

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)

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; thou holdest my lot. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure, For thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the Pit. In the Acts of the Apostles St Luke interprets today's Responsorial Psalm as referring to Christ and the events of his Second Coming. *The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.* He has taken my side. *Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure,* now and till the end of time. Then Christ will be seated *at the right hand of God.*

Our Lord describes the last days in today's Gospel: *And then they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.* Though his Incarnation and Passion took place in historical time without any great splendor, his Second Coming will astound the heavens and the earth. As has been earlier foretold by the Prophet Daniel, Jesus states: *The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.* He will come as the Redeemer of the world, as King, Judge and Lord of the Universe. The Fathers of the Church have taught us that he will not make a new judgment. *He will summon to his tribunal those who judged him on earth. He who remained silent at that time will refresh the memories of his persecutors who deigned to insult Christ on the Cross. He will say to them; 'You did this to me yet I held my peace'.*

There on Calvary, Christ taught mankind the meaning of mercy. At his Second Coming all men will be obliged to submit to his reign, whether they want to or not...This is why we pray in the creed that we believe in him who 'ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end'. He will manifest his glory to his faithful servants and also to those who have denied him or persecuted his followers. All humanity will be there to see the Lord as He is: *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Then we shall fully understand the transcendental importance of our daily struggle to follow Christ. What a treasure lies in those small details of service that we perform day after day for God and our neighbor! Jesus will reward those who prove faithful to the end. *Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure. The true growth of the Kingdom of God consists in an ever-deepening knowledge of the unfathomable riches of Christ, in ever-stronger hope of eternal blessings, in an ever more fervent response to the love of God, and in an ever more generous acceptance of grace and holiness by men.*

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: ALLELUIA:

- A. The Alleluia is sung in every season other than Lent. The verses are taken from the Lectionary or the Graduale.
- B. During Lent, in place of the Alleluia, the verse before the Gospel is sung, as indicated in the Lectionary. It is permissible to sing another psalm or tract, as found in the Graduale.
- C. When there is only one reading before the Gospel, the Alleluia or verse before the Gospels may be omitted if they are not sung. Continued next week.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: Benedict XVI is telling Italian bishops that their biggest challenge today is "presenting God again" to a world that has forgotten about him. The Holy Father took up two main themes: the educational crisis and the ongoing Year for Priests, relating both of them to the new evangelization. Regarding education, the Pontiff classified it as a challenge that "concerns all sectors of the Church and means that the great questions of the modern age must be faced with decision: the question concerning the nature of man and his dignity -- a decisive element in the complete formation of the person -- and the 'question of God' which seems ever more pressing in our own times." "God! We must bring the truth of God back into the world, make him known, make him present," the Holy Father declared. Benedict XVI saying, "In order for this to happen we [...] first and foremost and with all our being, must become living adoration, a gift that changes the world and restores it to God." "This is the profound message of the Year for Priests," he added, "which is an extraordinary occasion to go the heart of the ordained ministry, redirecting toward a unity, in each priest, [his] identity and mission." Benedict XVI also mentioned the new Italian edition of the funeral rites. "The funeral is an important moment in which to announce the Gospel of hope and to reveal the maternity of the Church," he said. In a world that shuns the idea of death, or that reduces it to a spectacle or transforms it into a "right," the Pope observed that "it is the task of believers to shine the light of Christian revelation on that mystery."

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: St. Mary Bazaar and Country Kitchen will be on Saturday December 12 from 9am-3pm in the basement of the church. More information contact Karen Moore at 276-2751. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's Outreach.

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: Second Coming: Mt 25:13 *Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Mk 13:35-37* "Watch, therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or early in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say to you I say to all, 'Watch.'"

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time NOVEMBER 15 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Nov. 16 Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude

7:00 pm MASS Rosa Olguin/Amalia Zinni
 *7:30 pm N/W Mens conference meeting
 6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

TUESDAY, Nov. 17 Elizabeth of Hungary

7:00 am MASS †Laura Moore/Georgia Herbes
 7:00 pm RCIA
 12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18 Rose Philippine Duchesne

5:15 pm Confession
 6:00 pm MASS †Laura Moore/Karla & Kevin Willman
 6:30 pm RE Class/Adult Ed
 *6:30 pm History of Catholic Church
 12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

THURSDAY, Nov. 19 (Weekday 33)

7:00 am MASS Rosa Olguin/Amalia Zinni
 *noon Parish/Finance Council meeting
 *7:00 pm Servant of Mary meeting
 12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

FRIDAY, Nov. 20 (Weekday 33)

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

SATURDAY, Nov. 21 Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

*9:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens
 *9:00 am-3:00 pm Advent Retreat
 3:30 pm Confession
 4:30 pm Rosary
 5:00 pm Confirmation Christine Wilkens/Mary Harris

SUNDAY, Nov. 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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

GIVING TREE: The giving tree will be in the back of the church Thanksgiving weekend please take a name home, buy a gift, and place the gift under the tree.

ENVELOPES: Your envelopes are in the back of church. If you don't have a set of envelopes and would like a set, take a blank set and put your name on the list provided **with the envelope number of the set. This is the only way I know who has that envelope set. The first few times please put your name on each envelope.**

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.

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.

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..." Sign up in back of Church if you would like a copy to buy. Cost will be \$20.

Altar Servers for November 21-22

Saturday 5:00 pm: Seth & Peter Case, Walker Hoolehan, Nolan & Grant Kennedy, & Soren Wolf
Sunday 10:00 am: Braden & Jacob Sprenger

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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