

# 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:

The rich young man asks Jesus the greatest question, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He is looking beyond this world to the next and although he has sinned, Jesus tells him with God all things are possible.

Heaven is closer than we think. The problem is we very often don't ponder and understand eternity in Heaven. In order to understand it we must use time. Heaven is outside of time. We are in time.

If you could take a pill to live to 400 years, would it take away all your problems? Would you get rid of the all the sorrows you experience? Would you be preserved from disease or a tragic accident? It might end up that live longer becomes a curse and you wish you would have never taken the pill.

Eternity then is in the mind. We are always looking for something to end. Like a note that completes a song, if it stands alone it is nothing, but together it completes the melody. Like the song, our life has an ending.

What will happen at the end of our life? So many today try to immunize themselves against thoughts of eternity. They put on a God-proof raincoat so that the drops of grace will not go through it. They shut out eternity. T.S Elliot wrote a poem about men who keep themselves busy with everything in time, but never give a moment to the stranger, Christ.

We live in time. It makes happiness almost impossible. You look back or forward always wishing the grass were greener on the other side. Happiness maybe the moments when we are not conscious at all. The moment recalled when we enjoyed time with God, our family, a great concert or loving experience.

Heaven must be outside of time. But we use time to understand heaven. We often think of heaven as way out there, pictures of heaven are mostly unreal. Heaven is not way out there it begins right here (in your heart). There is no such thing as dying and going to heaven or dying and going to hell. You are beginning to live it right now. I'm sure you have met someone who is already living in hell or living in heaven.

Heaven is already here. Look at the child at first communion, love at the altar of marriage, the missionary nun. Heaven is not a long way off, it begins here. It is determined not by one act but the habits we have chosen. The Lord said to the apostles at the Last Supper, in my Fathers house there are many mansions. He would prepare a place for us.

Why were we not made for heaven and made for earth? Sin spoiled the earth but God came down to redeem it and after redemption gave us heaven. So we got all this earth and heaven too!

Heaven is social fellowship. It is referred to as a country because of its vastness, a city to suggest the number of its people, a kingdom to suggest order and harmony, paradise to tell of its delights, a father house to indicate its permanence in love and peace.

Think of some great moments you have had in time. Now raise that thought to eternity. The great moment where you experienced being loved and giving your love to another. Our relationships we have had on earth will continue in heaven. In heaven, I would like to see Jesus, Mary, Aristotle, St Thomas and I would like to see you too.

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Instituted Acolyte:** Lay men who possess the age and qualifications determined by decree of the conference of bishops, can be installed on a stable basis in the ministries of lector and acolyte in accord with the prescribed liturgical rite; the conferral of the these ministries, however, does not confer on these lay men the right to obtain support or remuneration from the Church.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI:** Benedict XVI has conferred the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal on the founder of the Eternal World Television Network and a deacon who helped the TV channel to succeed. The Pope gave the award to Mother Angelica, a Poor Clare Nun of Perpetual Adoration, and Deacon Bill Steltemeier. It is the highest honor a pope can bestow upon laity and religious. Bishop Robert Baker of Birmingham, Alabama, conferred the awards Sunday at the headquarters of EWTN. Mother Angelica, 86, founded the network in the garage of her monastery in 1981. Deacon Steltemeier, 80, left his work as an attorney to help Mother Angelica when EWTN was just starting. He served as president of the network and now is chairman of its board. Bishop Baker affirmed in his homily that the medal is "a significant acknowledgement by our Holy Father, of Mother's labors of love in support of our Church."

**CHILDREN CHOIR:** Practice for the children choir will be after the 10:00 AM Mass in the St. Joseph Room of the Religious Education Center each Sunday. All children welcome.

**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>

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**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Heaven; LUK 15:7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

**MAT 5:12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 11 2009

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, Oct. 12 Weekday ( 28)

\*7:00 am MASS †Evelyn Jaeger/Georgia Herbes  
6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

### TUESDAY, Oct. 13 Weekday (28)

\*7:00 am NO MASS  
7:00 pm RCIA  
12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

### WEDNESDAY, Oct. 14 Callistus I pope

\*5:15 pm NO Confession  
\*6:00 pm NO MASS  
6:30 pm RE Class/Adult Ed  
12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

### THURSDAY, Oct. 15 Teresa of Jesus

\*7:00 am NO MASS  
12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

### FRIDAY, Oct. 16 Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study  
7:00 am MASS †Mike Lambert/Kathryn Thomson  
12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

### SATURDAY, Oct. 17 Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens  
3:30 pm Confession  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5:00 pm MASS Mary Gehling/Willman Family

### SUNDAY, Oct. 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour  
9:15 am Confessions  
9:30 am Rosary  
10:00 am MASS Candy & Philip Baker/Willman Family  
11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish  
\* Notes change in regular schedule

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

**FUND RAISER:** Angelina Hernandez's son Diego has been in the hospital for a long time medical bills are adding up. They will have a fundraiser on October 17 from 8:00am-3:00 pm all kinds of food will be served for breakfast and lunch in the basement of the church.

**ADORATION:** We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 3 am on Friday. *"For where two or three are gathered together for my sake, there am I in the midst of them."* Call Karla at 276-3615 to sign up for an hour. Thanks.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH:** *I Believe in Love* is a spiritual classic that has long been loved by Catholics for its wondrous distillation of the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux into a reader-friendly set of meditations. It's perfect as a personal retreat when you have only a few moments to spare each day— and for spiritual reading anytime and anywhere. *I Believe in Love* has helped countless souls embark on the way to the Father. It will help you focus on Him throughout each day. rest in Him amid your troubles, and live joyfully with Him at every moment. You can find this book in our library.

**WOMENS NIGHT OUT:** On October 11 at 6:30 pm in the Church basement all women of the parish are invited for dessert and bunco. Come have some fun.

**G.I.F.T –Growing In Faith Together:** The Diocese of Baker will sponsor this year's speaker at the Pope John Paul II Conference Center in Powell Butte. Sunday October 11 Thursday, October 15. Sunday –Bishop Vasa Presents: "Why Catholic? It's Benefits ..It's Challenges" Monday– Sr. Weber : In Persona Christi.. Finding Christ on Earth Tuesday-Rev. Mr. Owen Cummings : Reinvigorating the Dignity of the Mass, Wednesday-Fr. Francis Ekwughu: Tacos, Fufu & Pierogis.. The Heavenly Banquet? Thursday– Fr. Julian Cassar: Jesus, I will follow you wherever you go!! Please join us as we Grow In Faith Together as Catholic.

### Altar Servers for October 17-18

**Saturday 5:00 pm: Logan Thorne & Quinn Doherty**

**Sunday 10:00 am: Braden & Jacob Sprenger**

**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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