

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. MARY'S IS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO WITNESS CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

**COFFEE & DONUTS** after the 10:00 Mass downstairs in the Hall. Thank you Catholic Daughters for serving coffee & donuts this month. Thanks to The ALTAR SOCIETY for cleaning the Altar area.

## From the Pastor: *(From In Conversation with God)*

During this forty-day period between Easter and the Ascension of Our Lord, the Church asks us to keep our eyes on Heaven, our final dwelling place, to which Our Lord is calling us. This invitation becomes more pressing as we approach the day on which Jesus went up to the right hand of his Father.

Our Lord had promised his disciples that in a little while he would be with them forever. *Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me.* Our Lord has kept his promise in this period when he stays close to his loved ones. But this presence will not end when he goes up with his glorious body to his Father, because, by his Passion and Death he has prepared for us a place in his Father's house, where there are many mansions. *I will come again, he tells them, and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

The Apostles, who had been saddened by the prediction of Peter's denials, are comforted by the hope of Heaven. The return to which Our Lord is referring includes his second coming at the end of the world, and the meeting with each soul when it leaves the body. Our death will be just that: a meeting with Christ, whom we have tried to serve throughout our lifetime. He will bring us to the fullness of glory, the meeting with his Heavenly Father, who is also our Father. There in Heaven, where we have a place prepared for us, Jesus awaits us, the same Jesus who is with us, who awaits us in prayer and with whom we have often been in intimate friendly conversation.

From our regular conversations with Our Lord is born the desire to be with him. Faith sweetens much of the bitterness of death. Our love for Jesus completely changes the meaning of that last moment which comes for everybody. *Those in love try to see each other. People in love have eyes only for their love. That's logical, isn't it? The human heart feels this need. I would be lying if I denied my eagerness to contemplate the face of Jesus Christ. I will seek your countenance, O Lord.*

The thought of Heaven will help us to be detached from the things of this world and to overcome difficult situations. We make God very happy when we foster that theological virtue of hope, which is united with faith and love. There will be times when we need it a lot. *At the time of temptation think of the love that awaits you in Heaven: foster the virtue of hope-this is not a lack of generosity.* It will be likewise at moments of great sorrow and trial, and when we find it very hard to be faithful or persevering in our work or apostolate. The reward is a big one, and it is just around the corner, not long from now.

Meditating on Heaven, which is our destination, ought to spur us on to be more generous in our daily struggle, *because hope of the reward comforts the soul unto doing good works.*

The thought of that final meeting of love to which we are called will help us to be on our guard in big things and in little things, giving them the finishing touch, as if each one were to be the last before going to meet our Heavenly Father.

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: TABERNACLE:** Reservation of the Most Holy Eucharist: In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, readily visible, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer. The tabernacle should be immovable, be made of solid and inviolable material that is not transparent, and be locked in such a way that the danger of profanation is prevented to the greatest extent possible. Moreover, it is appropriate that, before it is put into liturgical use, it be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual.

**PRO-LIFE:** (continued from last week) \* Come to the Father – the source of all life, and bring those who are denied the gift of life. Abortion destroys God's beautiful gift of life. The Cross is God's way of restoring life. \* Abortion is darkness. It enslaves people, not liberates. Only Jesus can liberate people through the Cross. Christianity lives this message. \* Abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, and human cloning are the absolute presence of rebellion from the evil one to defy God's gift of life. The power of the Cross will liberate people from this death bondage. \* Abortion destroys the life of the baby and the life of the mother. More than 49 million dead babies later and humanity is further behind than before Roe v. Wade in 1973. The power of Jesus' Cross will save us and remake the brokenness of femininity and masculinity into the loving image of God today.

**THE DIOCESAN CAMP INFORMATION IS OUT!** This year we have High School Kick Back Camp Ages 14-17 from June 14-19, 2009, Junior High Life on Fire Camp, ages 11-13 from July 18-21, T.Y.G (Thank you God) Camp ages 9-10 from August 4-7, Family Camp all ages from July 3-6, and Introducing Leadership Camp ages 16-20 from July 15-21 to lead this year's Life on Fire Camp. See [www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org) and click on "Camps". Scholarships are available though Catholic Daughters contact Nicola at 278-8080

**DISPOSAL OF BLESSED ITEMS :** When blessed religious objects break or wear from use, the basic rule for the disposition of these items is to burn or to bury them. During the 1800s, both the Sacred Congregation for the Rites and the Holy Office (now known respectively as the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship and the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) issued various determinations concerning this issue. Here are a few examples: A chalice which becomes "unserviceable" is not to be sold, but must be used for some other sacred purpose or melted. Vestments, altar cloths and linens must be destroyed. Polluted or excess holy water must be poured into the ground. Palms are to be burned, and the ashes then used for distribution on Ash Wednesday or returned to the ground. A broken rosary or religious statue normally would be buried. In all, the underlying idea is that what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God. Never should one just "throw out" what has been dedicated to God.

# 6th SUNDAY of EASTER MAY 17 2009

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, May 18

7:00 pm MASS †Gerald Moore/Mary Moore

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

### TUESDAY, May 19

7:00 am MASS †Pete Garcia/Waldron/Sinner

6:00 pm KC's Mass at St. Anthony Hospital  
Dinner to follow

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

### WEDNESDAY, May 20

6:00 pm MASS †Andrew Vescio/Shirley & Bill Nirschl

6:30 pm RE Classes & Adult Ed Class

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

### THURSDAY, May 21 Ascension of the Lord

7:00 pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Vasa

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

### FRIDAY, May 22

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †Andrew Vescio/Mike & Ann Vescio

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

### SATURDAY, May 23

8:00 am MASS Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Fr. Clemens/Georgia Herbes

### SUNDAY, May 24 7th Sunday of Easter

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:00 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS For people alone/Joe Phillips

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

**St. Mary's on-line:** The website is [stmaryspendleton.org](http://stmaryspendleton.org)

**COFFEE & DOUNTS:** We will have a sign up downstairs for family or individuals to serve coffee and donuts each week. If you would like to help with this ministry please sign up or call Curt LaVelle at 276-7007.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF DESERT:** If you are interested in going please call Tiffany LeGore at 276-9013 to find out if there are any seats available. It will be held on May 30.

**THE BOOK OF THE MONTH:** With all his characteristic brilliance and eloquence, Fulton J. Sheen tells the story of the Blessed Virgin Mary and examines Marian beliefs ranging from the Immaculate Conception to the miracle of Fatima in the book *The World's First Love, Mary Mother of God*. Her whole life, from the moment the Angel appeared to her announcing she was to be the Mother of the Son of God, through the boyhood of the Child Christ, the beginning of His public life at the marriage at Cana, the Passion and death at Calvary, up to the time of her assumption into heaven is lovingly and reverently portrayed.

Beneath the deep spirituality of the book there is a firm foundation of history, philosophy and theology, the truths of which are presented clearly and logically.

**PROPER MODEST DRESS FOR CHURCH:** St. Peter's in Rome has a very specific dress code: no skirts above the knee, no shorts, no bare shoulders (i.e., tank tops or sleeveless blouses), and you must wear shoes. Slacks and jeans, however, are permitted. We must always remember it is sacred ground. Here at St Mary's we would like to follow the lead of Mother Church. (No skin from neck to knees)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** On May 19th at St. Anthony's Hospital Mass will be at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm for Knights and their spouses.

#### Altar Servers for May 23-24

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Daniel & John  
Kubishta & Soren Wolf

**10:am:** Nolan & Grant Kennedy

**11:30am:** Mitchell Montachalin

#### Eucharistic Min. May 23-24

**Saturday 5 pm:** John Bjorkland  
& Patrick Feller

**10:00 am:** Bert & Muriel

Rosario

## We Would Like To Welcome You To Our Parish Family

If you are new to the Parish, please fill out your name and address below. We would love to add you to our Parish Family. Please visit us at the Parish Office or mail this form to us or place it in the collection basket.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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