

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 31, 2016

Welcome to St. Mary! If you would like to become a parishioner, we invite you to complete a registration form, which can be found in the information kiosk. You may place the completed form in the collection basket during the Offertory of the Mass or mail it to the Parish Office. You may also request a registration form via our website. If you are moving away from the parish, please call the parish office and notify us so we may remove your name from our registry. Thank you.

### Stewardship Reflection

Christ was asked consistently throughout Holy Scripture what one must do to go to Heaven, to achieve holiness and grace. His many answers could be summarized in one word - Love. Today's readings for this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time reflect two themes - to live God-centered lives, and to love in a way that is perhaps somewhat foreign to our secular and romanticized concept of love.

*Agape* love is self-denial for the sake of others. It is sacrificial, giving, and unconditional. It has little to do with emotion, and everything to do with living out the love God feels for us. It is stewardship. That is the love to which Jesus calls us. That is at the core of everything we are and everything we do. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul closes the second reading with this statement, "So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Like Jesus when He spoke of love, St. Paul is reminding us that love never ends; it will continue to grow, both now and in Heaven. Faith and hope will have fulfilled their purpose, but love is never ending and will continue to grow throughout eternity.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OPEN HOURS AVAILABLE

SUNDAY	2 am; 11 pm
MONDAY	12, 1, 2, 3, 4 am; 11 pm
TUESDAY	1, 2, 3, 4 am; 11 pm
WEDNESDAY	.3, 4 am; 10, 11 pm
THURSDAY	12, 1, 2, 3 am
FRIDAY	3 am
SATURDAY	3, 9, 10, 11 pm

Contact Sally 293-3222

### Mass Intentions

February 2 Valerie Brettin +  
February 3 Glenn Watts +  
February 4 John Loveless +  
February 5 Tom Donatov +  
February 6 Herbert Zimmermann +

*I will sing of your salvation.  
Psalm 71:15ab*

### Weekly Calendar of Events at the Parish

#### Sunday, January 31

7:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church  
8:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church  
9:15 a.m. RE Classes, FAC  
9:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church  
10:00 a.m. Children's Choir, Rm 2  
10:30 a.m. **Mass**, Church  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Rm. 5, FAC  
12:00 p.m. Catechist Meeting, Rm. 6, FAC  
3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting, FAC  
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, St. Paul  
6:00 p.m. **Mass**, St. Paul, Swinomish Reservation

#### Monday, February 1

##### No Mass

7:00 p.m. Joy of the Lord Prayer Group, Church

#### Tuesday, February 2

3:00 p.m. Healing Ministry Class, Rm. 6, FAC  
5:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6:00 p.m. **Mass**, Church  
6:45 p.m. Seven Sorrows Rosary, Church  
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group, Gym, FAC

#### Wednesday, February 3

##### No Mass

10:00 a.m. Steps on a Journey, Rm. 6, FAC  
6:00 p.m. RCIA, Rm 6, FAC

#### Thursday, February 4

##### No Mass

10:30 a.m. Java, Rm. 5, FAC  
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, Gym, FAC

#### Friday, February 5 - First Friday

8:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church  
9:45 a.m. Seven Sorrows Rosary, Church  
3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church

#### Saturday, February 6 - First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church  
10:00 a.m. Benediction, **Mass**  
11:00 a.m. Adoration Potluck & Meeting, Rm. 5, FAC  
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church  
5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**, Church

#### Sunday, February 7

7:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church  
8:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church  
9:15 a.m. RE Classes, FAC  
9:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church  
10:00 a.m. Children's Choir, Rm 2  
10:30 a.m. **Mass**, Church  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Room 5, FAC  
3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting, FAC  
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, St. Paul  
6:00 p.m. **Mass**, St. Paul, Swinomish Reservation

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**NOTICE FOR ADORERS:**

**Adoration Meeting & Potluck**

**February 6, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Rooms 5 & 7, FAC**

There will be a meeting and potluck after the First Saturday Mass. Father Straz wishes to meet with the all Adorers with regard to upcoming changes. Please bring light fare lunch items. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Greene at 293-3222.



Please join hundreds going to **Catholic Advocacy Day, Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Olympia. To register, go to: [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org)** and give voice to justice and life. Invite your friends along! The day will

include briefings on legislative issues, Mass and appointments with legislators.

**Sponsored by:** Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.

**Meet and Greets with Father Straz  
Resume in 2016**

The Meet and Greets held during Father's first six months at St Mary Parish are yielding some very insightful information that will help guide the course of the parish in the coming months and years. Parishioners have been very forthcoming with what they feel most nourishing and life-giving at St Mary as well as offering their hopes and dreams for our Church in Anacortes. In the near term, the Pastoral Council hopes to complete their review of parishioner comments and provide a synopsis of what they've found. Before that happens however, it is important that every parishioner who wants to participate in a Meet and Greet, as host/hostess/participant, have the opportunity to attend one of these sessions. Presently no sessions are on the schedule though Father has open dates on his calendar. Please call **(360-588-8151)** or email **([andyleech@msn.com](mailto:andyleech@msn.com))** and let me know if you want to participate.

God's peace be with you all,

Andy Leech, Chair, Pastoral Council

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Immaculate Conception Regional School  
Annual Big Blue Auction  
Friday, April 22**



Through the years, the annual fundraiser provides the Immaculate Conception Regional School with needed funds for staff, students, and families. We greatly look forward to your participation for this year's auction!

**Faith Formation & Liturgy**

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS:**

The **High School Youth Group** is for students in grades 9-12 and will meet Tuesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.

The **Middle School Youth Group** is for students in grades 6-8 and will meet Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

For questions or further information, please contact Sarah Marks at [Fform@stmaryanacortes.org](mailto:Fform@stmaryanacortes.org) or call the Parish Office at 360-293-2101.

●**Marriage Prep Mentors:** Couples married five years or more: please prayerfully consider becoming marriage prep mentors to the engaged and newly-wed couples in our parish. Please contact Sarah Marks at [Fform@stmaryanacortes.org](mailto:Fform@stmaryanacortes.org) or call the Parish Office.

●**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Youth Group needs volunteers to aid in weekly activities. We encourage all our young adults and parents. Volunteers must be 18 or older.

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**LITURGY:**

● Music is at the heart of our liturgy. Using our musical gifts in the Sacred Liturgy glorifies our Creator and gives voice to the "Body of Christ." We are blessed to have many talented men, women and children currently active in our music ministry, and we are always interested in recruiting new voices to our ministry. If you are interested in offering your musical talents, please contact Joshua Van Winkle at [Liturgy@stmaryanacortes.org](mailto:Liturgy@stmaryanacortes.org).

**Immaculate Conception Regional School  
PTO Fundraiser**

**Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, January 31, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**St. Joseph Center**

**Mount Vernon, WA**

Please join us for pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice! A donation of \$5 per person is suggested for breakfast.

**St Mary Stewardship of Treasure**

**January 23-24, 2016**

Offering Envelopes	\$8,968.00
Loose Collection	712.50
Holy Day Offering	<u>65.00</u>
Total Ordinary Income:	\$9,745.50