

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:

“God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

Marriage is at the forefront of this week's first reading and Gospel. Jesus responds to the Pharisees and explains the essence of marriage. Marriage after all is at the heart of our Church. For the baptized persons, moreover, marriage invests the dignity of a sacramental sign of grace, inasmuch as it represents the union of Christ and of the Church. Jesus is the head and the Church His Body. The two are bonded in love just as the husband and wife are bonded in love.

This love is first of all fully human, that is to say, of the senses and of the spirit at the same time. It is not then a simple transport of instinct and sentiment, but also and principally, an act of the free will, intended to endure and to grow by means of the joys and sorrows of daily life, in such a way that husband and wife become one only heart and one only soul, and together they attain their human perfection.

Then, this love is total, that is to say, it is a very special form of personal friendship, in which husband and wife generously share everything, without undue reservations or selfish calculations. Whoever truly loves his marriage partner loves not only what he receives, but for the partner's self, rejoicing that he can enrich his partner with the gift of himself. Love is faithful and exclusive until death.

Love is destined to continue in raising up new lives. Marriage is ordained by its nature toward the begetting and education of children. Children are the supreme gift of marriage. The husband and wife must have an awareness of their mission of “responsible parenthood,” which today must be exactly understood.

Responsible parenthood according to “Humanae Vitae,” means: a) respect for the biological process of the human body b) dominion of reason and will over instinct and passions. C) a deliberate and generous decision to raise a numerous family, or by the decision, made for grave motives and with due respect for the moral law, to avoid for the time being, or even an indeterminate period, a new birth.

Human life is sacred says Blessed Pope John XXIII and as we begin this Pro-life month, we believe that artificial means of birth control is always wrong in that it kills life, goes against nature and reduces the sacrifices of marriage and children to mere pleasures. Most of all sin damages our love for God and neighbor. This week let us reflect on the Churches teachings on marriage and life!

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Instituted Acolyte: In his *motu proprio, Ministeria Quaedam*, of August 15, 1972, Pope Paul VI eliminated all minor orders, but retained two, acolyte and lector, under the new name of “ministries.”

BOOKS FOR PRIEST: 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 the 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 \$2,765 of the \$3,000 we needed to order.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: Benedict XVI is encouraging the faithful to follow the example of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, saying the path she indicates is “within everyone's reach.” The Pope made reference to the French saint today on her feast day, as he bid farewell to his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo. In a brief address to express his gratitude to those who collaborate in making his stay possible, the Holy Father paused to reflect on St. Thérèse. “Her testimony shows that only the word of God, received and understood in its concrete demands, becomes a source of renewed life,” he said. “To our society, often permeated by a rationalist culture and widespread practical materialism, little Thérèse of Lisieux points out, as the answer to the great questions of life, the ‘little way,’ which looks instead to the essential of things. “It is the humble way of love, capable of enveloping and of giving meaning and value to every human circumstance.” The Pontiff concluded with the exhortation: “Dear friends, follow the example of this saint.” “The way followed by her is within everyone's reach,” he affirmed, “because it is the way of total confidence in God, who is Love and who never abandons us.”

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 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: *Matrimony:* Mk 10:7-12 ‘For this cause a man shall leave and the two shall become one flesh.’ Therefore now they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.” And in the house, his disciples again asked him concerning this. And he said to them, “Whoever puts away his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; ‘and if the wife put away her husband, and marries another, she commits adultery.’”

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Oct. 5 Weekday (27)

7:00 pm MASS Francisco Javier Vega/Esparza

6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

TUESDAY, Oct. 6 Bruno & Marie-Rose Durocher

7:00 am MASS †Maralla Peterson/Kathryn Thomson

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm MASS †Steve Cavallaro/Tiffany & Don LeGore

6:30 pm RE Class/Adult Ed

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

THURSDAY, Oct. 8 Weekday (27)

7:00 am MASS †Lemuel Nichols/Feller Family

12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

FRIDAY, Oct. 9 Denis & his companions/John

Leonardi

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †Steve Hart/Kevin & Karla Willman

12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

SATURDAY, Oct. 10 Weekday (26)

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Terry & Charles Bechtold

SUNDAY, Oct. 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS Sarah Feller/Kathy & Renton Feller

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

6:30 pm Women's Night Out Bunco

St. Mary's on-line: The website is 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 in the basement of the church. More information to follow or call Angelina at 276-9170.

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 Ekwugha: 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 10-11

Saturday 5:00 pm: Daniel & John Kubishta & Soren Wolf

Sunday 10:00 am: Nolan & Grant Kennedy

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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