Whidbey Island Family of Catholic Churches

St. Augustine · St. Mary · St. Hubert

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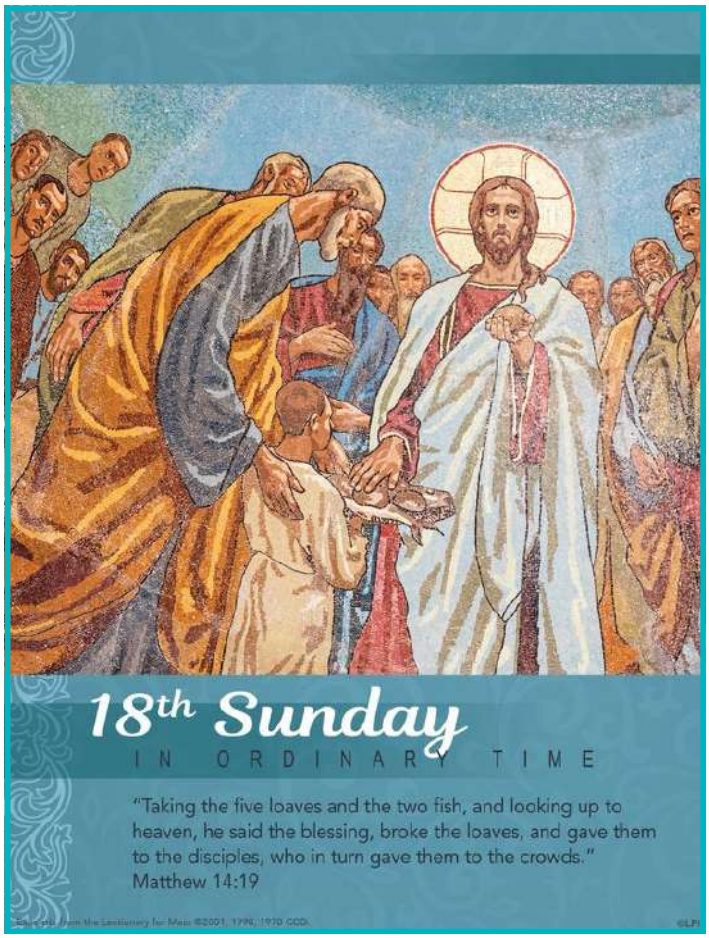

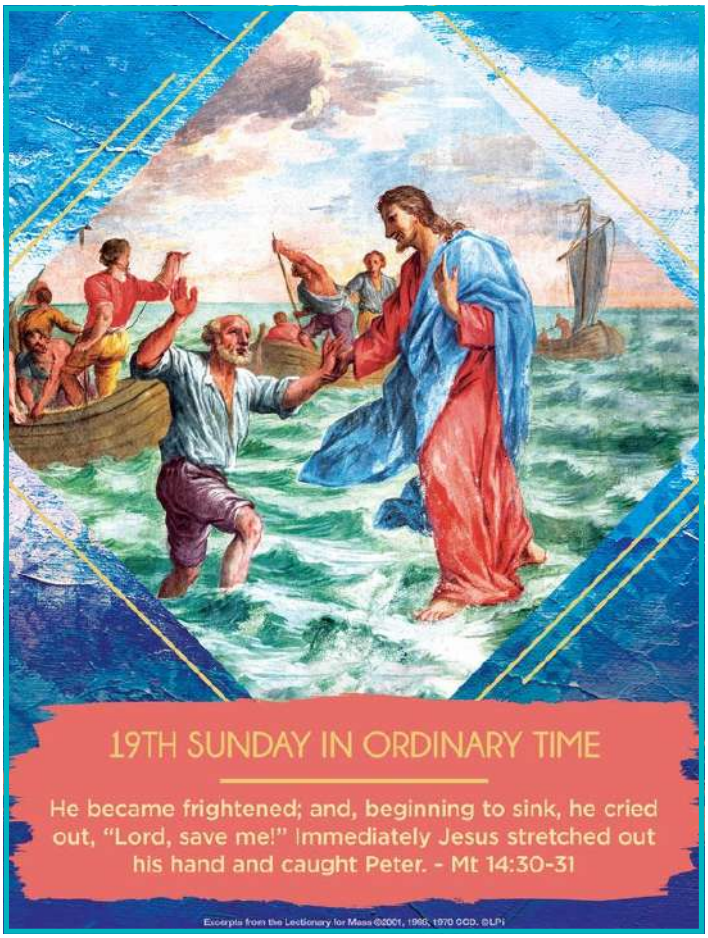

St. Augustine/St. Mary Parishes

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St. Hubert - 804 3rd Street, Langley, WA 98260
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St. Augustine

August 2	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast, PH
		9:30 am	Mass
		10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast, PH
August 3	Monday	4:30 pm	Agape Meal, PH
August 5	Wednesday	9:30 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Divine Mercy / Adoration
August 7	Friday	9:30 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Divine Mercy / Adoration
August 8	Saturday	4:00 pm	Confessions
		5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
August 9	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH
		9:30 am	Mass
		10:30 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH
August 10	Monday	4:30 pm	Agape Meal, PH
August 12	Wednesday	9:30 am	Mass
		7:00 pm	Divine Mercy / Adoration
August 14	Friday	9:30 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Divine Mercy / Adoration
		11:00 am	Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting, CR 1&2
August 15	Saturday	4:00 pm	Confessions
		5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
August 16	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH
		9:30 am	Mass
		10:30 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH

St. Mary

August 2	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:30 pm	Book Club Study Group, CR 3&4
August 6	Thursday	9:30 am	Mass, *The Transfiguration of the Lord*
		10:00 am	Bible Study, HH
August 9	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:30 pm	Book Club Study Group, CR 3&4
August 13	Thursday	9:30 am	Mass
		12:30 am	Bible Study, HH
August 16	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:30 pm	Book Club Study Group, CR 3&4

News and Events

- **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is on Saturday, August 15th. Normally the this is a Holy Day of Obligation, but when the Assumption falls on a Saturday or Monday, the precept to attend Mass is dispensed.
- **Are you new to the Whidbey Island Family of Catholic Churches?** If yes, please stop by the parish office. We'd love to meet you, help you with registration, and answer any questions you might have about religious education, sacraments, ministries, and more!
- **The Pregnancy and Parenting Support Diaper & Clothing Closet** at St. Mary in Coupeville, part of the PREPARES Ministry serves all families across Whidbey Island providing needed baby items at no cost. Our closet is in urgent need of donations including diapers, new or gently used toddler clothing, maternity clothing, new baby bottles, and baby wipes. Please visit the display in the St Augustine vestibule or Harrington Hall, or the parish office to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

First Friday Pro-Life Vigil

Join us Friday, August 7 from 3:45–4:45 p.m. at the corner of SR 20 & Pioneer for our monthly Pro-Life Peace Vigil.

Signs will be provided.

All are welcome to stand in prayerful witness for the dignity of every human life.

Contact Mike & Barb Thelen at (360) 661-0311 or (360) 320-3959 with questions.

Heavenly Father, You form every child in the womb and call them by name. We entrust to Your care all unborn children. Protect them from harm, strengthen their mothers and fathers, and open every heart to the sacred gift of life.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, grant us the courage to defend the dignity of every human person from conception to natural death. Amen. †

We Pray for Our Family

Bobby & Bibi Albornoz, Ruth Abrea, Fr. Larry Bailey, Carol Bercov, Allen & Dorothy Boreen, Lynnie Ochoa-Brown, Jim Brady, Patrick Cantwell, Eileen Catalano, Darren Ciria Cruz, Robert Cipres, Paige Caldwell-Burkholder, Elfuel & Kathy Collantes, Christina Collings, Daniel Cook, Justin Day, Tomasa Dagdagan, Doris Dean, Betsy Eidsmoe, Bob Ellis, Dave Frazer, Debbie Gallo, Lyn Geronimi, Chad Graves, Douglas Hammer, Therese Hubner, Lynn & Jerry Henricksen, Pat Hernandez, Donald Hubner, Teresa Jauregui, Marsha Kilgore, Laura Lafranchise, Carol LeClercq, Dennis & Priscilla Leighton, Phyllis Lund, Dolores Meisch, Martha McAllister, Jerry & Carol Meyer, Alexandria Molt, Morris Nelson, John Palacio, Jasmine Patricio, Carolyn Pugmire, Onee Hedeen & Richard Rezabek, Denise Robertson, Nancy & John Romanski, Lou & Lulu Santos, Jadwiga & Philippe Sebrechts, Dennis Sionson, Pam Smith, Steven Spencer, Stan Thomas, Chuck Tollefson, Andy Valrosa, Edward Witt, Jacqueline Wolfe

Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list. Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303

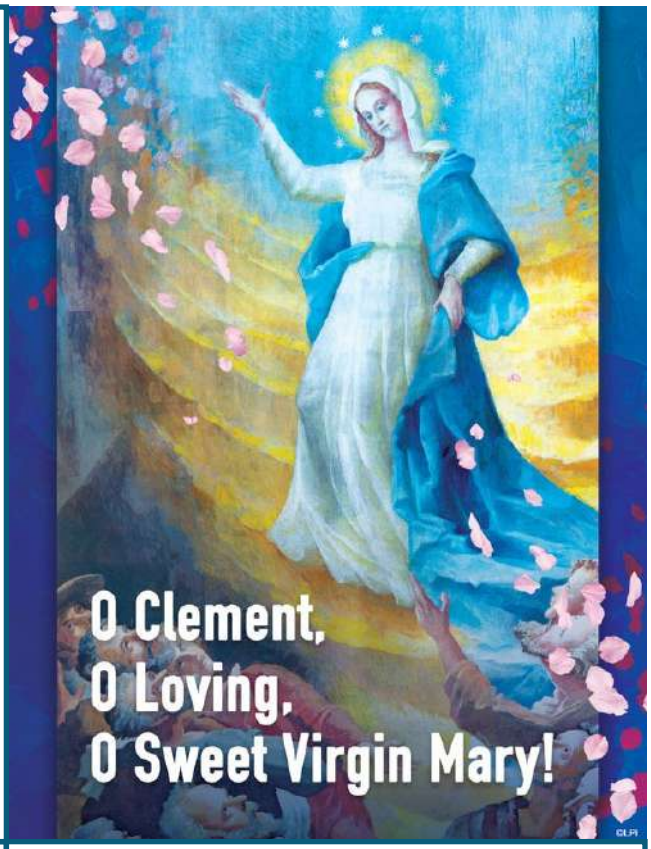
Sacraments

Baptisms:

- The next Baptism class is August 29, 2026. Registration is required for both class and baptism.
- The next available Baptism is August 29, 2026. *We only schedule 4 children per Baptism.*
- Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptism class prior to the child's baptism.
- Please contact Mary Waters at 360-215-3049 or adultff@staugustineoh.org for more information or to register for class.

Anointings:

- On any Monday, please call another parish to request an anointing.
- Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 on Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00pm to request an anointing or last rites.
- After 4pm Tuesday-Friday or Saturday/Sunday, call the office at 360-675-2303 and listen to the message to receive the **emergency anointing or last rites only** phone number.



Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, our generous Shepherd, You feed the hungry multitudes and call us to walk toward You across the waters of uncertainty.

Plant in our hearts a deep desire for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, or holy marriage. Give us courage to trust Your voice when the needs of the world seem overwhelming and the path ahead feels uncertain.

Guide us along the roads You have prepared with faithful and open hearts.

Fill us with zeal to nourish Your people, purity to reflect Your presence, and humility to rely on Your strength rather than our own. Amen. †

Tips & Etiquette

The postures of standing, sitting, and kneeling at Mass are not empty customs. They are the Church's way of helping our bodies join our hearts in prayer. We stand as a sign of readiness and respect, especially for the Gospel and the Creed. We sit to listen attentively to the Word of God and the homily. We kneel in adoration during the most sacred moments of the Eucharistic Prayer. These shared gestures express our unity as the Body of Christ. Those who are unable to kneel or stand due to age, illness, or physical limitation are not expected to do so. The Church asks only that we participate with the reverence our bodies allow, offering our best to the Lord.

Saint Augustine

Monthly Expenses	$ 52,360
June Offerings	$ 41,691

Monthly Sacrificial Giving

Saint Mary

Monthly Expenses	$ 11,848
June Offerings	$ 14,083

We encourage you to use online giving. Links are below and on the parish websites

https://pushpay.com/g/**staugustineoakharbor** or https://pushpay.com/g/**stmarycoupeville**

Please include your envelope number on your giving. Mail donations to: P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.
If you need your envelope number please call the parish office 360-675-2303. Thank you!

Leadership is No Guarantee Against Weakness or Sin

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir

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Did you know the Whidbey Island Family of Catholic Churches has different active ministry groups and other opportunities to help the parish? Does one fits you?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) TEACHERS

Faith formation facilitators and assistants needed to teach children and youth. Lesson plans provided. Contact the parish office.

Administrative Ministry

Office support volunteers needed for mailings, bulletin stuffing, reception, and light tasks. Flexible scheduling available.

Contact parish office

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Knights of Columbus Cor
Christ-Centered Brotherhood

Prayer † Formation † Fraternity

Open to all men seeking to grow closer to Christ.

Classes are restarting beginning in September.

Join us!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Join us for fellowship and **faith development! Meetings:** Second Friday of each month.

Support the parish through coat drives, Angel Tree, fundraising for religious education, and more. All women invited to this vibrant ministry.

WORKS OF MERCY.
Agape & Loaves and Fishes.

Seeking compassionate volunteers to prepare and serve hot meals, organize fundraisers, and food drives.

PREPARES (Pregnancy and Parenting Support)

Open to all. A Catholic community response offering unconditional support to mothers, fathers, and families on Whidbey Island during pregnancy and early childhood.

ALTAR MINISTRY

Sacristans, Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Homebound

Training provided.
Serve at Mass and deliver Communion.
Contact the parish office.

Hospitality Ministry

Warm hosts wanted for Coffee & Donuts, Pancake Breakfasts, and special events. Setup, service, cleanup.
Contact parish office

Prayer Garden Ministry

Grounds caretakers needed for landscaping, gardening, and mowing.

Maintain serene prayer environment.

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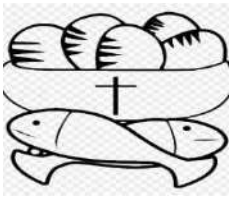
Loaves and Fishes



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St. Augustine Food Drive

Saturday, August 8 & Sunday, August 9
Before all Masses

Suggested Items

Lg. & Sm. Peanut butter & jelly
Canned meats: chicken, beef, Spam
Chili & Stew lg cans
Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper
Mixed vegetables, gr. Beans, peas
Pasta: spaghetti, macaroni, noodles
Ramen, Ramen bowls
Rice a Roni, Pasta Roni
Boxes of cereal
Canned tuna fish & foil packs
Ravioli lg cans
Soups all kinds & sizes
Macaroni & cheese
Fruit cups & canned fruit
Pork & Beans lg & sm
White Rice:1# to 25#

Help House also accepts cat and dog food donations.
Please check "use by this date" Help House cannot accept outdated items.

Please make out checks to:
North Whidbey Help House
1091 Hathaway St., Oak Harbor

Parish Pie Sale

The World-Famous Pie Ladies®

have been hard at work!

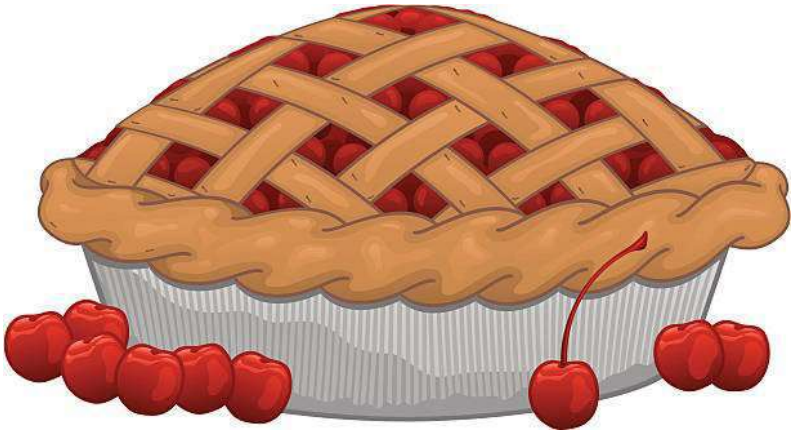
Come pick the fruits of their labors

in the vestibule after all Masses on:

August 1 & 2

August 8 & 9

Cherry ~ Raspberry ~ Marionberry
Blueberry ~ Strawberry-Rhubarb



Please also plan to participate in the 6th Annual Blackberry Picking Party and Potluck Picnic in support of The World-Famous Pie Ladies® pie ministry Tuesday, August 18 starting at 10:00am at the Sykes' Farm. Fun for the whole family! RSVP to Tamara Sykes (971)333-1901

Unexpected Things in Marriage

Teaming Up with Your Spouse to Tackle Life's Challenges – for young adult couples in the early years of marriage.

After saying "I Do" and traveling the road of life together, couples often feel overwhelmed and isolated in the challenges they face. This workshop will explore some of the unexpected things in the early years of marriage that can cause strife, such as:

– Communication and emotional regulation issues
– Boundary issues and infidelity
– Intimacy challenges
– Faith practice and parenting differences

Couples will leave with fresh insights and a feeling of comradery with other Catholics who want to build great marriages.

Led by Nicole Brown, a licensed marriage and family therapist with extensive experience accompanying couples in their journeys.

This event is free but we ask that you register at

https://archseattle.org/events/marriagetalk2026/

For any questions, contact Diana Casallas Lopez, Director of Young Adult Ministry, at diana.casallaslopez@seattlearch.org.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle.

DATE Aug 29 2026

TIME 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATION Archdiocese of Seattle Isaac Orr Conference Room
910 Marion Street, Seattle, WA