

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:

Today marks the Solemnity of the Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. When we think of a king we normally associate it with governance and authority. Jesus' kingdom does not belong to this world.

In order to understand his kingship let us start with the example Archbishop Sheen uses of chickens. Have you ever noticed how chickens peck one another. Many studies have observed that there was a definite order amongst chickens. A 400 would be the perfect mark, the chicken who always got food. So chicken number 25 might be the one always on the wrong side of the tracks. Chicken 22 might peck 21 and then he becomes 21. This is known as the peck order. Monkeys were also known to have a peck order. It also exists in humans. We peck one another. We crush one another in business and relationships.

When the good Lord came to earth He did away with the peck order. Now the first shall be last and the most important servant will serve the rest in love and truth. We notice this in two instances of Our Lord.

First, on the night of the Last Supper, He took off his outer robe, took a towel and wrapped it around himself and washed their feet. Afterwards He said, "you call me Lord and Master and you do well. I am your Lord and Master, but if I washed your feet, you should wash the feet of one another. Even gentiles who lord it over another should be least. This is something new in governance—namely governance is for service, those the lowest and least.

Second, we remember that seven men were fishing, when the Lord appeared. John was the first to recognize Him, Peter swims ashore to greet Him. When they are together back in the boat, Our Lord gives Peter the authority over the Church. He now makes him a shepherd.

What is the condition of this authority? What did Jesus ask of him before giving this authority? Before He said "feed my lambs," He said, "do you love me?" The Greek word Peter used was even a lesser love. Almost implying that Peter didn't want to be in a jam. The point is that authority is exercised when one loves.

Now Jesus wanted to take this authority to the end of time. He always exercised His authority through His human nature. When He taught He used his lips to sanctify with words. His body was the instrument. As each person is part of Christ's mystical body, He continues this authority through His Pope and Bishops today.

The Bishops as a college are called to teach and sanctify their priests and laity. They are consecrated first for the world then their diocese. They are directly under the Vicar of Christ, our Pope. If we want to be in communion with the Catholic Church, follow the line. It goes back to Peter.

Now, some might think—authority! Why obey? It's hard to obey another human being. Yet, inside is the hand of Christ. Nevertheless, it should console us that when we obey the Church we obey Christ. Right is right when nobody is right. Wrong is wrong when everybody is wrong. Today we need a Church that stands in the right, particularly in our world where many things are wrong.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: ALLELUIA: The Alleluia and the use of Incense: During the singing of the *Alleluia* or other chant, if incense is used, the priest puts some incense into the thurible and blesses it. Then, with hands joined the priest or deacon bows profoundly before the altar or the Blessed Sacrament if present in the main body of the church and quietly says, *Almighty God, cleanse my heart.* With the exception of the Bishop, all rise, when the *Alleluia* is begun. The Bishop puts incense into the thurible and blesses it without saying anything and blesses the deacon or, if there is no deacon, the concelebrant who is to proclaim the Gospel.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: Benedict XVI is asking prayers for all the children of the world, especially those who suffer, and he is urging the international community to be committed in responding to the problems that affect childhood. The Pope made this appeal today during the general audience in Paul VI Hall. His exhortation marked the 20th anniversary of the U.N. convention on the rights of the child, approved Nov. 20, 1989. "My thoughts go out to all the children of the world, especially those who live in difficult conditions and suffer because of violence, abuses, illness, war and hunger," the Holy Father said. "I invite you to join yourselves to my prayer and, at the same time, I appeal to the international community so that efforts will be multiplied to offer an adequate answer to the tragic problems of childhood," he continued. "Let not the generous commitment of all be lacking, so that the rights of children will be recognized and their dignity be increasingly respected."

PRO-LIFE: A new Web site is detailing success stories in adult stem cell research. www.stemcellresearchfacts.org is part of a campaign to educate and spread awareness about the potentials and successes of adult stem cell therapies. It was created by the Family Research Council and Saint Max Worldwide. The site is just the first phase of the project, a statement from the Catholic Medical Association reported. It includes three videos that present the stories of people who have been saved or helped by adult stem cells. Amy Daniels tells how she has survived systemic scleroderma. The parents of Joseph Davis tell how their second child was able to save Joseph from sickle cell anemia. And Laura Dominguez affirms that thanks to adult stem cells, she is going to walk again after a car accident that left her paralyzed. The new site was launched Saturday in Kansas City.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: *Lk 10:16*

"He who hears you, hears me; and he who rejects you, rejects me; and he who rejects me, rejects him who sent me." **1 Cor 11:23-24** *For I myself have received for the Lord (what I also delivered to you), That the Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and giving thanks broke, and said, "This is my body which shall be given up for you; do this in remembrance of me."*

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King November 22 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Nov. 23 Clement I, Clomban , Blessed Miguel

Agustin Pro

7:00 pm MASS Mila Amos/Feller Family

6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

TUESDAY, Nov. 24 Andrew Dung-Lac & companions

7:00 am MASS Baker Diocese Priest/Veronia Wilson

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25 Catherine of Alexandria

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm MASS †Laura Moore/Mary Moore

*6:30 pm NO RE Class/Adult Ed

*12:01 am-5:00 pm Adoration

THURSDAY, Nov. 26 Thanksgiving day

*8:00 am MASS Gene Hogan/Feller Family

*12:01am-12:00 am NO Adoration

FRIDAY, Nov. 27 Weekday (34)

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS Fr. Clemens/Veronia Wilson

*12:01 am-10:00 am NO Adoration

SATURDAY, Nov. 28 Sunday Vigil

8:00 am MASS Talon Self/Jennifer & Ernest Wade

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm †Evelyn Jaegar/Georgia Herbes

SUNDAY, Nov. 29 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS †Laura Moore/Mary Helfrich

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

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.

ADORATION: This week adoration will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday for Thanksgiving. 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.

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.**

Altar Servers for November 28-29

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 _____

PHONE _____

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