

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:

On this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time the Lord challenges us to live of poverty. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord rather than human beings, material possessions and earthly satisfaction. When Jesus speaks with the people from Judea and Jerusalem, He first gives a series of blessings (the Beatitudes) and then a corresponding warning (the woes). There is an order to his teaching.

The first Beatitude tells us that you will find happiness in being poor. There are two meanings of poverty. First, when a person is poor in spirit, they are poor spiritually. They realize they are a sinner and humbly approach the Lord time and time again. Second, when a person is poor materially. They have a detachment from their material possessions. For the Lord says, "woe to you who are rich, you have received your consolation. In others words those who live by money will die by money.

How often today does money become the root of evils, dissension, fights, and greed. This attitude has entered the hearts of Christians who are more concerned about what's in the bank verses trusting in God. We have made a false God out of our bank accounts and insurance. We have great difficulty because of pride to let go and let God.

The second Beatitude speaks about those who are hungry, presently they will be satisfied in the coming kingdom. The corresponding warning warns us that if you are glutton now you will starve later. If you take only what you need now you will be blessed later. Here is another lessons in detaching from the things of the world.

The third Beatitude speaks of a contrite heart. Happy will you be now if you weep for your sins, for someday your weeping will end with the joy of Heaven. But woe to those who laugh now, they will grieve and weep later. How many people want to be entertained with good times, pleasure, and jokes. This mentality is seen today when Catholics desire the mass to be entertainment and full of laughter. This is a slippery slope. Do we want our children to think religion is one big joke? Wouldn't it be better to have a priest call us to repentance and save our soul?

Our presence as Christians becomes more evident when we look at the fourth warning, "woe to you when they speak well of you, for the false prophets were treated the same way." Rather happy will you be when people hate you, and insult you, denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice for your reward will be great in Heaven. We shouldn't be concerned whether we are hated because of Christ. In fact, when you speak of the conviction and love of Christ, you can plan on it. We are not to worry, but be holy.

God is asking us to detach from the desire to seek human respect. What really matters is not the materials, not the praise, not the success of this life but our love, faithfulness and desire to repent. If we always seek an attitude of repentance, we will remain humble and willing to follow our Lord. If we never desire to change and convert our hearts we risk losing our souls and reaping what we have sown. This week let us reflect on this Sacred Scripture which will challenge each of us in many ways.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: THE ALTAR: The Gospel Book: It is a praiseworthy practice that the Book of the Gospels, distinct from the book of other readings, be placed upon the altar. The Book of Gospels should be placed in a suitable stand or holder in an upright position otherwise it should simply be placed flat upon the altar.

POPE BENEDICT: Benedict XVI today reminded those who are ill that Thursday is the World Day of the Sick, and he asked the Blessed Virgin to help those who are sick to bear their crosses. In his customary greeting to youth, the sick and newlyweds at the end of the general audience, the Pope highlighted today the intercession of the Virgin Mary. The World Day of the Sick is celebrated each year on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. "May Mary Immaculate help you, dear young people, to always be faithful in the commitment to follow Christ," he said. "May she turn her look full of love and tenderness toward you, dear sick people, and sustain you in bearing your cross with serenity, in union with that of Christ," the Holy Father added. "May she enlighten you, dear newlyweds, in the family path you have just begun, and render it rich in goods and open to life, gift of the Lord."

PRO-LIFE: Science or Faith and How to integrate the two for stem cell & Vaccine Decisions. Dr. Theresa Deisher, PhD is an internationally renowned expert in the field of adult stem cell therapies and regenerative medicine. She will be here in Pendleton at St. Mary's Church on Saturday April 10 from 9am-noon. From 9:00 am -10:00 am "Vaccines and Pharmaceutical Ethics" will be the subject of her talk. We will have an hour of adoration followed by a second talk on "The Hope and Promise of Stem Cell Research" Lunch with Dr. Deisher will be at noon suggested donation of \$10-15 to help with lunch and speaker's lodging and travel expenses. RSVP for Lunch to Valerie DeSomber 541-276-6532.

RETRouvaille: Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is similar to Marriage Encounter but with one important difference, the leaders are couples whose own marriages once nearly failed. They inspire couples in hurting marriages to try new ways to love each other. The next weekend is March 19-21 call or visit the web site to register www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. Held in Tri-Cities Washington.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Rom 8:16-18 "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself gives testimony to our spirit that we are sons of God. But if we are sons, we are heirs also: heirs indeed of God and joint heirs with Christ, provided, however, we suffer with him that we may also be glorified with him.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2010

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 15 (Weekday 6)

7:00 pm Mass †Barbara Lundblade/Larry & Sally Blanc

6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

Tuesday, Feb. 16 (Weekday 6)

7:00 am Mass †Nathaniel Miller/Omar & Cecelia Torres

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

Wednesday, Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Mass For the Parish

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm Mass Rex & Laura Heidt/Omar & Cecilia Torres

6:30 pm RE & Adult Classes

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

Thursday, Feb. 18 Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass †Marilyn Ingalls

12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

Friday, Feb. 19 Lenten Weekday

5:45 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 am Mass Baker Diocese Priest/Vic & Karen Early

5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, Feb. 20 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm Fran Reger/Kevin & Karla Willman

Sunday, Feb. 21 1st Sunday of Lent

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

VALENTINE DINNER: The Servants of Mary Mother of Mercy are planning a Valentine dinner this Sunday afternoon begin at 4:00 pm with lots of family fun. Plan to attend.

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.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass will be offered at 7:00 am and at 6:00 pm here at St. Mary's Church.

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.

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.

Altar Servers for February 20-21

Feb. 17 6:00 pm Walker Hoolehan & Daniel & John Kubishta

Feb. 20 5:00 pm Logan & Garrett Thorn & Quinn Doherty

Feb. 21 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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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