

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 24, 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

When most of us think of Baptism, we think about immersion in Holy Water. However, for St. Paul, the water is secondary to something else—namely the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, Paul says, “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” It is this Spirit which makes us one, a unified body in Christ.

That is what makes us one, regardless of who we are. Paul uses the illustration of a human body to prompt us as to what it means to be part of a Catholic Community of faith. We may not look the same, and we may not even function the same, but that is the key to our lives of stewardship. We are truly one, united through Baptism and united in Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis shares a story of a time he baptized the seven children of a single mother. After the Baptisms, she said to the Pope (to be) “Father, you make me feel so important,” to which the Pope replied, “Where do I come in? It is Jesus who makes you feel important.” We are one, and each of us is important, united through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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, 5 am; 5, 7 pm
SATURDAY	3, 9, 10, 11 pm

Contact Sally 293-3222

Mass Intentions

January 26 John Faccione +
January 27 Betty Schmude +
January 28 Joseph Glasgow +
January 29 Nick London +
January 30 Margaret Ziadie +



St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive, January 30 & 31

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Items especially needed at this time:

- Boxes of cereal (we are totally out!)
- Cans of fruit
- Cans/jars of prepared pasta sauce
- Pasta
- Canned chili, Chef Boyardee ravioli, etc.,
- Canned meats
- Meat helpers (Hamburger Helper, Rice-a-Roni, etc.)
- Mac 'n Cheese
- Personal care items needed: toothbrushes, razors, shampoo, deodorant

Thank you for your generous donations last month!

Donations may be left at any time in the baskets outside the Food Bank in the FAC.

NOTICE FOR ADORERS:

Adoration Meeting & Potluck

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

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 or cannot attend, please contact Sally Greene at 293-3222.

St Mary Stewardship of Treasure

January 9-10, 2016

Offering Envelopes	\$5,349.00
Loose Collection	619.01
Holy Day Offering	<u>55.00</u>
Total Ordinary Income:	\$6,023.01

Weekly Calendar of Events at the Parish

Sunday, January 24

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

Monday, January 25

No Mass

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

Tuesday, January 26

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, January 27

8:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
10:00 a.m. Steps on a Journey, Rm. 6, FAC
6:00 p.m. RCIA, Rm 6, FAC

Thursday, January 28

8:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
10:30 a.m. Java, Rm. 5, FAC
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, Gym, FAC

Friday, January 29

8:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
9:45 a.m. Seven Sorrows Rosary, Church
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Nursery, FAC
3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church

Saturday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
9:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**, Church

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, Room 5, FAC
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, St. Paul
6:00 p.m. **Mass**, St. Paul, Swinomish Reservation

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 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 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.

LITURGY:

• **ST. MARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** On Sunday, January 31, the St. Mary Children's Choir will be leading the Mass in song at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us in our joyful celebration!

• 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.

 Please join hundreds going to **Catholic Advocacy Day, Monday, February 8th, 2016 in Olympia. To register, go to: 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.

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
John 6:63c*