

# 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:

**I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting** (Isaiah). The Son of Man must suffer, be rejected, killed and be raised. Peter doesn't want to hear this and corrects Jesus. Jesus calls Peter the devil for thinking as man and not as God. **Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.** (Mark)

Once again our readings come back to the cross. *Saint Justinian* says that the death of Jesus was the most bitter and painful of all the deaths that human beings ever died, since Jesus died without any alleviation of suffering. God sent his only Son to die like us in flesh and free us from sin. It was out of pure love that God gave us His Son, for **God so loved the world**. And what greater love could God the Father have given us than the condemned death of His innocent Son that saved us miserable sinners.

*Saint Andrew* says if you only know the mystery of the cross you would abandon all your possessions and earthly hopes, in order to give yourself wholly to the love of your savior. How often today we run from crosses. So many think of suffering as something bad and have great difficulty in acceptance. **With Christ I am nailed to the cross. It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me.** (*Saint Paul*)

Recently, a woman called me to tell me that one by one her brothers and sisters had been diagnosed with Lou Gerhig's disease. The late Msgr. Schwartz spoke of his sufferings of Lou Gerhigs in his book, "Killing me Softly." He gives this account: There are many similarities to my ALS and the pain of Jesus on the cross. Jesus was disabled and immobilized rigidly fixed to the tree. My condition is now the same. I am totally disabled and cannot move. His position on the cross gave him great difficulty in breathing. My breathing is below 50 percent of normal, more likely I will die of suffocation. Jesus had overwhelming fatigue. I, because of lack oxygen and sleep, am also fatigued. Jesus spoke only seven words from the cross. Most ALS patients when they die have lost their ability to speak. Jesus was stripped of his clothes and dignity. Each day I have fresh and new humiliations.

Why do we complain even at the slightest difficulty? Our love of God should be strengthened more to face the crosses and not give up. *Saint Athanasius*, a fourth century Bishop, whose great opposition to the Arian Heresy remained firm even when many Bishops, priests and lay people wavered. His steadfastness defended the faith even after being exiled five times for seventeen years. *Saint Vincent De Paul*, says, "If today we have had a power to overcome one difficulty, tomorrow and the day after we shall surmount others that are much greater." The Blessed Mother accepted her cross and lived what Jesus lived at the cross. She stood at the foot of the cross, never gave up and never lost hope. She endured the cross because she loved Him!

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Agnus Dei: The Chants:** It is not permitted to substitute other chants for those found in the Order of Mass, such as the *Agnus Dei*. Thus, no descriptions of Christ other than "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" are to be added.

**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 \$2,215 of the \$3,000 we needed to order.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI:** The Holy Father considered Peter Damian (1007-1072), pointing out his love for the cross and his insightful theological reflection. Regarding the saint's love for the cross, the Pontiff noted that Peter Damian referred to himself as "Peter servant of the servants of the cross of Christ." He continued: "Peter Damian addressed most beautiful prayers to the cross, in which he reveals a vision of this mystery that has cosmic dimensions, because it embraces the whole history of salvation: "'O blessed cross,' he exclaimed, 'you are venerated in the faith of patriarchs, the predictions of prophets, the assembly of the apostles, the victorious army of the martyrs and the multitudes of all the saints.'" The Holy Father thus exhorted the faithful to follow the example of St. Peter Damian in looking "at the cross as the supreme act of love of God for man, which has given us salvation." Benedict XVI went on to consider Peter Damian's theological insight, particularly mentioning his understanding of the trinity, the figure of Christ, and the unity of the Church. "His reflection on several doctrinal subjects led him to important conclusions for life," the Pope observed. Particularly the saint's understanding of the communion of the Church which led him to join with the popes of his time in working for reform.

**PRO-LIFE:** This is a credit card where the proceeds go to Pro-Life. Check it out at <http://www.cardlabconnect.com/AffinityPortal/visitorAction.do?affinityName=savebabieswithyourcard>

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Mt 6:33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. **Mt 18:20** For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

# 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13 2009

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, Sept. 14

7:00 pm MASS †Sr. M Victoria Nuttman/Fellers

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

### TUESDAY, Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 am MASS †Thais & Bob Smith/Mary Harris

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

### WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16 Cornelius & Cyprian

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm MASS †Bill Nuttman/Feller Family

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

### THURSDAY, Sept. 17

7:00 am MASS †Lemuel Nichols/Feller Family

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

### FRIDAY, Sept. 18

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †John & Teresa McNamee/Mary Helfrich

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

### SATURDAY, Sept. 19 Januarius

8:00 am MASS Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS †Rose & Dave Baker/Nancy Burnett

### SUNDAY, Sept. 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS †Steve Cavallaro/Tiffany & Don LeGore

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

**NATIONAL HEALTHCARE BILL:** Check out this website from Bishops opposed to the national healthcare bill [www.americapapist.com/2009/09/list-bishop-against-obamacare.html](http://www.americapapist.com/2009/09/list-bishop-against-obamacare.html)

**RE REGISTRATION:** Registration for RE will be the week-end of Sept. 19-20 after all Masses.

**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 and 1 pm on Wednesday. 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.

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

**RE ROOF & FLOOR:** The cost to replace the RE roof was \$16,600. We have had donations of \$2,690 toward the cost of the roof. Please help pay for this needed maintenance by making your checks payable to St. Mary's Building fund. Thank you for all your generosity.

**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 Sept. 19-20

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Seth & Peter Case & Walker Hoolehan

**Sunday 10:00 am:** Daniel & John Kubishta & Sorn Wolf

**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.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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