

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 Conversion with God*)

In today's Mass we read the beginning of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, who tells us he has resolved to write down the life of Christ so that we may know the truth of the teachings we have received. Each of us, according to the unique circumstances of his life, has the obligation to know Christ's doctrine in depth. This obligation lasts for as long as our path here on earth shall continue. *The growth of the Faith and of the Christian life, even more in the adverse context within which we are living, needs from us a positive effort and the continuous exercise of our personal liberty. This effort begins when we have come to see our faith as the most important thing in our lives. From this consideration is born an interest in knowing and practicing all that is contained in our faith in God. This leads us to want to follow Christ throughout the complex and changing context of the reality of daily life. We must never allow ourselves to think we have had sufficient formation. We must never be satisfied with the amount of knowledge about Jesus Christ and his teaching that we have so far acquired. Love always seeks to know the beloved better. In professional life, doctors, say or architects or lawyers, though they may be good at their profession never think they have finished studying once they have qualified: They go on learning-always. And so it is with the Christian. We can apply Saint Augustine's maxim to doctrinal formation: Did you say, 'Enough'? You have perished.*

The so-called *Plain man's faith* ('I believe it all, even though I don't know what it is') is not sufficient for a Christian in the world who is confronted each day by confusing and a lack of light regarding Christ's doctrine-the only doctrine that saves-and is daily encountering ethical problems, both new and old, at work, in his family life, and in the environment in which he lives.

A Christian needs to have the answers which enable him to counter the attacks of the enemies of the faith, and to know how to present them in an attractive way, (nothing humor), with clarity (without watering down important issues) and with precision (without sounding hesitantly uncertain.)

The *plain man's faith* can perhaps save the most people in question, but in other Christians ignorance of the content of the faith generally means a lack of faith, it means negligence, a lack of love. *Ignorance is often the daughter of laziness*, Saint John Chrysostom used to repeat. It is most important in the struggle against a widespread lack of faith to have, as near as possible, a precise and complete knowledge of Catholic theology. This is why *any child well instructed in the Catechism is, without realizing it, a true missionary*. If we study the Catechism which is a true compendium of the Faith, and undertake the reading we are advised to do in spiritual direction, we will be able to combat the ignorance and error rife in so many places, and among so many people, and which can lay the way open to many false doctrines and teachers of error.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: THE ALTAR: Crucifix:

There is to be a cross with the figure of Christ crucified upon it either on the altar or near it, clearly visible to the assembled congregation. It is appropriate that the crucifix remain near the altar even outside the liturgical celebration. In general when the Liturgical Documents speak of the cross, the presumption is that this refers to a crucifix.

POPE BENEDICT: Being a witness to Christ presupposes knowing him firsthand, not just being told of him by others, Benedict XVI says. The Pope made this reflection today during the general audience in Paul VI Hall. He took up the theme of ecumenism, as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is under way. This year's theme for the prayer week is "You are witnesses of these things," taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Holy Father considered what is referred to with the phrase "these things." "If we look at the context of the chapter [of Luke], 'these things' means above all the cross and resurrection," he explained. "The disciples have seen the Lord's crucifixion, they see the Risen One and thus begin to understand all the Scriptures that speak of the mystery of the passion and of the gift of the resurrection. 'These things,' therefore, is the mystery of Christ, of the Son of God made man." However, the Pontiff continued, the essential point here is that by knowing Christ, "we know the face of God." "Christ is above all the revelation of God. In all times, men have perceived the existence of God, an only God, but who is far away and does not show himself. In Christ this God shows himself; the distant God becomes close. 'These things,' therefore, above all with the mystery of Christ, is that God has become close to us," he explained. And he continued: "This implies another dimension: Christ is never alone; he came in our midst, died alone, but resurrected to attract everyone to himself. As Scripture says, Christ created a body for himself, gathers the whole of humanity in his reality of immortal life. [...] All this, therefore, is very simple, in the last instance: We know God by knowing Christ, his body, the mystery of the Church and the promise of eternal life."

UPCOMING TALKS: On Wednesday Feb. 24 Dr. Donald DeMorco will be giving a talk on "Virtue" to all adults at 6:30 pm. On Thursday Feb. 25 Fr. Antoine will be giving a talk for families at 7:00 pm refreshment will be afterwards.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: John 14:26-27 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your mind whatever I have said to you. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, or be afraid.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2010

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 25 The Conversion of St. Paul
 7:00 pm Mass †Laura Moore/Ambro & Ilmberger
 6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

Tuesday, Jan. 26 Saint Timothy & Saint Titus
 7:00 am Mass Tom Katona/Vic & Karen Early
 7:00 pm RCIA
 12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

Wednesday, Jan. 27 Saint Angela Merici
 5:15 pm Confession
 6:00 pm Mass †Bill Hemmen/Mary Moore
 6:30 pm RE & Adult Classes
 12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

Thursday, Jan. 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas
 7:00 am Mass †Jacob Penner/Shirley Baker
 12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

Friday, Jan. 29 (Weekday 3)
 5:45 am Men's Bible Study
 7:00 am Mass †Sr. Mary Andre/Nancy & Jeff Burnett
 12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, Jan. 30 (Weekday 3)
 8:00 am Special Intention/Fr. Clemens
 3:30 pm Confession
 4:30 pm Rosary
 5:00 pm Betty Anderson/Coffee Group

Sunday, Jan. 31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour
 9:15 am Confessions
 9:30 am Rosary
 10:00 am Mass Fran Reger/Kevin & Karla Willman
 11:30 am Mass (Sp) For the Parish

ST. MARY'S ON-LINE:The website is stmaryspendleton.org

CHILDREN CHOIR: Practice will begin Sunday January 31 after the 10 am Mass in the RE building. All children are welcome.

DAY BY DAY AGAPE RETREAT: **Where:** Powell Butte Retreat Center **When:** President's Day Weekend Feb. 12-15th **Cost:** \$85 **Why:** To grow in faith and spread God's Unconditional Love! For Registration forms go to www.dioceseofbaker.org or from RE Office.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 3 am on Friday, 8 pm on Wednesday, 1 am & 1 pm on Thursday. "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: In *The Biblical Basis for Purgatory*, author and apologist John Salza offers the definitive scriptural explanation of this distinctively Catholic doctrine. Building on the teachings of Christ and St. Paul, he shows how the existence of a place of temporal punishment after death is not only a logical extension of what we know about the reality of sin and God's justice, but is also a supreme expression of God's love and mercy. Jesus taught us about it, and for centuries the Church has faithfully defined and defended it. It is purgatory: that place of purifying penance where souls saved by Christ are made perfect and acceptable to spend life eternal in heaven.

PRO-LIFE: "It's About Life Conference" **When:** Saturday, February 6 **Where:** St. Joseph Church, Kennewick, WA **Time:** 9:30 AM- 4:00 PM **Cost:** The conference will cost \$10.00/person or \$25.00/family. Lunch will be offered by Cinco de Mayo in the PAC for an additional \$9.00/person. **Featured Speakers:** Abby Johnson, former director of Planned Parenthood; Professor Janet Smith, noted NFP speaker- "Contraception: Why not?"; Fr. Habiger, of Natural Family Planning Outreach Ministries **Contact:** David Haren 509 582-3932

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights will have a Breakfast on Sunday, January 24 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. to benefit the Pro-Life organizations in Pendleton. Come help support this great cause.

Altar Servers for January 30-31

Jan. 16 5:00 pm Nolan & Grant Kennedy
 Jan. 17 10:00 am Logan & Garrett Thorn & Quinn Doherty

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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