

# 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30 2009

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, August 31

7:00 pm MASS All Priests/Shirley Baker

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

### TUESDAY, Sept. 1

7:00 am MASS Tom & Lynn Kemp/Blanche Kemp

7:00 pm KC meeting in basement of Church

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

### WEDNESDAY, Sept. 2

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm MASS Eileen Burns/Alrita Burns

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

### THURSDAY, Sept. 3

7:00 am MASS Lyn Grant/Mary Ramey

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

### FRIDAY, Sept. 4

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS Conversion of abortion providers/Kathryn

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

### SATURDAY, Sept. 5 Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

7:00 am MASS Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Blasphemes against Jesus/Kathryn

### SUNDAY, Sept. 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS †Frank Ramey/Mary Ramey

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

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

**RE REGISTRATION:** Registration for RE will be the week-ends of August 29-30 and Sept. 19-20 after all Masses.

**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.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Fr. Julian Cassar will come to our adult class on Sept 23, Oct. 21 and Nov. 18th at 6:30 pm in the RE Center to teach the "History of the Catholic Church".

**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. Thanks

**BOOK OF THE MONTH:** In this popular biography of Saint Faustina, Catherine M. Odell draws on Faustina's diary and many other sources to present the fascinating and inspiring life story of this remarkable young woman whose divinely inspired revelations and mystical experiences have touched thousands of lives and formed the basis for the worldwide Divine Mercy Movement. A profound message of God's hope and love for our time! You can find this book in our library.

**DIRECTORY:** The Church directory is in the back of the church. You should find one with your name on it if you had your picture taken. We have a few extras come to the office if you would like one of the extra copies.

**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 29-30

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Braden & Jacob Sprenger

**Sunday 10:00 am:** Seth & Peter Case & Walker Hoolehan

**Sunday 11:30 am:** Mitchell Montachalin

## 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:

**This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.** The heart of man is the battlefield for goodness and evil. Jesus wants us to have the inside of the cup washed as much as we wash the outside. In other words, if a person would put more time to the beauty of his soul than the beauty of body and looks, he may discover a new outlook on life and eternity.

Jesus says **from within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.** Since the heart is very vulnerable to the promptings of evil, we must be aware and focused on how to protect our hearts and save our souls.

We receive a light on understanding from St Paul in the second reading. **Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.** Humility is a key virtue necessary for living the Christian faith. No truth and goodness will be able to root itself in our souls, unless we have humility.

What is humility? Humility is living in truth. We realize we are second and God is first. We see ourselves as God sees us with all our weaknesses and all our gifts. We acknowledge the gifts that God has given us but also see the gifts of our neighbors. Thus we can humble ourselves before our neighbors for God's sake. **Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another** (1 Pet 5:5).

Humility is not easy to attain? There are recorded instances of saints who struggled with the virtue of humility. St John once said **we saw a man casting out demons and we forbade him** (Mk 9:38). Jesus gently corrected him, explaining that all people who do good in His name should be united to love and acceptance. St Thomas Beckett struggled with humility. Knowing his weakness, he ordered several clergy to warn him of any faults for as he said, "four eyes see more clearly than two."

Humility is necessary because it keeps us from falling into pride, which is one of the Seven Deadly sins. It was pride that caused the fall of Lucifer, one of the greatest angels. St Anthony of the Desert had a vision in which he saw the entire world covered with Satan's snares and traps. In great sadness, he cried out, "O my God, who can ever hope to escape all these snares, for they are everywhere?" A voice came from Heaven: "the one who is humble." In Heaven, there are saints who never gave alms, their poverty justified them. There are saints who never mortified their bodies by fasting, their infirmities excused them. There were saints who were not virgins, their vocation was otherwise. But in Heaven there is no Saint that was not humble.

Humility allows God to enter our heart for the word to take root, for the faith to grow. Jesus needs nothing but your humility and your confidence to work marvels of purification and holiness. Your confidence will be in proportion to your humility. Because we realize our need of Jesus, we have recourse to Him and recognize our unworthiness before Him.

## UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: ACCLAMATION:

One of the many ways in which the faithful actively participate in liturgical celebrations is by praying or reciting brief prayers or formulas known as acclamations. Another of the many ways in which the faithful participate is through singing, especially the various parts of the Sacred Liturgy.

**MEN'S DAY OF DESERT:** The men's Day of Desert will be on Sept. 26 beginning at 6:00 AM and ending at 3:00 PM. Please sign up in the back of the Church if you are interested in going.

**BOOK:** In this "Year of the Priests", it would be wonderful to extend our thanks to the priests of our diocese with a gift from our parish family. This gift would be a seven volume set of "In Conversation With God," by Francis Fernandez. This is a very beautiful set of books that any priest would find very helpful in serving his parish, as well as his own spiritual growth. If you would like to make a donation for these gifts you will find envelopes in the back of the church. Just put the envelope in the collection basket. We have collected \$1,500 of the \$3,000 we needed to order books.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI:** Pope Benedict XVI, at his weekly general audience noted the gift of nature, and the "phenomena of environmental degradation and natural calamities," the Pontiff recalled the need for mankind to enter into "a correct relation with the environment." Benedict XVI called the earth "a precious gift of the Creator," and said "we must hold ourselves as stewards of his creation." He urged world leaders to address global environmental issues "with generous courage" and reminded them that the world's resources are to be shared by all, including poorer countries.

**PRO-LIFE:** Rep. Greg Smith is pro-life and wishes to visit with people to hear concerns, comments and any other information that may help him in his position to promote the cause. He will be at the Evergreen Retirement Center at 2:00 pm on Wednesday Sept. 2 in Milton/Freewater. Call Catherine at 541-938-3783 for information.

## WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Mt 28:18-

**20** And Jesus drew near and spoke to them saying, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world." **Jn 20:23** "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."