

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Paul Pluth, JCL, Pastor

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Parish E-mail Information@StAugustineOH.org

9:00 am - 12 noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Visit us on the web at www.StAugustineOH.org

MASS

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	St Augustine
<i>Filipino Music 2nd Saturday</i>		
Spanish 1st Saturday	7:00 pm	St Augustine
Sunday	8:00 am	St Augustine
	9:30 am	St Augustine
	11:15 am	St Mary
Thu, Fri & 1st Sat	9:00 am	St Augustine
Thursday	12:10 pm	St Mary

CONFESSION

Friday	8:30 am	St Augustine
Saturday	4:00 pm	St Augustine

PARISH MINISTERS

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the Parish Office

4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas & Holy Family

24 & 31 December 2017



Christmas

Sunday

December 24

4 pm St Mary *Family Mass*

4 pm St Augustine

Family Mass

7:30 pm St Augustine

Choral Mass

10 pm St Augustine

Spoken Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25

9:30 am St Augustine

Christmas Morning Mass



Holy Family

Saturday

December 30

5 pm

St Augustine

Mass

Sunday, December 31

8 am St Augustine *Mass*

9:30 am St Augustine *Mass*

11:15 am St Mary *Mass*



New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31

5 pm St Augustine

Mass



Holy Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1

9 am St Augustine

Mass

*We wish you God's richest blessings at Christmas
and peace in the New Year*
Father Paul Pluth, Father Jerry Kienzle, Mary Waters
Rowena Harless, Peggy McCormick, Kathleen Dodge-De Haven

HAPPY New Year!

New Year's Eve Potluck & White Elephant at St. Augustine in Oak Harbor

New Year's Eve Mass 5 PM

Join us on December 31st from
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm in the Parish Hall

for a New Year's Eve Potluck.
Bring a favorite dish to share for the potluck.
We'll eat, and then have a
White Elephant gift exchange.

Bring a gift that might be better suited to someone
else, make sure it's wrapped and join in the fun!
One gift per participant.

For more information please
call the Parish Office at 675-2303.

Fresh Food Drive for Ryan's House

Next Sunday, December 3rd there will be a cooler in Harrington Hall for your fresh food donations.

Meats, fruits, vegetables, etc.

Thank you in advance for your support of this ongoing ministry to teens and young adults who are homeless & in need on Whidbey Island.

Many thanks to all who contributed in 2017 and

we hope that your donations will continue throughout 2018.

If you have any questions please call Pat at 360-682-5222.



The Women of St. Mary will meet on Thursday, January 4th after the 12:10 pm Mass (approx. 12:45 pm)

Discussion will be on the Garage Sale, Father's Day Lunch, and more. Bring your lunch, your ideas and a friend.

The **March For Life** in Olympia will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018. There will be a Mass at 8 am at St Mary's, Anacortes and the bus departs for Olympia at 8:30am. This year the bus fare is increasing by \$5 for each paid seat. The bus fare is \$20 for adults and children 12 years of age and over. For children ages 5 to 11 years the fare is \$10 and children under 5 years of age is \$5. Signups will begin after Masses the weekend of January 7, and continue with the following weekend Masses on January 14. All reserved signups must be paid in advance by January 14 after which all unpaid seats will be open to those on a first-come, first-serve basis (all signup fares are final).

The Archdiocese Adult Release of Liability Form available at the signup desk must also be filled out for each passenger. We will provide an onboard breakfast of muffins, coffee, oranges, and juice for the kids. Each person will need to provide/pack their own lunch. Those who cannot attend but would like to help a person or a family who cannot afford the expense can make a donation to St. Mary's, Anacortes designating it for the March For Life. Return trip is scheduled to depart from Olympia at 2 pm and to arrive at St. Mary's at 5 pm. Please make all checks payable to St. Mary's Catholic Church. If you have any questions or special needs with bus fare, call Susan Tibbles - Anacortes (360-293-8598) or Walt Daspit - Oak Harbor (360-678-4535), Co-Chairs for St. Mary's Respect Life Committee.

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED - This year the Respect Life Committee is searching for new sponsors to support the annual March For Life bus trip and rally. Small businesses, charitable organizations and individuals who support the Right To Life and who are concerned about getting the message of Life through to our lawmakers in Olympia are needed to continue this important public demonstration: a manifestation of the right-to-life for all human persons, especially the unborn. If you or someone you know is willing to sponsor \$100, \$200, \$300 or more for this esteemed pro-life event please contact Walt Daspit (360-678-4535), or Susan Tibbles (360-293-8598) for more information.

What's happening Sunday 12/24 - Sunday 1/7

Sun 12/24	4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Mass Christmas 4:00 pm Mass (HDO) 6:30 pm Lutheran Service
Mon 12/25	The Office is Closed
Tue 12/26	The Office is Closed
Wed 12/27	Office is open 9:00 am-12 noon & 1:00-3:00 pm
Thu 12/28	Office is open 9:00 am-12 noon & 1:00-3:00 pm
Fri 12/29	Office is open 9:00 am-12 noon & 1:00-3:00 pm
Sat 12/30	No Activity
Sun 12/31	The Holy Family 10:00-11:00 am RE gr. K-6th 10:45 am Rosary 11:15 am Mass 6:30 pm Lutheran Service

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Mon 1/1 2018	The Office is Closed
Tue 1/2	Office is closed
Wed 1/3	Office is open 9:00 am-12 noon & 1:00-3:00 pm 9:30 am Choir practice 6:15-7:30 pm Young Peoples RE cr 4
Thu 1/4	Office is open from 1:00-3:00 pm 11:30 am Rosary 12:10 pm Mass 12:45 pm WOSM mtg 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Adoration 7:00 pm K of C Officer's meeting
Fri 1/5	Office is open 9:00 am-12 noon & 1:00-3:00 pm
Sat 1/6	No activity
Sun 1/7	Epiphany 10:00-11:00 am RE gr. K-6th 10:45 am Rosary 11:15 am Mass 12:15 pm Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm Lutheran Service

Prayers

Please pray for all of our families & friends.

Linda Nelli, Cheryl Parrott, Eddie McCormick,
Larry Anderson, Anna McEnery, Elsie Faires,
Richard Morris, Judi Nagela, Dee Gore,
Lyla Cornish, Hugo Gutama,
Michael Gerrity, Colleen Patmore,
Maddie Rose Haaga, Carole Hart,
Patsy Hurt, Chuck Hennen

Those who are in college or in the military
at home and deployed:
Capt. Thomas Allan Bender - USAF
PFC Zachary McCormick - Army NG

Please call the office at 360-678-6536 to add or
delete someone's name.

**Permission is required from the individual
prior to adding their name to the prayer list.**

Please Note!
All 2017
contributions to the
parish must be
received by
December 31, 2017 in
order to be counted
towards your
2017 income tax.

Events

January 2018

January 2018							February 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28			

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 31 - Jan 6	Dec 31	Jan 1, 18	2	3	4	5	6
				9:30am Choir practice (CH) 6:15pm RE gr 7-11 (MS/HS)	11:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 1:00pm Adoration 7:00pm K of C Officer's mtg (CB)		4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Jan 7 - 13	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Epiphany 10:00am RE gr K-6 resumes (clsrms) 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Coffee & Donuts 6:30pm Lutheran Service			9:30am Choir practice (CH) 6:15pm RE gr 7-11 (MS/HS)	11:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 1:00pm Adoration 7:00pm K of C general mtg (CB)		4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Jan 14 - 20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	10:00am RE gr K-6 (clsrms) 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Coffee & Donuts 12:30pm Pastoral Council Informational meeting 6:30pm Lutheran Service			9:30am Choir practice (CH) 6:15pm RE gr 7-11 (MS/HS)	11:00am Finance Council 11:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 1:00pm Adoration		4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Jan 21 - 27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	10:00am RE gr K-6 (clsrms) 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Confessions will be heard 12:15pm Right to Life breakfast (K of C) 6:30pm Lutheran Service			9:30am Choir practice (CH) 6:15pm RE gr 7-11 (MS/HS)	11:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass		4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Jan 28 - Feb 3	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
	NW Catholic/CCC collection 10:00am RE gr K-6 (clsrms) 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Coffee & Donuts 6:30pm Lutheran Service			9:30am Choir practice (CH) 6:15pm RE gr 7-11 (MS/HS)			

1 – The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

2 – Memorial of Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn 1:19-28

3 – Wed - Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29–3:6
Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6
Jn 1:29-34

4 - Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9
Jn 1:35-42

5 – Memorial of St John Neuman, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Jn 1:43-51

6 – Sat – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Mk 1:7-11

7 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

8 – The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6
Mk 1:7-11

9 – Tue – 1st wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 1:9-20
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Mk 1:21-28

10 – Wed – 1st wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Ps 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Mk 1:29-39

11 – Fri – 1st wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 4:1-11
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
Mk 1:40-45

12 – Fri – 1st wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Ps 89:16-17, 18-19
Mk 2:1-12

13 – Sat – 1st wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mk 2:13-17

14 – Second Sunday in Ord Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35:42

15 – Mon – 2nd wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23
Mk 2:18-22

16 – Tue – 2nd wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28

17 – Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6

18 – Thu – 2nd wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
Mk 3:7-12

19 – Fri – 2nd wk in Ord Time

1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 & 11
Mk 3:13-19

20 – Sat – 2nd wk in Ord Time

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-21

21 – 3rd Sunday in Ord Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26
Mk 3:22-30

23 – Tue – 3rd wk in Ord Time

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Mk 3:31-35

24 – Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17
Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30
Mk 4:1-20

25 – Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Mk 16:15-18

26 – Memorial of Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Mk 4:26-34

27 – Sat – 3rd wk in Ord Time

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Mk 4:35-41

28 – 4th Sunday in Ord Time

Dt 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

29 – Mon – 4th wk in Ord Time

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mk 5:1-20

30 – Tue – 4th wk in Ord Time

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—
19:3
Ps 86:1-2k, 3-4, 5-6
Mk 5:21-43

31 – Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mk 6:1-6



Growing in FAITH™

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

January 2018

St. Augustine and St. Mary Catholic Community

Rev. Paul Pluth, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Angela Merici

Born in Italy, St. Angela and her sister were raised by an uncle after the deaths of their parents. Angela received the vocational call as a teenager. Her sister died without receiving the Sacraments, so Angela became a Third Order Franciscan to pray for her. She opened her home as a girls' school for religious education. She was later inspired by a vision to start a religious community to educate young women, and founded the Ursuline Order.



The face of God

God doesn't want us to sacrifice our own wellbeing, but does want us to willingly bring his love to other people. It can be uncomfortable being his loving face to others. This means being patient with those who annoy us, kind to those who are demanding, and forgiving to those who haven't asked.

"Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips" (Proverbs 27:2).



Move closer to God in the New Year

While contemplating your New Year's resolutions, wouldn't it be great to make at least one change this year that brings you closer to God? Consider these ideas from other Catholics to strengthen your prayer life, learn more about your faith, or serve your parish.

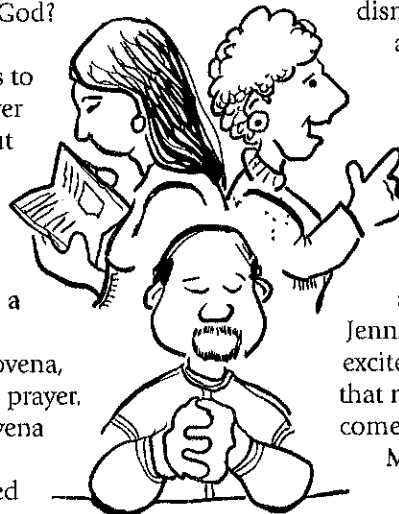
Greg was bored with his prayer routine and wanted a change. His priest suggested he try a novena, nine days of focused prayer. So, Greg chose a novena to the Immaculate Conception. He loved the meditations and felt a connection to Our Lady. Soon, he became hooked on novenas. Once again, he was excited to spend time in prayer.

Jennifer's husband is not Catholic

and asks lots of questions about her faith. Her own religious education ended years ago, and she became dismayed when she couldn't answer his questions.

Learning that adult faith formation classes were starting in her parish, Jenn jumped at the chance to learn more. "Everything I discover helps me to grow stronger in my faith," Jennifer declared. "I'm so excited by what I'm learning that my husband wants to come, too."

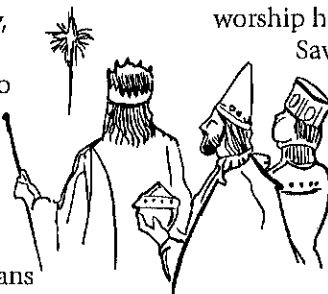
Maureen's children are grown and on their own, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to evangelize our faith than to share it with children? That's where I can do some real good," she said.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Epiphany?

On the feast of Epiphany, we recall the adoration of Jesus by the wise men, who had traveled "from the East." They were looking for the newborn king of the Jews, though they themselves were not Jewish. "Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and



worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world"

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #528*).

The Epiphany celebrates the revelation of the Messiah to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to the rest of the world.

Adopt a three-point plan for holiness in the New Year

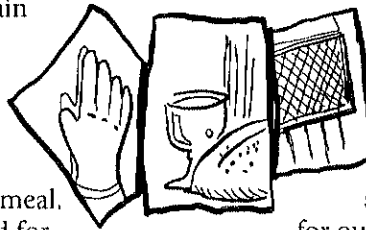
All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is

drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

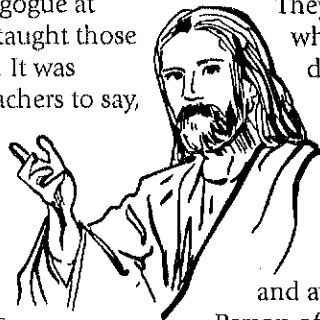


from Scripture

Mark 1:21-28, God's authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered for the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, "Thus says the Lord..." Instead Jesus said, "I say to you..." He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate man at the



synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God's power and authority isn't just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, "Jesus is Lord," then we give him our loyalty and obedience.

Q & A I make terrible decisions. How can I do better?

It's true that bad decisions can lead to sin. Try to take a formal approach to decision making.



Get all the facts. That helps you know your options.

Pray. Place yourself in God's presence and ask for his guidance.

Listen to your conscience. Your conscience is the ability within you that helps you discern right from wrong. "Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him ... to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil." (CCC #1777)

Choose to do the right thing, choose to follow your conscience. This requires courage.

Ask for help. When in doubt, ask a trusted advisor.

Be accountable. Take responsibility for any decisions you make and for their consequences. Although blaming others in some cases is justified, it usually is not productive.

Admit mistakes. Learn from mistakes you make and apply what you have learned to future situations. Don't get thrown by errors. Continue to persevere, despite setbacks.

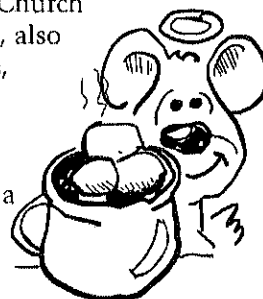
Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Because this feast day is on a Monday, Mass attendance is optional (but encouraged) this year.

Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century). Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century). Timothy was a convert of St. Paul's and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul's, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



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