

# 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: ( *From In Conversation with God* )**

As we seek to imitate the Lord we Christians should be ready to give cheerful service to God and other people without expecting anything in return. We should serve even those who do not appreciate our help. Many will not understand our cheerful attitude of self-denial. We should be content in the knowledge that Christ knows full well the efforts we are making on his behalf. The pride of the Christian is precisely in this dimension: to serve as the Master served. Yet we learn how to serve only when we are close to Jesus.

*When you start out each day to work by Christ's side and to look after all those souls who seek him, remember that there is only one way of doing it: we must turn to the Lord. Only in prayer, and through prayer, do we learn to serve others.* Prayer will give us all the strength and humility we require to serve others.

Our service to God and others should be characterized by our humility. We can think of ourselves as the little donkey that had the honor of carrying Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem in triumph. We always have to keep in mind the importance of rectitude of intention. In the words of Cardinal Luciani, later Pope John Paul I: *When I am paid a compliment, I must compare myself with the little donkey that carried Christ on Palm Sunday. And I say to myself: If that little creature, hearing the applause of the crowd, had become proud and had begun—jackass that he was—to bow his thanks left and right like a prima donna, how much hilarity he would have aroused! Don't act the same!* We should help others in such a way that they do not even take note of our attentions, if that is possible. Our only compensation will then be the loving glance of Christ. Surely that is the highest payment possible!

The Psalmist encourages us in this regard: *Serve the Lord with gladness!* This ideal should be our guide even in the more unpleasant aspects of daily life. Such sacrifices make social and family life much more pleasant. We should resolve to really excel in our spirit of service to others, always with a cheerful disposition. We will find abundant opportunities to live out our resolution in family life. When we behave in this manner we will come to understand that *to serve is to reign.*

We can learn from Our Lady how to be helpful to others, how to have an eye for their needs, how to make their lives pleasant on earth, how to gently point their sights towards Heaven. She gives us the best example: *In the middle of the rejoicing at the feast in Cana, only Mary notices that they are short of wine. A soul will notice even the smallest details of service if, like her, it is alive with a passion for helping its neighbor, for God.* When we practice this life of service we will be blessed to find Jesus in our midst. He will tell us: *Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.*

## **UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Instituted Acolyte:**

In the United States, the age in which a man may be installed as an acolyte or lector is eighteen. Conferral of this ministry does not grant clerical status.

Duties of the Acolyte: The duties that the acolyte may carry out are of various kinds, such as the carrying of the Cross, assisting with the Missal, as well as preparing the altar. Instituted Acolytes may also serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and purify the Sacred Vessels.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI:** The Holy See is countering the suggestion that "reproductive health" includes the right to abortion, and is urging the United Nations to consider human persons as the world's greatest resource. Archbishop Celestino Migliore at the Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo, Egypt, where many posited "that a population explosion was going to occur and hamper the ability to achieve adequate global economic development." Now, the prelate said, "we see that this perception was unfounded." On the contrary, he observed, in many countries, "legislators are now encouraging an increase in birth rates to assure continued economic growth." The archbishop noted: "For nearly a century, attempts have been made to link global population with the food, energy, natural resources and environmental crises. "Yet, on the contrary, it has been consistently demonstrated by human ingenuity and the ability of people to work together that human persons are the world's greatest resource." A "vital element" of social and economic development, Archbishop Migliore affirmed, is the family. He underlined the need to promote the family, stating that "sexual and economic exploitation, trafficking of women and girls and discriminatory practices in the job market have challenged governments to promote and apply policies to end these injustices and support the family in its proper responsibilities."

**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>

Sienna is a mobile phone company that supports Pro-Life. For more info go to [www.sienna-group.com](http://www.sienna-group.com) or call toll free 1-877-474-3662. Their plans are very competitive with other cell phone providers around the area.

## **WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE:**

**CHURCH: Mt 18:17-18** And if he refuse to hear them, appeal to the Church, but if he refuse to hear even the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican. Amen I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bond also in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loose also in heaven.

# 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18 2009

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, Oct. 19 John de Brebeuf & Isaac

7:00 pm MASS †Val Messer/Lorin Kubishta  
6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

### TUESDAY, Oct. 20 Paul of the Cross, priest

7:00 am MASS Jose Esparza/Elvira Esparza  
7:00 pm RCIA  
12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

### WEDNESDAY, Oct. 21 Weekday (29)

5:15 pm Confession  
6:00 pm MASS Patrick Feller/Veronica Wilson  
6:30 pm RE Class  
\*6:30 pm History of Catholic Church  
12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

### THURSDAY, Oct. 22 Weekday (29)

7:00 am MASS †Brent Reynolds/Veronica Wilson  
\*Noon Council Meetings  
\*7:00 pm Mary Mother of Mercy Meeting  
12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

### FRIDAY, Oct. 23

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study  
7:00 am MASS †Nancy Kopp/Mary Helfrich  
12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

### SATURDAY, Oct. 24

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens  
3:30 pm Confession  
4:30 pm Rosary  
5:00 pm MASS Madelaine LeGore/Family

### SUNDAY, Oct. 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour  
9:00 am-noon Octoberfest Breakfast in hall  
9:15 am Confessions  
9:30 am Rosary  
10:00 am MASS Priests of Baker Diocese/Vic & Karen  
11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

\* Notes change or new in regular schedule

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

**ADORATION:** We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 3 am on Friday & 8 pm on Wednesday. "*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.

**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.

**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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call 503-285-2342.

### Altar Servers for October 24-25

Saturday 5:00 pm: Seth & Peter Case & Walker Hoolehan  
Sunday 10:00 am: Daniel & John Kubishta & Soren 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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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