

# 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 readings for this Sunday's Mass show us the value of almsgiving through the lives of two holy women. In the first reading the Lord sends Elijah to Zarephath in Sidon to be cared for by a widow. Even though the region was suffering from a great famine, the widow gave food to the Prophet. She trusted in the promise of Elijah. In the Gospel, we find Jesus seated in the Temple watching people put money in the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums, the poor widow puts in two copper coins. Jesus pointed her out to the disciples. She gave more than all those contributing. They contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.

Jesus loves the cheerful giver. Jesus looks at the disposition of the heart of the giver more than the gift received. St John Chrysostom says, He looks not only on the amount given, but into the very heart of the donor.

Almsgiving is a work of mercy that is most pleasing to the Lord. Authentic almsgiving springs from a merciful heart. We feel moved to provide some relief to those in need, the upkeep and expansion of the Church, to support whatever good works benefit the common good.

Almsgiving has become very misunderstood in recent times. Where in ancient times, harvested wheat, wine, oil, and other substantial foods were brought to the Church for distribution, today it is given in the form of money. This particular form of giving can sometimes tempt us to reduce the spiritual to financial. In fact, a question to ask would also arise with taxes. Do we give because we want a tax write-off or do we give because we want to please the Lord? Recent threats against the Church have brought forth the issue of tax exemptions. As one Bishop said, "take the tax exemption away, it doesn't matter, we will see the true Catholics."

Giving to the Church, built on Christ, attracts the blessing of God and produces abundant fruits. It can heal the wounds of sin. But our hearts must have the right intention. Our heart must be directed to God much as in the case of the poor widow in the temple. We ought to be generous even with the things that are most dear to us. Over and above the material value of our gifts is the importance of our interior disposition.

We must remember, we give first and foremost to please God. Yes, he will reward us. Yes, it will open our hearts to be less selfish and prideful. But love gives without counting the cost or counting the return for your money. St Augustine knew of this, in one of his sermons he said, "Thus says the Lord:...You gave me a little, I returned to you a great deal. You have give me temporal goods and I responded with celestial goods. You gave me things that will perish, I gave you what is eternal.

Let us ask our Lady to give us a generous heart. Let us not be miserly with our time, our wealth, our energy. The lord beholds our compassion like the widow in the temple. He loves us both. Thank you to all this week who gave their time and energy in cleaning the Church. Thanks also to those who have donated to our many parish projects this year.

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: ALLELUIA:** The faithful should stand at the beginning of the Alleluia chant before the Gospel.

**The Proclamation of the Alleluia:** After the reading that immediately precedes the Gospel, the Alleluia or another chant indicated by the rubrics is sung, as required by the liturgical season. An acclamation of this kind constitutes a rite or act in itself, by which the assembly of the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to them in the Gospel and professes their faith by means of the chant. It is sung by all while standing and is led by the choir or a cantor, being repeated if this is appropriate. The verse, however, is sung either by the choir or by the cantor.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI:** Benedict XVI encouraged young people today to follow the example of St. Charles Borromeo and allow Christ to influence the decisions they make on a daily basis. At the end of the general audience in St. Peter's Square, the Pope made reference to the saint celebrated by the Church today. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) served as secretary of state under Pope Pius IV and was instrumental in the Counter-Reformation and the Council of Trent.

Benedict XVI described him as "animated by ardent love for Christ" and said he was a "tireless teacher and guide."

"May his example help you, dear young people, to let yourselves be led by Christ in your daily choices," the Pontiff said.

"May it encourage you, dear sick people, to offer your suffering for the pastors of the Church and for the salvation of souls; may it support you, dear newlyweds, in founding your family on evangelical values."

**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: Mt 7:21**  
"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven: but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. **Mt. 19:16-17** And behold, a certain man came to him and said, "Good Master what good work shall I do to have eternal life?" He said to him, "Why dost thou ask me about what is good? One there is who is good, and he is God. But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time NOVEMBER 8 2009

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, Nov. 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
 7:00 pm MASS Jan Cavallaro/Tiffany & Don LeGore  
 6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

**TUESDAY, Nov. 10 Leo the Great, pope & doctor**  
 7:00 am MASS †Edwin Herbes/Georgia Herbes  
 \*7:00 pm KnightLife  
 7:00 pm RCIA  
 12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 11 Martin of Tours, bishop**  
 5:15 pm Confession  
 6:00 pm MASS †Mike Lambert/Kathryn Thomson  
 6:30 pm RE Class/Adult Ed  
 12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

**THURSDAY, Nov. 12 Josaphat, bishop & martyr**  
 7:00 am MASS †Maralla Peterson/Kathryn Thomson  
 \*1:30 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting  
 12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

**FRIDAY, Nov. 13 Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin**  
 5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study  
 7:00 am MASS For all Priests/Georgia Herbes  
 12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

**SATURDAY, Nov. 14 Sunday Vigil**  
 8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens  
 9:00 am Confirmation Retreat  
 3:30 pm Confession  
 4:30 pm Rosary  
 5:00 pm MASS Rosa Olquin/Amalia Zinni

**SUNDAY, Nov. 15 Stewardship Sunday**  
 8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour  
 9:15 am Confessions  
 9:30 am Rosary  
 10:00 am MASS For the Parish  
 11:30 am(sp) MASS Esmeralda Lopez/Torres  
 \* Note change or new item in schedule

We ask you to remember in your Masses and Prayers for Bill Nirschl who passed away this week. "May eternal Rest Be Granted to Him O'Lord, And Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him."

**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.

**THANK YOU:** Jesse would like to thank all the families who helped clean around the church during his wife's illness.

**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.

**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 god-send. 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..." Sign up in back of Church if you would like a copy to buy.

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

### Altar Servers for November 15-16

**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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