"* (Mateo 5:4), por ejemplo, *"busquen primero el Reino de Dios"* (Mateo 6:33) y *"que gana el hombre si gana al mundo entero pero pierde su alma?"* (Mateo 16:26)

Nuestra vida en la tierra es una preparación de algo mas grande; nuestra ciudadanía es en el cielo, y aquí en la tierra, como la carta a los Hebreos lo dice, *"No tenemos una patria permanente, sino que andamos en busca de la futura"* (Hebreos 13:14).

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TIME TO SWING A CLUB! — It's the Knights of Columbus' **33rd Memorial Golf Tournament** on **August 25th**, beginning at 8:00am! Proceeds will be donated to Marist and O'Hara Catholic Schools' scholarship funds. You can participate as a golfer (\$25/adult & \$8/lunch ... \$15/student & \$6/lunch), tournament sponsor, golf ball sponsor (with your company logo), prize/raffle donator, etc. See Sponsorship opportunities (along with sign-ups) on page 9 & 10 of the *KnightTimes* at: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a2358468984b90c549775b708/files/d5bc4f3f-6650-4a0f-8485-7a47db908b42/1807_Knight_Times.pdf OR call Dan Landry at 541-510-8459.

THEOLOGY ON TAP! Young adults (ages 21-39) are invited to head over to the K of C Hall on Charnelton St., for the 2nd Thursday "Theology on Tap", **August 9th**, at **6:45pm**. Topic: How is Natural Family Planning (NFP) different from contraception? Does it work? For info, contact: eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com or 541-270-9329 or [facebook.com/EugeneCYA](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneCYA)

JOINT PARISH PICNIC
August 26th
3:00pm
@ St. Mark
Stay tuned on what to bring!



It's HOT !!

And we have a cool opportunity for you! Lots of help needed to maintain the St. Mark sprinkler system/sprinkler heads — and with the hot weather, we sure need to keep the lawns and flower beds watered. Contact Lonnie or Dinah at the St. Mark office (541-689-0725) or send an email to: saintmark1760@hotmail.com Just let us know when you are available, and we'll work with your schedule! Many thanks!..

UPCOMING RETREATS:

JOURNEY TOGETHER IN HOPE — Join for a weekend of fellowship, prayer and fun for people who have disabilities and their families, at Aldergate Camp (Turner, OR), **August 24-26**. To learn more, contact Kelsey Rea: krea@archdpdx.org, or specialneeds.archdpdx.org, or 503-233-8399..

WOMEN'S RETREAT: "PASSING THE FAITH ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION" — This retreat is hosted by St. Benedict Lodge ((56630 North Bank Rd, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413) on **Sept. 14-16**. Speakers will be Sr. Lilly Fitzpatrick, OP, and Sr. Patrick Kearney, OP. Cost is \$100/person for private room, and \$90/person for a shared room. Please send a \$30 deposit to register, to the above address. To learn more, call 541-822-3572, or go to website: sblodge.opwest.org..



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