

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

207 N Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239 - (360) 678-6536

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 12 noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Parish E-mail: Information@StAugustineOH.org

Visit us on the web at www.StAugustineOH.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	St Augustine
Spanish 1st Saturday	7:00 pm	St Augustine
Sunday	8:00 am	St Augustine
	9:30 am	St Augustine
	11:15 am	St Mary
Latin 2nd & 4th Sunday	11:00 am	St Augustine
Thu, Fri & 1st Sat	9:00 am	St Augustine
Thursday	12:10 pm	St Mary
Latin Friday	12:00 pm	St Augustine

CONFESSION

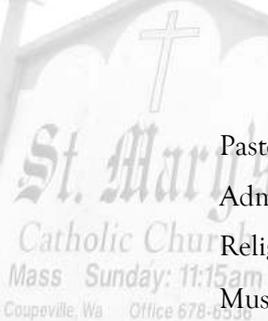
Friday	11:30 am	St Augustine
Saturday	4:00 pm	St Augustine
3rd Sunday	12:15 pm	St Mary

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the Parish Office

PARISH MINISTERS

Pastor	Rev. Paul Pluth, JCL
Administration	Mary A. Waters
Religious Education Coordinator	Mary Rose Anderson
Music Director	Kathleen Dodge-DeHaven
Receptionist	Peggy McCormick



St. Mary's
Catholic Church
Mass Sunday: 11:15am
Coupeville, Wa Office 678-6536

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

St Augustine Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Stations
3:00 pm
Celebration of the
Passion of the Lord
6:00 pm

EASTER VIGIL
8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 am, 9:30 am,
& 11:00 am

St. Mary Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Celebration of the
Passion of the Lord
12:10 pm
Seven Last Words
3:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY
11:15 am

Holy Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6 pm—The *Washing of the Feet*, at Jesus' command, takes place. Please bring your **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl** offerings for the *Procession of the Gifts*. At the end of Mass we carry the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose—Jesus, arrested and powerless, is delivered into the hands of sinners. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* on Holy Thursday continues until 10 pm, as we “stay with him one hour”, recalling the watch in the Garden of Gethsemane [Matthew 26:40]. **Good Friday, April 3 (Day of Fast & Abstinence)**—**St Mary, The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 12:10 pm.** This liturgy includes the *Adoration of the Holy Cross* and the *Distribution of Holy Communion*. Good Friday is the only day that the Mass *cannot* be celebrated because Christ, the Source of the Sacraments, enters into death. We depart in silence. Followed by **The Seven Last Words, 3 pm**, a guided reflection and meditation on the traditional seven last words Jesus spoke from his Cross. **St Augustine, Stations of the Cross, 3 pm**, to mark the hour of Jesus' death, followed by **The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 6:00 pm**, **Easter Vigil, April 4, St Augustine, 8 pm**—We begin in darkness, unfolding the story of God's plan to save the world, climaxing in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! We baptize our Elect, and join in the *Renewal of Baptismal Promises*, the end of the Lenten journey. **Easter Sunday, April 5, Easter Mass St Augustine, 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am (additional Mass!), St Mary, 11:15 am.** The *Renewal of Baptismal Promises* is celebrated at all Easter Masses.

St. Mary mailing address is:

St Mary Catholic Church

Attn: (Name)

PO BOX 1443

Coupeville, WA 98239

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Parish Expenses: \$2,974
Stewardship: March 15 \$2,964
CRS \$803



Thank you for all your gifts

Please remember St Mary in your will



Stations of the Cross Tue. 5:30pm

Soup at 6:00pm

Only two left. Tuesdays,
March 24 & 31

Check out the sign up sheet to see
what kinds of soups will be served this
Tuesday. See you there!

Bring your own bowl, spoon & drink.
Coffee and tea are provided.



The Soup sign-up sheet is located
in Harrington Hall

To submit names of people who are in need of
prayers , please contact the parish office at 678-6536
to have the names published in the parish bulletin
or to submit names to the prayer chain
“For all who are ill, needing surgery, or are
recovering from surgery.”

Dolores Morris

Many thanks to all who pray for and send cards
to those whose names appear on this list for prayers

For all of our deployed military
Captain Tom Bender USAF

Lord, Hear our Prayer

This Week at St Mary

—Sun 3/22 5th Sunday of Lent

- 9:15 am RE gr. Pre-K—6th
- 10:45 am Rosary
- 11:15 am Mass
- 12:15 pm Confessions will be heard
- 12:15 pm Coffee & donuts
- 6:30 pm Lutheran Service

—Mon 3/23

- Office is closed on Mondays

—Tue 3/24

- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross led
by the K-6th gr. RE students
- 6:00 pm Soup Supper



—Wed-3/25

- 10:30 am-12:00 pm Living the Eucharist
- 6:15 pm Young People’s RE (gr 7-11)
- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Living the Eucharist

—Thu 3/26

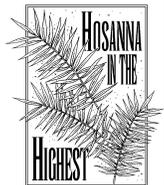
- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:30 am Rosary
- 12:10 pm Mass
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Adoration in the church

—Sat 3/28

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Choir rehearsal

—Sun 3/29– Passion/ Palm Sunday

- 9:15 am RE gr. Pre-K—6th
- 10:45 am Rosary
- 11:15 am Mass
- 12:15 pm Confessions will be heard
- 12:15 pm No coffee and donuts today or on
Easter. They will resume on Sunday, April
12th.
- 6:30 pm Lutheran Service



FOUR SAINTS OF THE MONTH ARE CHOSEN IN MARCH!

St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist, St. Stanislaus, & St. Thomas Becket are very different, but they have one thing in common — which is what the children are focusing on this month. Each one chose not to cave into pressure from powerful authority figures and pretend something was right when they knew it was wrong. They are all great examples of obeying God first by doing what was right, even when 1) it seemed that no one else around there was doing what was right., and 2) it would have been so much easier to “go with the flow.”

This week, we are focusing on Saint Thomas Becket, born in 1120. He was a tall, handsome, intelligent, young legal clerk who had a magnetic personality and made friends easily. At the archbishop's recommendation, Thomas was made chancellor of England, a post he held for eight years.



Thomas spent money on clothes, entertainment, hunting, and good times and a strong friendship developed between him and King Henry II, who wanted complete control of his kingdom, including control of the Church there. He wanted to take some powers away from the Church, and he needed an archbishop to support him. Henry made Thomas the archbishop of Canterbury to help him do this.

But Thomas changed his rich lifestyle, sold his mansion, clothes, furnishings and gave the money to the poor, resigned as chancellor, and went to live in a monastery. While Thomas' personality stayed the same, his relationship with the king became strained because he opposed King Henry's taxation of the Church and blocked the other attempts the king made to control the Church. At one point, Thomas had to flee for his life to a French monastery for six years, but he eventually returned with the help of the pope.

Later, when the pope cut several English bishops off from the Church for defying the Church in support of the king, Thomas upheld that decision. And in a rage, the humiliated king exclaimed: “Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest?” Four knights rode to the monastery where Thomas lived and tried to get Thomas to change his mind, but Thomas didn't. And when he went into the cathedral to pray, the knights murdered Thomas near the high altar by the bishop's chair. Thomas's last words were, “I accept death for the name of Jesus and for the Church.”

People called Thomas a saint, and King Henry II did public penance to be absolved. Miracles were reported to occur at Thomas's tomb and many pilgrimages were made there. Thomas was the most famous martyr of the Middle Ages.

The movie “Becket” starring Richard Burton is the story of his life.

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Please join St. Mary's Religious Education students from grades pre-K through 6th who at 5:30 pm are leading the Stations of the Cross. After the Stations, a special soup and bread supper will be served as a special Lenten exercise to help the children understand what the diet of the poor is like in underdeveloped countries. We are doing this to both experience – in a very small way – what it is like to be poor and to act in solidarity with the poor, because in serving the poor, we come to know Christ.

Please be advised. The RE children will participate as a group at the front of the processional into Palm Sunday Mass right after Catechism next Sunday. After filing into the body of the church, the children will rejoin their families in the pews.

St. Mary Office

will be closed Tuesday,
March 31st through
Monday, April 6th.



If you need assistance
or have any questions,
please call the
St. Augustine
Parish Office
at 675-2303

or visit them at
185 N. Oak Harbor Street, Oak Harbor

**The next meeting of
the Women of St.
Mary will be in
Harrington Hall on
Thursday, April 9th
after the 12:10 pm
Mass.**



Do you know that when you register with St. Mary Parish that you become a member of "The Women of St. Mary"? The WOSM are very involved with raising funds and donate to several local charities, e.g. Small Miracles, Ryan's House, Gifts from the Heart Food Bank. For our parish, we help fund gifts, receptions and other events needed for the Religious Education (RE) department outside of their budget. We provide a funeral reception for our parish families at a time of sorrow, and send cards to parishioners that may need a cheery note.

Our fund raisers are a Garage Sale in May, a Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Care Center in June, we provide a brunch for our fathers on Fathers Day also in June, and we have a Holiday Bazaar the first Saturday in December.

If you have time available to attend our monthly meetings and wish to get involved with our missions you are invited to join us (few that we are). We are reaching out to you to expand our numbers. We do not pressure anyone. Give us a call if you have questions; call 678-6536

We normally meet on the 1st Thursday of each month after the 12:10 pm Mass, but due to Holy Thursday this one had to be postponed. Bring a lunch to eat during the meeting. Bring a friend and come join us for some fun and fellowship.

We look forward to meeting any newcomers.

The Women of St. Mary

Journey of Faith & RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Please pray for our Elect and Candidates, as well as those who will be continuing on next year too.

Planning on getting married?

Congratulations! Wedding preparations take six months, so please call St.

Augustine parish office at 675-2303 ext. 5 to begin the process in a timely manner.

Spring Baptisms May 9th

Baptism Class

Wednesday, April 15th, 7:00-9:00PM and
Saturday, April 18th, 10:00AM-Noon.

Both sessions are required for baptism preparation. Please call St Augustine parish office (675-2303 ext 5) for more information.

Full, Conscious, Active Participation

“Not me, I don’t sing at Mass.” “If you heard my voice, you’d be glad I keep my mouth shut!” “Why are all those people up there on the altar? I liked it better when it was just Father.” “Participation from our teens? The fact that they come at all is a miracle!”



Ever hear comments like these? Among the people in the pews a variety of opinions may exist about the value or even the possibility of active participation in the liturgy. Sad to say, not everybody is convinced that their own full and active participation—or that of others—is ever going to happen.

Yet full, conscious, active participation is the Church’s vision—for everybody. Not only for the most devout, or those with the best singing voices, or adults, or some select group of insiders. Participation is for everybody.

SPECTATORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Imagine you’re at a ball game, and your favorite team is playing. Could you possibly sit still and not make a sound when they score? Even spectators can be active—by cheering (which is like an acclamation or song), by paying attention to what is happening (as we do when we listen to the readings or follow the actions of the Mass), and by feeling invested in the outcome (as we do when we remember the Mass is for our good and for the salvation of the world).

Hold on, however! Being a spectator, even an enthusiastic spectator, is not the best analogy for what we do at Eucharist. Participation in the liturgy is less like being in the viewing stands, and more like being on the team. It’s true. Every single person in the liturgy is a “player” in one way or another.

- The assembly prays, sings, listens, and joins in the actions and gestures that are theirs.

- The ministers, such as ushers, lectors, servers, musicians, cantors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, have special roles to play as they serve the assembly.

- The priest and the deacon have specific liturgical functions, too, such as leading, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, praying, and so on.

All these roles interact. Though different, they form one ordered and organic whole. This contributes to the beauty and richness of the liturgy. When the priest says, “The Lord be with you,” he is “throwing the ball” to the congregation. They cannot drop the ball! Their response matters.

A VISION OF CHURCH

We show forth the true nature of the Church through our active participation in the liturgy. When we all do our part, in concert with one another, we support others at the same time as we strengthen our own experience. Like a good team, we perform the liturgical action together, each of us taking care to do our own part in its proper way. As St. Paul said, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord” (1 Corinthians 12:4-5). Participation in different roles is a unified effort.

Also, like a good team, we can’t just run out onto the field willy-nilly. We need to train. Catechesis is one form of training. Having a prayer life outside of Mass is another. The active living of our faith in daily life is a third. Some

people are helped by previewing the Sunday readings, or getting to church a few minutes early, or some other modest discipline. Some need rest and leisure. Whatever is needed, it is worthwhile to consider how we prepare.

FORMED BY PARTICIPATION

When we actively participate in the liturgy, we are formed by what we do. We make the sign of the cross; we stand, sit, or kneel; we say the responses, sing the songs, hymns, and acclamations. We give to the collection; we receive Holy Communion; we join in the listening, in the silences, in the prayers. These actions, performed faithfully, are etched into our minds and hearts. They become part of who we are.

They also return to us in moments when we need them. A snippet of music, a prayer, a posture or gesture can help us to find our way and remember God's presence, long after the liturgy is over. It's a common experience, for instance, to find that a snatch of song from the liturgy comes to mind during a "dark night" of grief or loss. It is like the breath of the Spirit sent to revive us. But what if we never sang that song? We must participate in the first place, so the experience can continue to echo in our lives.

Beneath the outward expressions of the liturgy lies another layer of participation. This might be called inner or spiritual participation. Heartfelt desire and assent—saying "Yes" to God—is participation. So is the Spirit striving within us to bring about ongoing conversion. Participation includes the willingness to experience life shared—with all its joys and struggles—in communion with one another. These are the inward movements of faith, the dispositions of the heart.

Both outward and inward participation is important. We need the outward signs of the liturgy, which engage us through our senses. But it's the dispositions of the heart that allow the liturgy to bear fruit over the long run.

REFLECT

Recall an instance when you participated fully, actively, and consciously in the liturgy. What helped you to participate? What hinders your participation? How might you prepare over the coming week to experience Eucharist more fully next Sunday?

ACT

Invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to Mass with you. Be attentive to their needs, especially if they are unfamiliar with your community. Or you might offer transportation for someone who has a hard time getting to church. Participation begins by being there.

PRAY

Loving God, you invite us to share in the life of Jesus your Son through the Holy Eucharist. Help us to participate, fully, consciously, and actively in this wonderful sacrament of your Church. Bless our efforts together and make them fruitful!

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