

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:

All Saints Day presents us with an extraordinary feast. This celebration offers us a special day where we remember our brothers and sisters who kept the word of God alive in their hearts. **These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.**

We should be clear about what this day means for us Catholics! There are still Catholics who question the role of the saints. The Church we remember has the three levels of members extending from earth to Heaven. The Church militant fighting the good fight on earth. The Church suffering are those suffering for their sins in purgatory. The Church triumphant, are those who have made it to Heaven. The sacred word from Ephesians 2:19-22 shows us this unity: **You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.** We are all made part of God's family (1 Tim 3:15), children of God (1 John 3:1), joint heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17). This family communion of Saints is known to Catholics as the Mystical Body of Christ.

Therefore, asking saints to pray for us is not a necromancy (summoning forth spirits from the underworld in order to converse with them). The saints are in Heaven and alive and with God. **He is not God of the dead, but of the living** (Mk 12:26-27). The saints in Heaven are more alive than we are. They are free from all sin. They are flooded with God's presence, and they care more about us now than they did on earth.

Saint Paul asked fellow believers (saints) to pray for him (Rom 15:30; Col 4:3). Now we can ask Saint Paul and others saints in Heaven to pray for us. We are not cut off from each other at death, rather we are brought closer through the communion we share in Christ.

Some might say that prayer to the saints is against 1 Timothy 2:5 which says there is only one mediator between God and man, that being Christ. Timothy must be understood in light of 1 Peter 2:5, **let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.** Christians share in the one eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ by their baptisms. Therefore to share in Christ's priesthood means we all are mediators, both on earth and in heaven. Saint Paul ask Christians to participate in Christ's unique mediation by offering prayers and intercessions for all men: **this is good and pleasing to God.**

So the saints in Heaven hear are prayers and intercede for us as part of God's family. They can hear all prayers from different people because Heaven has no space or time. Everything appears to God as one eternal present moment. Thus, let us pray and learn from the saints to follow them one day into the joys of Heaven.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: ALL SAINTS: The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated November 1. In the Diocese of Baker this day is not observed as an obligatory day when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. The faithful however are still encouraged to attend Mass if possible. **ALL SOULS DAY:** The celebration of All Souls Day is Nov. 2. All priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses on All Souls Day, provided that the celebrations take place at different times, and that the norms established regarding the application of second and third Masses are observed.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: Health Care Ministry More Than Bringing Communion: Health care ministry is more than bringing sacraments to the sick, but rather integrates the sacramental life of both patients and providers in a "vigorous and continuous" proclamation of the Gospel, according to the president of the Vatican's health care council. Archbishop Zigmunt Zimowski spoke about the broad base of health care ministry in a conference on traditional and complementary medicine held last week in Rome. The prelate suggested that the realm of health, sickness and suffering involves the "essence of the human being," Vatican Radio reported. Health care personnel are called to take care of the whole person, "in all his integrity. "Service of the sick" embraces all the dimensions of the human person: physical, psychic, spiritual and social," the archbishop affirmed, saying this is why the Church emphasizes the ethical responsibilities of health care workers. This is ever more the case, Archbishop Zimowski contended, citing Pope John Paul II, since "dangers can be hidden behind an arsenal of techniques and devices of ultra-modern equipment, or range to the desolating loneliness of patients abandoned to themselves." "Health care structures," he affirmed, "in no case can be reduced to the administration of the sacraments to patients."

NATIVITY SCENE: The nativity scene that is set up outside in front of the Church will be offered for sale. Orders will be taken in the back of the church. Cost is \$75 of which \$15 will go for the youth and the refurbishing of the church.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Rom 15:30 Now I exhort you, brethren, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the charity of the Spirit, that you help me by your prayers to God for me, that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea. **Mk 12:26-27** But as to the dead rising, have you not read in the book of Moses about the Bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are therefore entirely wrong."

ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Nov. 2 All Souls Day

*7:00 am MASS Popes Intentions
*Noon MASS Departed Souls of Parish
*6:00 pm Confession
7:00 pm MASS All departed Souls
6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

TUESDAY, Nov. 3 Weekday (31)

7:00 am MASS †Diaone Kempton/Shirley & Bill Nirschl
7:00 pm RCIA
12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4 Charles Borromeo, bishop

5:15 pm Confession
6:00 pm MASS Fr. Clemens/Shirley & Bill Nirschl
6:30 pm RE Class/Adult Ed
12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

THURSDAY, Nov. 5 Weekday (31)

7:00 am MASS Conversion of abortion providers
12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

FRIDAY, Nov. 6 Weekday (31)

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study
7:00 am MASS †Edwin Herbes/Georgia Herbes
12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

SATURDAY, Nov. 7 Sunday Vigil

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens
3:30 pm Confession
4:30 pm Rosary
5:00 pm MASS Reparation for blaspheme/Thompson

SUNDAY, Nov. 8 Stewardship Sunday

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour
9:15 am Confessions
9:30 am Rosary
10:00 am MASS Special Intention/Georgia Herbes
11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish
* Note change or new item in schedule

St. Mary's on-line: The website is stmaryspendleton.org

ADVENT RETREAT: The Advent Retreat will be held on November 21 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The retreat will begin with Mass at 9:00 am. Bring sack lunch.

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: Dare to transform your world with kindness! Probably you just can't find the time-and can't ever seem to develop the patience- that you need in order to be consistently kind amidst the irritations that afflict you daily. That's why *The Hidden Power of Kindness* by Lawrence G. Lovasik is such a godsend. You'll learn how to be kinder, even in difficult circumstances. This wonderful book increases our insights into the wonder of the message that speaks so powerfully to us: "Love is patient, love is kind..." You can find this book in our library.

WREATH SALES: The sales will benefit the youth this year for camps and other activities. There are order forms in the back of the church to place your order or call Nicola at 278-8080. Please help support our youth with your orders.

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.

Altar Servers for November 7-8

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 _____

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