

Third Sunday of Lent ~ February 28, 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.

Dear St. Mary Parish Family,
We are so grateful for all the cards, flowers, donations, prayers and support our family received before and after Jim's passing. Thank you so much to the Knights of Columbus, musicians, altar servers, funeral luncheon committee and a special thanks to Jim Toland and Fr. Straz. It was a beautiful service and reception. Our family feels so blessed for the love and care that we were shown. God Bless! With love, Jeanine Murphy & Family

ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN UPCOMING EVENTS

ACCW NORTHERN DEANERY BULB SALE

FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 9

The ACCW Bulb Sale is going on now! Place your order for your flower bulbs today! They make a great addition to any garden or as a gift just in time for Mother's Day. Please contact Mena Robinson for more information or to place your order today at **(360) 299-0466**.

FUN FILLED DAY AT FRASER DOWNS SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Doors open at 11:45 a.m.

Buffet from 12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

First race at 12:45 p.m.

\$50.00 per person includes Club House view of the track, buffet lunch and entry to the races. 8 miles north of the Canadian Border. Must have passport or Enhanced Driver License to enter. Please contact Mena Robinson for more information at **(360) 299-0466**.

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

Contact Sally 293-3222

Mass Intentions

March 1 Valerie Brettin +
March 2 Glenn Watts +
March 3 John Loveless +
March 4 Tom Donatov +
March 5 Herbert Zimmerman +

Weekly Calendar of Events at the Parish

Sunday, February 28

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
3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting, FAC
5:00 p.m. Faith Formation, St. Paul
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, St. Paul
6:00 p.m. **Mass**, St. Paul, Swinomish Reservation

Monday, February 29

No Mass

10:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Rm. 5, FAC
7:00 p.m. Joy of the Lord Prayer Group, Church

Tuesday, March 1

3:00 p.m. Healing Ministry Class, Rm. 6, FAC
5:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 p.m. **Mass**, Church
6:45 p.m. Seven Sorrows Rosary, Church
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:15 p.m. Men's Group, Buyske Home

Wednesday, March 2

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, March 3

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

Friday, March 4 - First Friday & Day of Mercy

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
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, Rm. 5 & 7, FAC
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5 - First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. Benediction, **Mass**, Church
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**, Church

Sunday, March 6

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

REFLECTION DAY ON CONSECRATED LIFE

**Saturday, March 19, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

University of Washington Newman Center
4502 20th Avenue NE, Seattle
Lunch provided at no fee.

For single Catholic young adult women and men to explore a call to Religious Life as a Sister, Brother or Priest. The retreat includes prayer, multi-media information on religious life, time to meet with Sisters, Brother and Priests. Sign up by March 14th by emailing Sister Jo-Anne Miller, CSJP at jmiller@csjp-olp.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program; prayer and fasting, constant vigil and community outreach.

From February 10 to March 20, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. For more information please visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/mount-vernon/> and sign up for an hour to stand in prayer in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic located in Mount Vernon, WA.



**Skagit County Coalition
Against Trafficking Meeting
Tuesday, March 8**

8:30 a.m. - Healthcare, educators, law enforcement, social services and youth leaders.

Swinomish Casino & Lodge Conference Center
7:00 p.m. - Parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends
Burlington-Edison High School Auditorium
301 North Burlington Boulevard

Human trafficking is the exploitation by force, fraud or coercion of vulnerable people by forced labor, domestic servitude or commercial sex operations.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. It is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Sex trafficking of Skagit County's children is a reality. Please join us for our meeting to learn more and what you can do to aid in ending this tragic crime. If you are unable to attend, please keep all those affected in your prayers.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.
Psalm 103: 8a*

Faith Formation & Liturgy

YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Youth Group will now be on **Thursday evenings only at 6:00 p.m.** The High School and Middle School will alternate weeks. Middle School Youth Group will meet on Thursday, March 3 followed by High School Youth Group the following week and will continue as such until definite scheduling is confirmed.

CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS:

Confirmation classes will now be on Tuesday evenings. There will not be class on Sunday, February 28. The new classes will begin on **Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

ATTENTION MEN OF GOD

The Parish Men's Group will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 1st at 7:15 p.m.** in the Buyske home. We will be discussing the virtues and how we can incorporate them in our daily lives. No preparation is required-all men are welcome. Please contact Keith Mack for directions or more information at keith.mack@comcast.net or **360-679-2025**.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

There will be a St. Vincent de Paul meeting on **Monday, February 29 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5**. We are also currently seeking new case workers who assist clients in need of help with bills, medications, evictions, etc. Case workers work on a 6 week rotation with a partner.

Backpack Drive

Our local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is currently holding a backpack drive to aid those who are outdoors during these cold winter days and nights. Backpacks will be general, gender-specific, and will be filled with basic necessities. They need the following non-food related personal items donated:

- Backpacks
- Sleeping supplies (sleeping bags, blankets, etc.)
- Socks, hats and gloves
- Ponchos or other rain gear
- Feminine products and other gender-specific items

Please drop all items off outside of the St. Vincent de Paul office in the FAC. Thank you for your donations!

St Mary Stewardship of Treasure

February 21-22, 2016

Offering Envelopes	\$4,675.00
Loose Collection	524.72

Total Ordinary Income: \$5,199.72