

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 26 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, July 27

7:00 pm MASS †Frank Tilleman/Judy Chapman

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

TUESDAY, July 28

7:00 am MASS †Gary Galenbeck/Carl Duchek

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, July 29 Martha

6:00 pm MASS Kathryn Thomson/Shirley & Nancy

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

THURSDAY, July 30 Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor

7:00 am MASS †David Stillman/Florence Stillman

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

FRIDAY, July 31 Ignatius of Loyola, priest

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †Sherwood Stillman/Florence Stillman

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

SATURDAY, August 1 Alphonsus Liguori, bishop

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Benito Nina/Elvira Esparza

SUNDAY, Aug 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS †David Stillman/Florence Stillman

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

RE ROOF & FLOOR: Anyone wanting to make a donation to help with the cost of the RE roof and floor please make your checks payable to St. Mary's Building fund. Thank you.

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 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. Thank s

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 Aug 1-2

Saturday 5:00 pm: Daniel & John Kubishita & Soren Wolf

10:am: Nolan & Grant Kennedy

11:30am: Mitchell Montachalin

Eucharistic Min. Aug. 1-2

Saturday 5 pm: Deanna Brandhagen & Roberta

Alexander

10:00 am: Dennis Duchek & Curt LaVelle

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 _____

St. Mary's Church 800 SE Court Pendleton, OR 97801

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:

Along the shores of the Sea of Galilee people from surrounding villages gathered to hear the Lord. The people were caught up in seeing the signs he was performing on the sick. No one had given thought to the hours the people had been without food and provisions. They were hungry but more captivated by the words of the Lord. Nevertheless, Jesus still had the needs of his audience in mind. He took pity on those exhausted people, who had been following him for a number of days. He worked the splendid miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. But before working the miracle he puts his disciples to the test. He said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" Philip who was looking strictly at the materials available, forgot about Jesus' previous power in similar situations. Andrew also found a boy with five barley loaves and two fish but thought it would not be enough.

What can we learn from the words of Jesus given to us in the Gospel? The first necessity is that Jesus responds to our hunger. Our hunger spiritually must be fed by his word, his presence in the Holy Eucharist and by the truth that we face each day in our vocation. Today many people hunger to hear the truth. I hear from others who want to hear more about Christ and His Church, but are continually bombarded with social and money issues. This watering down of the word kills the hunger for Christ in the hearts of the people of God. In fact, in some areas of the Church, it has been so long since they have heard the truth they hardly recognize it.

Another necessity to learn from this Gospel is that Jesus will also put us to the test. But why would the loving Lord put us to the test? That doesn't sound very loving. Well, love demands sacrifice, and in love you need to go to the end for the other. Jesus wants to see that we will persevere with Him through life. He wants us to trust and work with Him. When Jesus worked the miracle of the loaves and fishes He expected Philip and Andrew to do their part. God doesn't come down and tie our shoes each day. He wants us to respond to Him in love, perseverance and trust.

Why is this so difficult today? Because we want everything immediately. When it doesn't happen in our time, and our way, we begin to complain to the Lord. There may be doubts, and anger towards God. We say to Him, "This is hard, very hard, and you're not looking!" Simply put, we do not trust God enough. We do not think He is going to work it out.

Worldly fears get in our way to letting God work out His plan. Will the banks close? Will our insurance be there for us? Will we have enough food in the future? Will our government remain the same? These are the fears of our world today, but let us remember God is in control. He won the victory at the cross, and we live of this through our perseverance and trust in Him.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Biblical Readings:

The Scriptures are truly the living word of the Eternal and Triune God. In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God". In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them.

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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE:

Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body? To your marriage? The Couple to Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. A new course will be held on Aug. 29th, Sept. 26th, and Oct. 30th. For more information and registration. Call Scott & Valerie DeSomber at 276-6532

RETROUVAILLE:

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is similar to Marriage Encounter but with one important difference, the leaders are couples whose own marriages once nearly failed. They inspire couples in hurting marriages to try new ways to love each other. For the next Retrouvaille weekend visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call 503-285-2342.

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

Are you a young woman discerning your vocation? The Diocese of Baker is having a Women's Discernment retreat the weekend of August 7-9. The cost is only \$40. Please see www.dioceseofbaker.org for more information or call Jessica at 541-388-4004.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE:

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood. **Luke 22:19** Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "this is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."