

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

Come join us downstairs for coffee & donuts after Sunday's Mass.

From the Pastor:

Christ reconciled all things with the Father, offering **peace to those who were far off**. By His Blood on the cross, we now **have access in one Spirit to the Father**. We grow near to the heart of Christ when we show him we want to please Him. One essential part of our relationship with Christ is reconciliation. Through confession we show Christ we desire to restore the relationship that was hurt by sin. The Sacrament of Penance heals our wounds brought on by sin. But we should go not because we have, to but because we want to please Him.

What is the Sacrament of Penance? The Sacrament of Penance brings the Christian God's merciful forgiveness for any sins committed after Baptism. Jesus gave His Apostles the power to forgive sins on earth. Through the priest, Jesus grants forgiveness to the sinner. The sinner should be truly sorry for his sins; firm in his resolve to avoid them; and desire to repair the damage done.

How does Jesus see sinners? We hear clear words from the Father speaking to Saint Faustina, "*My heart overflows with great mercy for souls, especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them.Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness, to so many proofs of love! My Heart drinks only of ingratitude....They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces.*"

What are some obstacles people experience when going to the Sacrament of Penance? **Pride** once again takes many away. They allow themselves to be blinded into thinking they have no sin or their sins are not great. **Ignorance** of not knowing how sin corrupts or that our salvation may be at stake is sometimes the case. One woman in Texas was told by her priest, who was in error, there is no problem with same-sex relations. An orthodox priest later told her the truth and now she thanks God for confessing this sin in truthfulness. **Fear** is also a common obstacle. Fear of what the priest will think. Fear of not knowing how to confess. Fear of mentioning your sins to another.

None of these should cause us to avoid the Sacrament of Confession. If we say in the Creed, "We believe in the forgiveness of sin," we should practice frequent confessions and receive absolution. Confession could be a great opportunity for grace and therefore we must not lose hope.

Despairing soul: what gives joy to the enemy is not so much your faults, as the depression and the distrust in the mercy of God which they produce in you. "This," says Saint Columbiere, "*is the greatest evil which can come over a creature. While one is able to fight against this evil, there is nothing which cannot be converted into good and from which some advantage cannot be gained...All the bad things you have done are nothing compared with what you do if you lack confidence. Hope until the end. I command this...*" Let us practice the Sacrament of Penance!!

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Color of sacred Vestments: The purpose of a variety in the color of the sacred vestments is to give effective expression even outwardly to the specific character of the mysteries of faith being celebrated and to a sense of the Christian life's passage through the course of the liturgical year. As to the color of sacred vestments, the traditional usage is to be retained.

DIOCESE of BAKER PRO LIFE CONFERENCE: "Day of Renewal" The Most Reverend Bishop Robert Vasa will present this Spiritual Retreat on September 19 from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm at the Powell Butte Retreat Center. The Center is located at 14427 S.W. Alfalfa Rd. Powell Butte, Oregon. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Suggested donation is \$15. Please R.S.V.P to pmarx@dioceseofbaker.org or 541-388-4004.

STEBENVILLE NW CAMP: Thank you for all your support of the youth going to Steubenville NW camp through the car wash and can drive. Your generosity is very appreciated.

POTLUCK: We will have a potluck on Saturday July 25 after the 5:00 pm Mass. Please come join us as we join Deacon Bill and the Howell family share their experiences with the Catholic faith and EWTN. The church will furnish the meat A-K bring a dessert and L-Z bring a salad. This is a great opportunity to meet some very special people.

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)

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Jn 20:22-23 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." **Jam 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, July 20 Apollinaris, bishop & martyr

7:00 pm MASS †Frank Tilleman/Kevin & Karla

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

TUESDAY, July 21 Lawrence of Brindisi

7:00 am MASS †Richard Smith/Mary Harris

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, July 22 Mary Magdalene

6:00 pm MASS Peggy Wagenseil/Mary Helfrich

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

THURSDAY, July 23 Bridget of Sweden, religious

7:00 am MASS Joanna Case/Terry & Patty Case

Noon Pariah & Finance Council Meeting

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

FRIDAY, July 24 Sharbel Makhulf, priest

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †Becca Holowecky/Fran

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

SATURDAY, July 25 James, apostle

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Bob Smith/Mary Harris

6:00 pm Potluck

SUNDAY, July 26 17h Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:00 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS Father Clemens/Coffee Group

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

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.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 11:00 pm on Monday, midnight & 8 am on Thursday & 3 am on Friday. Please help fill these hours with Jesus, call Karla at 276-3615 to sign up for your hour. Thanks

BOOK OF THE MONTH: In *How to Profit from one's faults*, Fr. Joseph Tissot offers his readers advice based on the writings of St. Francis de Sales. This book is meant for all those who want to achieve something spiritual in their lives, and who in the normal course events find that they don't always succeed. Fr. Tissot encourages the reader to recognize one's shortcomings and to put them to good use. He does so within the context of divine compassion and love, and the grace that is always available to those who ask for it. We will be ordering this book if you are interested please sign up in the back of the church. Cost will be \$11.00

St. Mary's on-line: The website is stmaryspendleton.org

RCIA: Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church? Classes started September 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Church. The classes are also open to anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Any adult who has not been confirmed and who would like this sacrament, the RCIA classes are for you. Contact Fr. Clemens 276-2833.

Altar Servers for July 25-26

Saturday 5:00 pm: Braden & Jacob Sprenger

10:am: Seth & Peter Case & Walker Hoolehan

11:30am: Mitchell Montachalin

Eucharistic Min. July 25-26

Saturday 5 pm: Kevin & Karla Willman

10:00 am: Bud & Bernie Moore

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 _____

PHONE _____

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