

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 Conversation with God*)

Immediately a cloud overshadowed them. It reminds us of that other cloud that accompanies the presence of God in the Old Testament: *Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.* It was the sign that was the guarantee of divine interventions. *And the Lord said to Moses, 'Lo, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.* Now on Mount Tabor that cloud overshadows Christ, and the powerful voice of God the Father is heard coming from it: *This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him.*

And God the Father speaks through Jesus Christ to all men of all ages. His voice is heard in every age, in a particular way through the teaching of the church, who, *continually seeks ways of bringing this mystery of her Master and Lord to humanity-to the peoples, the nations, the succeeding generations, and every individual human being.*

This is the Jesus we have to find in our ordinary life, in the midst of our work, out in the street, in the people around us, in our prayer. We have to find Him when he forgives us in the Sacrament of Penance and, above all, in the Holy Eucharist where He is truly, really and substantially present. *We have to learn to find Our Lord in what is ordinary, every day, and we must flee from the temptation of ever wanting anything extraordinary.*

We must never forget that Jesus whom those three privileged men were with on Mount Tabor, is the same Jesus who is daily at our side. *When God grants you the grace of feeling his presence, and desires that you should speak to him as your most beloved friend, tell him about your feelings with all freedom and confidence. 'She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.' (Wis6:14) Without waiting for you to come close to him, he hastens towards you when you seek his love, and he presents himself to you, granting you the graces and remedies that you need. He only waits for one word from you in order to show you that he is beside you and wants to listen to you and console you. 'His ears are toward their cry' (Ps 33:16)...*

Other friends, those who are friends in the world, have times that they spend talking together and other times when they are separated, but between God and yourselves, if you want, there need never be any time of separation.

Would our lives not be different this Lent if we were to make this presence of God a reality in the habitual things of each day; if we tried to say more ejaculatory prayers, more acts of love and reparation, more spiritual communions? *Here is a point for your daily examination. Have I allowed an hour to pass, without talking with my Father God? Have I talked to him with the love of a Son? You can!*

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: THE ALTAR: Veneration of the Altar: According to traditional practice, the altar is venerated by means of a kiss (by clergy only).

POPE BENEDICT: Many people do not know what Lent is all about or how to live it well, but Benedict XVI gives "clear and concrete" direction, according to a Vatican spokesman. "If we want a clear and concrete answer we only need to look at what Pope Benedict does." "Last Sunday," Father Lombardi explained, "[the Holy Father] went to the Caritas hostel at the train station in Rome. He met with the poor of the city of which he is bishop: He was close to them, he shook their hands, he looked them in the eyes with emotion, he had words of comfort and hope for them. Concrete charity." "Monday and Tuesday," the spokesman continued, "he was with the bishops of Ireland. He prayed and listened to their reflections on the Church's situation in their country, where there have been many sins and many errors, and [where] the scandal of sexual abuses even by priests has wounded so many persons and profoundly humiliated the Church. "The Pope called on them to ask for God's mercy and the gift of the Holy Spirit to renew the Church. Conversion and penance." "On Wednesday and Thursday the Pope celebrated the penitential liturgy, receiving and distributing the ashes, and then he met with the priests of his diocese to read and meditate on a passage of Scripture," Father Lombardi noted. "He did this with his usual profound intelligence and wisdom, helping us to rediscover the taste -- perhaps lost -- for listening to the Word of God. "Prayer and listening to the Word, conversion and penance, works of charity. Like Jesus said to those who asked him: You too go and do the same!"

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 DeSomer 541-276-6532.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Mt 6:16-18

"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, who disfigure their faces in order to appear to men as fasting. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But thou, when thou dost fast, anoint thy head and wash thy face, so that thou mayest not be seen fasting by men, but by thy Father, who is in secret; and thy Father, who sees in secret, will reward thee.

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2010

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, Mar. 1 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 pm Mass †Jacob Penner/Mary Helfrich

6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

Tuesday, Mar. 2 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 am Mass Patrick Feller/Kathy & Renton Feller

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

Wednesday, Mar. 3 Saint Katharine Drexel

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm Mass †Samuel Rodriquez/Omar & Cecilia

6:30 pm RE & Adult Classes

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

Thursday, Mar. 4 Saint Casimir

7:00 am Mass Christine Wilkins/Mary Harris

7:00 pm Confession

12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

Friday, Mar. 5 (Lenten Weekday)

5:45 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 am Mass Baker Diocese Priests/Georgia Herbes

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, Mar. 6 (Lenten Weekday)

8:00 am Mass Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm Ronald Smith/Mary Harris

Sunday, Mar. 7 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

COFFEE & DOUNTS: Families or individuals may sign up downstairs to serve coffee and donuts each week. If you would like to help serve, please sign up or call Curt LaVelle at 276-7007.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 3 am on Friday & Tuesday, 9 pm on Monday & 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.

HAITI REFLIEF: It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we report the Diocese of Baker has sent \$100,789.93 to the Catholic Relief Service for Haiti. What a great job all the parishes in our diocese have done. God Bless

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

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

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

Altar Servers for March 6-7

5:00 pm Nolan & Grant Kennedy

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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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