

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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	8:30 am & 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

A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 2015



MARYKNOLL LAY MISSIONERS

Sam Stanton

Speaking: TODAY

Sam will speak at Mass TODAY to share his experience of mission life as a part of the Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan 2015. A Second Collection will be taken to support Maryknoll Lay Missioners. Your support of these lay Catholics who have responded to the vocation of proclaiming Christ's presence by their lives and work among the poor will be much appreciated. Sam is looking forward to the opportunity to share his mission story with your parish community.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners is a Catholic organization inspired by the mission of Jesus to live and work with poor communities in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, responding to basic needs and helping to create a more just and compassionate world. To learn more, visit www.mkmlm.org

This week at St Mary

– Sun 7/26 17th Sun. in Ord Time

~10:45 am Rosary

~11:15 am Mass

RIP Sally Foley+ &

RIP Francisco Elamparo+

~12:15 pm Coffee & donuts

~ 6:30 pm Lutheran Service

– Mon 7/27

~ The office is closed on Mondays

– Tue 7/28

~ The office will be closed.

– Thu. 7/30

~12:10 pm Mass - RIP-Donna Stites+

~ 1:00 pm Bible Study in clsrn 4

~ 1:00-2:00 pm Adoration

– Sun 8/2 18th Sun. in Ord Time

~10:45 am Rosary

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The Gospel of Matthew-Bible study

An eleven week study of the Gospel of Matthew will begin on Wednesday, 9 September 2015, in Harrington Hall. Rick McCormick will facilitate the study in two Wednesday sessions. The morning sessions are from 10:30am to noon, the evening sessions are from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. A textbook fee of \$15.00 is due at registration. Couples may share a textbook.

To register, see Peggy or Rick McCormick after Mass in Harrington Hall today, August 2nd, or August 9th



Attention Volunteers:

Once again you have the opportunity to choose which Sundays you would like to volunteer. The sign-up sheet for September/October is located in Harrington Hall.

If you are not yet a volunteer, please consider being one.



July Mass Intentions

Sun 26th RIP - Sally Foley+
RIP - Francisco Elamparo+
Thu 30th RIP - Donna Stites+

August Mass Intentions

Thu 6th RIP - Mike Milat+

Weekly Parish Expense:

\$2,978

Stewardship Totals for

July 19:\$2,211

Thank you for your gifts!

Please remember
St. Mary in your will

Please pray

“For all who are in need of prayer whatever the reason.”

Joan Blakely	James Hoffmaster
Joe McGraw	Frances Anderson
Bob Puhr	Robert Johnson
Don Haynes	Vanda Anderson
Roxanne Steele	Mary Rose Anderson
Alan Samuelson	Kathleen Pendleton
Matthew Marks	

For all of our Military at home and deployed.
Captain Thomas Bender, USAF-deployed

For the repose of the soul of William Figott+

Please call the office (678-6536) to submit a name for prayers or to add to the prayer chain.

The next meeting of the Women of St. Mary will be in Harrington Hall on Thursday, August 6th after the 12:10 pm Mass (at approximately 12:45 pm.)



Bring your lunch if you wish.

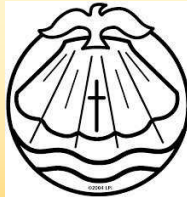
Our meeting this month will focus on the distribution of current funds.

Next Baptisms will be held on August 22nd.

Mandatory classes held on July 29th, 6:30—8:30 pm & August 1st, 10 am-Noon.

Both classes are held in the St. Augustine parish office.

Call 675-2303 x5 to register.



Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

“After I finally dealt with my abortion and allowed myself to grieve the loss, I was able to reclaim my broken maternity.” -

Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**

Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and find healing and peace.

July 31 – Aug 2, 2015

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

The 5th Annual FAITH ON FIRE

CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

Save the Date: July 31st—Aug. 2nd at St. Mary's in Anacortes

Registration: <http://www.stmaryanacortes.org/Faithformation/faithonfire.aspx>

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

August 2015

St. Augustine and St. Mary Catholic Community

Rev. Paul Pluth, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Ordained a priest at a young age,

Maximilian Kolbe was determined to combat religious indifference in his native Poland (now Ukraine) and published a successful magazine to preach the Gospel. When the Nazis invaded in 1939, they noticed Fr. Kolbe and he was eventually imprisoned at Auschwitz. One day, ten men were chosen to die as punishment for a prisoner escape. Fr. Kolbe offered himself instead of a family man. The man saved, Francis Gajowniczek, was present at Fr. Kolbe's canonization.



Hospital for sinners

It can be disappointing when fellow Christians don't seem to act Christ-like. Yes, the Church is made up of imperfect people who may let us down occasionally. Still, the Catholic Church was founded by Jesus, safeguards the Sacraments and helps us grow in holiness. And Jesus never disappoints.

"If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive."

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



Polish your Catholic compass

Our Catholic faith is like a compass that can point us to a clear path to Heaven. If we aren't careful to keep our compass in working order, however, we can get pulled off course and lose our way.

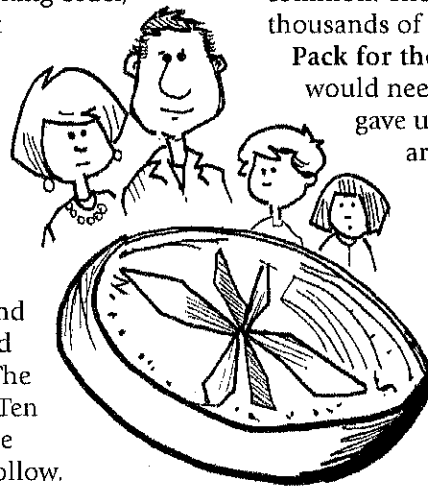
Keep a sharp lookout. God made us in his image and likeness and we will be happiest when we avoid temptation and do what is good and loving in his eyes. The Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments are roadmaps we can follow.

Follow the well-worn path. We don't have to forge our own path. We have the Catholic Church to guide us. For example, an excellent source of answers to puzzling questions is the

Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is a summary of what Catholics throughout the world believe in common. The Church also offers us thousands of saints as models.

Pack for the trip. Jesus knew we would need extra strength so he gave us the Sacraments. They are encounters with God and provide sanctifying grace. Fortify your traveler's spirit with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as often as possible. Journey toward God's voice. While

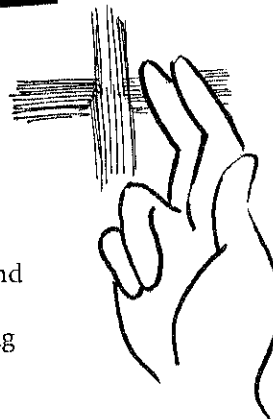
God speaks to us in many ways, his voice is most clearly discerned in Scripture. A daily dose of the Word of God is a sure way to stay on the path to Heaven.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics gesture before the Gospel reading?

God created us to know him, to love him, and to serve him. In Mass, when we make the three Signs of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts before the Gospel reading, we are dedicating

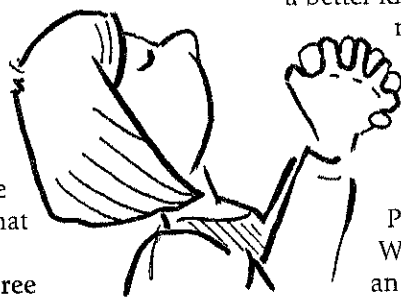


ourselves to God. We pray, "Lord, be on my mind, be on my lips, be in my heart." We ask God to be in us as we hear the Gospel, so that we can truly "love and serve the Lord" by our lives.

Still waiting for God to say "yes?"

Even the most faithful Christians can get discouraged in prayer. It can be disheartening when you have your heart set on something, pray hard for it, but the hoped for result doesn't happen. It is important to remember that God hears you and he always answers prayer. He loves you more than you can imagine and wants the best for you. In fact, he knows what you need better than you do.

Answers to prayer usually fall into one of three responses: 1) Yes, 2) Not right now, and 3) I have



a better idea. The best approach is to make your request, trust him to do the right thing, and then look for his answer. Try not to get set on any one answer.

Perhaps God wants you to wait to increase your appreciation or because he doesn't think you are ready yet. Perhaps he has something better in mind. Whatever the answer – and there is always an answer – remember that it comes from his incredible and personal love.

from Scripture

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Clean hearts vs. clean hands

The religious leaders sent investigators to check up on Jesus and didn't like what they saw. Not only were Jesus and his followers ignoring some traditional rituals, Jesus scolded the leaders for being hypocrites when they did observe them. They were outwardly obedient so they could look holy instead of taking steps to actually be holy.

For example, devout Jews performed a cleansing ritual before each meal. The Pharisees liked to believe this ceremony kept them from being considered unclean. They were critical because Jesus' followers didn't perform this ceremony. Jesus told them that they were



wrong to think being clean on the outside made them acceptable to God. God cares more about the state

of our hearts than our hands.

Hypocrisy is when we pretend to be something we aren't and have no intention of becoming. Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites because they went

through the motions of worshipping God so they could appear holy in the eyes of the Jews. We become hypocrites when we follow religious practices carefully but allow our hearts to remain distant from God.

Q & A

If Jesus paid for our sins, why is Confession necessary?

Jesus's sacrifice paid the price for our sins "once for all" (Hebrews 10:10), and made it possible for us to go to Heaven. It did not make us sinless. We retain the inclination to sin.



Fortunately for us, God's mercy is greater than our sins.

On Easter evening, Jesus gave to his Apostles the power to forgive (or not forgive) sins in his name. "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained'" (John 20:22-23). "Christ has willed that...his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us at the price of his blood" (CCC 1455).

In Confession, we receive God's loving mercy, his forgiveness, and the grace to make a fresh start. Although we experience Confession with the priest, he is acting in the person of Christ. Rather than deny the redeeming power of his sacrifice, the sacrament of Confession continues its effects.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 12 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1641). Born wealthy in Dijon, France, Jane married the Baron de Chantal and had four children. Widowed after only seven years, she founded the Order of the Visitation with St. Francis de Sales, for those unable to enter a convent. Altogether, she founded sixty convents.

August 19 – St. John Eudes (1680). Born on a farm in Normandy France, John was priest and parish missionary in the Diocese of Seez. Concerned with the spiritual state of the clergy, he reformed and started seminaries. To

promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, he founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists).

August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1954, Pope Pius XII established this feast to celebrate the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Mary's queenship is rooted in scripture and tradition. As the mother of the King, Mary can intercede for us in Heaven.



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Join us for

OAK HARBOR'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2015

Tuesday, Aug 4th

3:30 - 7:30 pm

Fort Nugent Park

2075 SW Fort Nugent Avenue

Join Oak Harbor Police Department for the 32nd annual National Night Out against crime. The event is designed to strengthen community spirit and let criminals know that Oak Harbor doesn't tolerate crime.

Emergency Vehicles

Fire Demonstration

Comedy Stage Performer

US Custom & Border Protection Helicopter

Community Resources

K-9 Demo

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