

# 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

### From the Pastor:

The reading from Isaiah once again helps us to understand angels. We remember that just over a year ago Fr Hincks came to our parish to share some wonderful insights. It is these insights which I will share with you in this weeks column.

First, from the prophet Isaiah we set the stage. He has a vision of the Lord, of the lofty throne and angels (seraphim) were stationed there. The angels prayer came forth, "holy, holy, holy is the Lord." At this the house shook, Isaiah thought we was doomed from his unclean lips. The angel sweeps in with an burning ember to touch his lips. Now Isaiah is purged from sin and humbly says, "Here am I, send me."

What a beautiful passage from Sacred scripture. We receive a glimpse into the life of angels. But how can we grow more in love with angels. There are so many self-help books, they are the how-to's for everything. But rarely do they touch the understanding of growing closer to angels.

Fr Hincks gives us twelve steps in growing closer to our guardian angel. Twelve steps were used way before the AA programs. Saint Benedict proposed twelve steps to humility. Saint Alphonsus proposed twelve steps to holiness. Now, twelve steps with the help of Saint Paul to developing a deeper relationship with our angel.

1) Saint Paul exhorts us not only to believe in our angels but that they should form an important part of our faith. Angels were at the Resurrection and ministered to Christ in the desert.

2) Through the angels we do the will of God. The law was announced to Moses with angels. God gives us a guardian angel to guide and protect us.

3) There exists a heavenly hierarchy. There are in the world of angels, thrones, dominions, powers, virtues and princes. Saint Paul is caught up to the third heaven (paradise), where the choirs of angels dwell.

4) Our guardian angel will give power to our words. We get this understanding from Saint Paul who was caught in a storm. Paul tries to persuade the captain but it wasn't until the angel appeared and assured him that his words had any effect on the captain.

5) Each city, nation, and individual has a personal angel. Saint Paul speaks of the angel of Macedonia.

6) First Corinthians says, "we will judge the angels." This means that some men will be higher than some angels in the Heavenly kingdom. They will be closer to God.

7) Angels speak a special language. They have no need of lips or a body so it is more like mental telepathy, or mind to mind. Angels can put an idea in our minds, images into our imagination, feelings into our passions.

8) We must understand their role. They have limitations in that they are not God. In Colossians we hear that no one should delight in the worship of angels, worship is only for God.

9) Archangels will announce the final coming. Sacred Scripture tells of angels separating the sheep from the goats.

10) In Second Corinthians, we receive light about discerning the good spirits from the bad spirits, the good angels and bad angels. Therefore Ephesians says "put on your armor."

11) There should be great reverence when in the presence of the angels.

12) Angels are attracted to us when we are in silence. For example, to Christ when He was in the desert and Moses when he received the law. No task is too great and the angels fly to our side to help us do the will of God. They are a means to the end and the end is GOD.

### Come join us downstairs for coffee & donuts

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: THE ALTAR:** Dedication of the Altar: An altar whether fixed or movable is dedicated according to the rite prescribed in the roman Pontifical; but it is permissible for a movable altar simply to be blessed.

**VATICAN CITY** – True pastoral charity and concern can never lead the church to grant an annulment to a Catholic whose marriage is valid according to church law, Pope Benedict XVI said. "One must shun pseudo-pastoral claims" that look only at the desire of divorced Catholics to return to the sacraments, the pope said Jan. 29 in his annual speech to officials of the Roman Rota, a tribunal that mainly deals with appeals filed in marriage annulment cases. The pope said helping Catholics be able to go to confession and receive the Eucharist is important, but it cannot be done without taking into account the truth about their church marriage. The church cannot act charitably toward its faithful without upholding justice and truth, he said. Charity without justice is "only a forgery because charity requires that objectivity that is typical of justice and which must not be confused with inhumane coldness," the pope said. For the Catholic Church, he said, a marriage celebrated with the full consent of the couple and following the correct form is always presumed to be valid, and a valid marriage is indissoluble. Pastors and those who work in church tribunals must beware of "the widespread and deeply rooted tendency" to see justice and charity as totally competing values, the pope said. Within the church, he said, the idea leads some to think that "pastoral charity could justify any step" taken to grant an annulment for a couple who wants to return to the sacraments. Defending the permanent bond of a valid marriage is a matter of both justice and love, he said, because it is designed to protect the human and spiritual good of the couple and "the public good of the church," which teaches that marriage is forever and does not use annulments as a sort of church-sanctioned divorce. "It would be a fictitious good, and a serious lack of justice, to nevertheless smooth the way toward their reception of the sacraments," the pope said Pope Benedict told members of the Roman Rota that those who work on church marriage tribunals must cultivate the virtues of prudence and justice, but especially the virtue of fortitude, especially "when the unjust way appears easier to follow because it means condescending to the desires and hopes of the couple." "Both justice and charity require love for the truth and essentially lead to a search for the truth," he said.

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**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Rev 5:8**  
When he took it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each of the elders held a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones.

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 7, 2010

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, Feb. 8 St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

7:00 pm Mass Parker Feller/Kathie & Renten Feller

6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

#### Tuesday, Feb. 9 (Weekday 5)

7:00 am Mass †Donald Scharn/Janet & Jim Hasenkamp

7:00 pm KnightLife

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

#### Wednesday, Feb. 10 Saint Scholastica

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm Mass Tomas & Rufina Hernandez/Torres

6:30 pm RE & Adult Classes

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

#### Thursday, Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 am Mass †Marilyn Ingalls

12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

#### Friday, Feb. 12 (Weekday 5)

5:45 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 am Mass Teresa Clemens/Georgia Herbes

5:45 pm KC Valentine Dinner at Elks

12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

#### Saturday, Feb. 13 (Weekday 5)

8:00 am Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm Jacob Hogan/Kathie & Renton Feller

#### Sunday, Feb. 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass Rex & Laura Heidt/Omar & Cecilia

11:30 am Mass (Sp) For the Parish

4:00 pm Valentine Dinner for Parish

**RECREATIONAL NIGHT:** Families and adults are invited to come together for some fun recreation at Helen McCune gym on Feb. 21 & 28 from 6:15 pm –7:15 pm. We have all the recreation equipment provided. Come, let's have some fun.

**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. These talks will be instead of a Lenten Retreat this year.

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

**CHILDREN CHOIR:** Practice will begin Sunday 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 & Tuesday, 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:** Will your faith grow this Lent, or will it be another Lent in which you just "manage to get by? Join Mother Teresa, Cardinal O'Connor, Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Dr. Alice Hildebrand and countless other good Catholics who have nourished their faith with *What Jesus Saw from the Cross*. Father Sertillanges' book immerses us into every detail, every event, and every emotion that accompanies the drama of Christ's suffering and sacrifice on the cross. After reading this book, every Christian will experience the vivid sense of being an eyewitness to the death of His Lord and view the Crucifixion as a personal event that touches his daily life. Sign up in the back of the church to order your copy of this book. Cost will be \$18.00.

#### Altar Servers for February 13-14

Feb. 13 5:00 pm Daniel & John Kubishta & Soren Wolf

Feb. 14 10:00 am Nolan & Grant Kennedy

### 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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