

## *Dear Parishioners,*

***Last Week's Word: "During the several years I spent at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, British Columbia, I always admired the larger than life oil painting of the scene of today's Gospel that was on display in the College Refectory: the Apostles in one end of a boat hauling in a large catch of fish, and Peter kneeling at the feet of Jesus in the other end of the boat, saying, 'Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man.' What exactly was Peter's sin? Was it that he basically rebuked Jesus' 'stupid' idea of throwing out the nets again after fishing all night? Was it his doubt that God would provide at Jesus's Word? Or was it rather that he had labored all night in vain, that he had labored in his own name, and not in the Name of Jesus? 'In your Name, I will lower the nets.'***

***"How often do we labor in vain? We toil and struggle and get completely exhausted. And then maybe we've experienced the whole endeavor come crashing down, because we have toiled in vain. We have not worked for Jesus, we've worked in the name of ourselves, our ideas, our plans. Not's the Lord's. How much of our life is lived in the Name of Jesus? The Psalms tell us:***

***"If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor.***

***If the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil.***

***In vain is your earlier rising, you're going later to rest;***

***You who toil for the bread you eat, while he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.***

***"Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man.' Says Peter. And what is Jesus' response: 'Do not be afraid.' Stop looking at your failures. Stop looking at your faults. Stop looking at the problems. Look at me! Trust in Me!***

***"Jesus I trust in You!"***

### ➤ ***Adoration Update***

Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Meet & Greet" with the Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate of the St. Peter Julian Eymard Chapel here at St. Mary's. We have been blessed with the gift of near-perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's for over a decade. Everyone's feedback of how Adoration is blessing their lives and what we can do to shore-up this vital apostolate was invaluable. We will compile all the feedback and share it with all the adorers and the Pastoral Council very soon. If you have any feedback on what we can do to improve the Eucharistic Adoration Experience and to help promote it within our parish and beyond, please don't hesitate to share your ideas with Sally the Parish Office. In addition to improving the lighting and security, we are considering moving the Adoration Chapel: all options are on the table to help vitalize this important apostolate at St. Mary's.

➤ ***Lenten Parish Mini-Mission: Br. Mauricio Torres of Totus Tuus Feb 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: See Flyers for details. Healing Mass with the Veil of OL of Guadalupe Tues Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.***

➤ ***No More Second Collections Per Fr. Straz and the Finance Council. Please use the envelopes provided to support special collections. (There will be few exceptions).***

### ➤ ***Kitchen & Facilities Update:***

As some of you may know, we've been catching up on a lot of deferred maintenance around our grounds and facilities. In addition to our new phone system that was just installed campus-wide, we've had a series of challenges with the kitchen equipment: specifically, the gas and the dishwasher. Special thanks to **Travis Switalski**, our Facilities Supervisor, for getting to the bottom of these problems.

In the meantime, **everyone** is asked to please take any and all emergency precautions if something seems wrong, like turning off the gas if you smell gas, closing doors that should be locked and closed, notifying the office if there are homeless folks camping on the grounds. And of course *let the office know what's happening*. **All of the above things have happened recently at St. Mary's and we all need to help each other ensure a safe environment.** Thank you.

### ➤ ***Youth Program Updates***

*Please stay tuned to the Bulletin and Announcements for some upcoming changes to our schedule & Programs!*

*Fr. Straz*

## YEAR OF MERCY PARISH MISSION

### *“Consecration to Jesus through Mary”*

Presented by **Br. Mauricio Torres of Totus Tuus**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Parish, Anacortes, WA**



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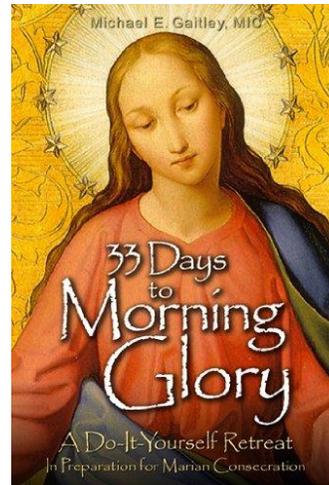
YOURS, O MARY.”

**Br. Mauricio** is a regular speaker throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle promoting *Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary*, according to *St. Louis de Montfort*, *St. John Paul II*, and other modern Saints. We will get an introduction to the Spiritual significance of this special form of Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

The Book, **33 Days to** will be available. St. Mary’s book by Fr. Michael Gaitley as a guide, *after Lent during the Easter* prepare *to re-consecrate our Parish to Jesus through Mary on May Our Lady of Fatima.*

*“Consecration to Mary means ‘set aside for Mary,’ to be used by accomplish her holy purposes (which are the purposes of her Jesus).” – St. John Paul II*

**St. John Paul II** dedicated his papacy to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. motto, *Totus Tuus* (*Completely Yours*), is a term illustrating the his life to the Blessed Virgin.



**Morning Glory** will be using this Season, to **13<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of**

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**Totus Tuus** is a secular institute of consecrated life within the Catholic Church in which the Christian Faithful living in the world strive for the perfection of charity and work for the sanctification of the world especially from within. (CIC, can 710). <http://www.totustuusonline.org/>

**Br. Mauricio will speak at Weekend Masses Feb 13th/14th**

#### **Mission Schedule:**

**Monday Feb 15th: Mass at 9AM & 6PM with Mission Conference**

**Tuesday Feb 16th: 9AM Mass & Conference**

**AND**

**6PM Healing Mass**

**With Prayers for Healing with the Veil of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Concluding with Eucharistic Benediction**

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