

# 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*)**

Saint Paul tells us which are the qualities that adorn charity. First he tells us that *Charity is patient* with others. In order to do good we have to know how to bear evil, renouncing in advance any signs of annoyance, bad temper or sharpness of manner.

Patience denotes great fortitude. Charity will often demand patience if we are to bear with serenity the possible defects, the hostility, the suspicion and the bad humor of people we have to deal with. This virtue will lead us to give to such trifles the importance they really have, and not blow them up out of proportion; it will incline us to wait for the appropriate moment if we need to correct them. Charity will help us to give the answer that will often enable our words to reach the hearts of those who are difficult to get on with so that they can improve. Patience is a great virtue which helps us to live in harmony with others. Through it we imitate God, who is so long-suffering with our many errors and always *slow to anger*. We imitate Jesus, who, although He was well aware of the malice of the Pharisees, *lowered himself to be like them in order to win them over, just like good doctors who prescribe the best remedies for those who have the more serious illnesses*.

*Love is kind*-that is to say, it is disposed to do good to everyone. Kindness can only find room for itself in a large and generous heart. What is best in ourselves must be for others.

*Love is not jealous...* Whilst jealousy is saddened by another's good, charity rejoices in that same good. Many sins against charity flow from jealousy-scandal, for example, defamation, pleasure in another's mishaps and chagrin at his good fortune. Often it is jealousy that causes friendships to collapse and fraternal ties to be broken. It is like a cancer that gnaws away at the harmony and peace among men. St. Thomas calls it the *mother of hatred*.

*Charity is not arrogant or rude...* Many of the temptations against charity can be summarised as attitudes of pride towards our neighbor. We can only serve others and concern ourselves about them to the extent that we forget about ourselves. Without humility no other virtue can exist, and particular there can be no love. The pride that prevents us from living charity can manifest itself in many ways...*The proud person's horizon is terribly limited: it stops at himself. He can see no further than himself, his own qualities, his virtues, his talent. His is a godless horizon. Love is not ambitious;* It does not insist on getting its own way. Charity does not ask anything for itself. Not only is it not ambitious with an overriding desire for gain, but it does not even insist on its own way; it seeks Christ. *Love does not rejoice at wrong;* it does not compile lists of personal grievances. *It endures all things...Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things.* All things without exception.

There is much we can give; faith, joy, a little word of praise, of affection... We should never expect anything in return. We should not be upset if people do not reciprocate. *Love does not insist on having its own way,* on those things that, from a human point of view, we might think are owed to us. If we do not seek anything for ourselves we will discover that we have found Jesus.

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: THE ALTAR: Decorations:** Moderation should be observed in the decoration of the altar, especially during the season Advent in order to avoid expressing prematurely the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers with the exception of Laetare Sunday, Solemnities and Feasts. Floral decorations may never be placed on the surface of the altar. It is important that the decorations not obscure the actions at the altar.

**POPE BENEDICT:** A true renewal of the Church is always accompanied by closeness to the Successor of Peter, says Benedict XVI. The Pope affirmed this today as he reflected on the example and life of St. Francis of Assisi during the general audience held in Paul VI Hall. The Holy Father considered the life and teaching of the well-known and well-loved "poor man of Assisi." The Pontiff said Francis "had understood that every charism given by the Holy Spirit is placed at the service of the Body of Christ, which is the Church." "Such a historical Francis would not have been a man of the Church, but a man linked immediately only to Christ, a man who wished to create a renewal of the people of God, without canonical forms and without the hierarchy," the Pope said. But the truth is that Francis was a man of the Church, the Holy Father affirmed. "He knew that Christ never is 'mine' but always is 'ours' that 'I' cannot have Christ and 'I' cannot reconstruct against the Church, his will and his teaching." "Francis was a great saint and a joyful man," he said. "His simplicity, his humility, his faith, his love of Christ, his kindness to every man and woman made him happy in every situation.

**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

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Esph 2:8-10** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the gift of God; not as the outcome of works, lest anyone may boast. For his workmanship we are, created in Christ Jesus in good works, which God has made ready beforehand that we may walk in them.

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 31, 2010

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, Feb. 1 (Weekday 4)

7:00 pm Mass †Laura Moore/Ambro & Ilmberger

6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

#### Tuesday, Feb. 2 The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 am Mass Tom Katona/Vic & Karen Early

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

#### Wednesday, Feb. 3 Saint Blaise & Saint Ansgar

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm Mass †Anthony Delfin/Mary Moore

6:30 pm RE & Adult Classes

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

#### Thursday, Feb. 4 (Weekday 4)

7:00 am Mass †Rita Schoenberger/Frank & Phyllis Ritz

12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

#### Friday, Feb. 5 Saint Agatha

5:45 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 am Mass Baker Diocese Priests/Georgia Herbes

12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

#### Saturday, Feb. 6 Saint Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 am Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm †Charles Burns/Alrita Burns

#### Sunday, Feb. 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass †Charles Burns/Alrita Burns

11:30 am Mass (Sp) For the Parish

**ST. MARY'S ON-LINE:**The website is [stmaryspendleton.org](http://stmaryspendleton.org)

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

**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.

**MEMORIAL MASS:**On February 2 at 11:30 am there will Memorial Mass at St. Anthony Chapel for Mary Richter Groves former DRE at St. Mary's. All friends and family are invited.

**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.

**VALENTINE DINNER:** The Servants of Mary Mother of Mercy are planning a Valentine dinner for Sunday evening Feb. 14 with lots of family fun. Plan to attend. More information next week.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Knights will have a Valentine Dinner on Feb. 12 for all Knights and their spouses at the Elks in Pendleton. If interested call Larry Blanc at 276-2879 or Kevin Willman at 278-1353.

**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.

#### Altar Servers for February 6-7

Feb. 6 5:00 pm Braden & Jacob Sprenger

Feb. 7 10:00 am Seth & Peter Case & Walker Hoolehan

### 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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