

# 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:

Jesus is led by the spirit into the desert. Lent commemorates the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in preparation for his years of preaching, which ended with the cross and resurrection. Today's Gospel recalls Jesus' battle with the temptations of the devil. It is the first time the devil intervenes in Jesus' life, and he does so openly and Christ wills to be tempted for several reasons.

First, that he might assist us against our own temptations. Second, to warn us that no man, however holy he be, should think he is safe from temptations. Third, to give us an example how we should overcome the temptations of the devil. Christ was an example for us. Fourth, to fill and saturate our minds with confidence in His mercy. "For we have not a high-priest who cannot have compassion on our infirmities, but one tempted in all things, like we are, without sin" (Heb 4:15).

Why did He choose the desert? Christ wanted to face the devil in the desert to show how he would overcome the desolate obstacles. The devil is always more disposed to attack those who are alone. Christ went out into the desert, as one going out to a battle-ground, that there he might be tempted by the devil. St Ambrose says "Christ went into the desert for the express purpose of provoking the devil. For unless the devil had fought, Christ would not have overcome him for us."

What did Christ have to overcome? The first temptation comes at the level of hunger. He had fasted for forty days and must have been very weak. He feels hunger like any other man. This is the moment the tempter chooses to come forward with his enticements. He will turn the stones around him into bread. Jesus, of course declines the food which his body requires and rejects the greater temptation to use His Divine power to solve His personal problem. He teaches us to be tough and to love work, but be aware when we are Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired—This spells **HALT**. Get things re-focused because the devil can use these weak moments!

The second temptation, the devil takes Him to the pinnacle of the temple and tells him to jump because He is God and He will be protected. Our Lord responds: "you shall not tempt the Lord your God." It appears a very cunning temptation, if you refuse, you do not trust God completely, if you accept you oblige him to send His angels for your personal advantage. Our Lord refuses to be tempted to perform miracles for show. We too can reject the temptation to grab for human praise and fall into vanity. God asks us to accept our simple way of grace each day. We don't have to keep asking him for proofs.

The last of the temptations, the devil offers Jesus all the glory and temporal power that any man could ever wish for. He offers him the kingdoms if he will only worship him. The devil always promises more than he can give. He makes the sin look good at first and then haunts us after the fall. This test of faith reminds us to not follow false Gods and power. How many presidents and other leaders lust for power only to come crashing down.

Let us reflect on how we handle temptations. We must become more aware of when they are happening. We must also be careful to avoid near occasions to sin. This means if we are around a person or place where we know we could fall into sin, avoid them and turn away. It is always good to pray during temptations that Lord help you through. And of course his Blessed Mother, Saint Michael and other saints are great defenders and help during temptations.

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: THE ALTAR:** Preparation of the Altar: If no deacon is present, after the Prayer of the Faithful is concluded and while the priest remains at the chair, the Instituted Acolyte places the corporal, the purificator, the chalice, the pall, and the Missal on the altar.

**POPE BENEDICT:** Drawing on the two possible formulae for the imposition of ashes Benedict XVI today offered a reflection on fundamental elements of Lent: conversion and human weakness. The two formulae used in the liturgy for the imposition of ashes are "Repent and believe in the Gospel," and "Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return." "The call to conversion, in fact, uncovers and denounces the easy superficiality that very often characterizes our way of living," he explained. "To be converted means to change direction along the way of life -- not for a slight adjustment, but a true and total change of direction." Benedict XVI said the Word of God "reminds us of our frailty, including our death, which is the extreme expression of our frailty." He added that "Man is dust and to dust he shall return, but he is precious dust in God's eyes, because God created man for immortality," he declared. "The Lord Jesus also wished to freely share with every man the lot of frailty, in particular through his death on the cross; but precisely this death, full of his love for the Father and for humanity, has been the way for the glorious resurrection," the Pope said. "With the imposition of ashes," the Pontiff reflected, "we renew our commitment to follow Jesus, to allow ourselves to be transformed by his Paschal Mystery, to overcome evil and do good, to have the 'old man' in us die, the one linked to sin, and to have the 'new man' be born, transformed by the grace of God."

**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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. Held in Tri-Cities Washington.

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE:** Lk 4:3-4 "If thou art the Son of God, command that this stone become a loaf of bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Not by bread alone shall man live, but by every word of God'."

# 1st Sunday of Lent February 21, 2010

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday, Feb. 22 The Chair of Saint Peter**  
 7:00 pm Mass †Simona Preciado/Omar & Cecilia Torres  
 6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration  
**Tuesday, Feb. 23 Saint Polycarp**  
 7:00 am Mass Baker Diocese Priest/Shirley Baker  
 7:00 pm RCIA  
 12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration  
**Wednesday, Feb. 24 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 5:15 pm Confession  
 6:00 pm Mass Parrilla's Family/Cecilia Torres  
 6:30 pm Dr. Donald DeMarco Talk  
 6:30 pm RE & Adult Classes  
 12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration  
**Thursday, Feb. 25 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 7:00 am Mass Haitian people/Vernica Wilson  
 7:00 pm Fr. Antoine Talk  
 12:01am-12:00 am Adoration  
**Friday, Feb. 26 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 5:45 am Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 am Mass Ellie Heitmanek/Mary Harris  
 4:30 pm Men's Conference until Sat. at 5:00 pm  
 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
 12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration  
**Saturday, Feb. 27 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 \*8:00 am NO MASS  
 3:30 pm Confession  
 4:30 pm Rosary  
 5:00 pm Clare Feller/Kathy & Renten Feller  
**Sunday, Feb. 28 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour  
 9:15 am Confessions  
 9:30 am Rosary  
 10:00 am Mass Ronald Smith/Mary Harris  
 11:30 am Mass (Sp) For the Parish

We ask you to remember in your Masses and Prayers Sr. Margaret Hudon who passed away this week. "May eternal Rest Be Granted to Her O'Lord, And Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her."

**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.

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

**THANK YOU:**Thank you to all who helped make the fundraiser a huge success. We made enough to pay for the restoration of the chairs.

**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 27-28

Feb. 27 5:00 pm Seth & Peter Case and Walker Hoolehan  
 Feb. 28 10:00 am Daniel & John Kubishta & Soren Wolf

## 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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