

## Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 13, 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.

### PARISH NOTICES:

All Palm Sunday Masses will begin in the gym. We will process with palms to the Church.

There will be no Religious Education classes held on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

### INCENSE NOTIFICATION

Incense will be used during the following Masses:

- Sunday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday)
- Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. (Holy Thursday)
- Saturday, March 26 at 8:00 p.m. (Easter Vigil)
- Sunday, March 27 at 11:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)
- Sunday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. (Divine Mercy Sunday)



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Parish is in need of grounds and building maintenance volunteers. If interested, please contact our Facilities Supervisor, Travis Switalski, by phone at **(360) 293-2101 ext. 105** or by email at [facilities@stmaryanacortes.org](mailto:facilities@stmaryanacortes.org).

### The Anacortes Cinemas presents:

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (1956)

Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 p.m.

If 20 or more people RSVP, a \$2 discount per person will be applied. Please RSVP to the Parish Office.



### EUCHARISTIC 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	10, 11 pm

**Contact Sally 293-3222**

### Mass Intentions

- March 15 Bill Adams +
- March 16 Don Lapworth +
- March 17 John Loveless +
- March 19 Elaine Lynch +

### Weekly Calendar of Events at the Parish

#### Sunday, March 13 - Welcome Weekend

- 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 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
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul Potluck

#### Monday, March 14

##### No Mass

- 10:00 a.m. Belles Meeting, Rm. 5, FAC
- 5:30 p.m. Alpha Marriage Prep Class, Rm. 5 & 7, FAC
- 7:00 p.m. Joy of the Lord Prayer Group, Church

#### Tuesday, March 15

- 3:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting, Rm. 6, FAC
- 3:00 p.m. Healing Ministry Class, Rm. 6, FAC
- 5:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
- 6:00 p.m. **Mass**, Church
- 6:45 p.m. Seven Sorrows Rosary, Church
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

#### Wednesday, March 16

- 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 17

- 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 18

##### No Mass

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

#### Saturday, March 19

- 8:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 9:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
- 10:00 a.m. Marian Movement of Priest Cenacles, Church
- 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
- 5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**, Church

#### Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
- 8:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Healing Ministry Prayer Team, Rm. 6, 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

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The collection for Good Leaders, Good Shepherds will be this weekend, March 12-13. Thank you for your support!



### SACRED HEART RADIO

Sacred Heart Radio has two annual on-air pledge drives. These fundraisers have kept our listener-supported stations going for 15 years!

This Spring, we will be keeping track of how many donors we have from each parish. The parish with the most donors (not the highest amount donated) will be sent a beautiful 24X24 wood mounted painting by James Tissot, *What Christ Saw from the Cross*.

Tune into Sacred Heart Radio AM 1050 Seattle/AM 1240 Olympia for the unpredictable, live excitement of the semi-annual Sharathon from March 16-19.

#### Items of interest...

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) makes available special Mass Intention Cards in the information kiosk in St. Mary Narthex. Intentions are remembered at a monthly Mass said by the Archbishop, and your donation raises money to offset the cost of education for our Archdiocesan Seminarians.

St. Mary has made available booklets for the Seven Sorrows Rosary, which is said after Mass on Tuesday and Friday. They are printed for reuse at each Mass. If you would like to take one home for your personal use, please stop by the office and make a donation to offset the cost of printing, etc. Thank you!

The St. Mary Parish Office has several books available for your purchase:

***Be Healed***, by Dr. Bob Schuchts. The book is highly recommended by Fr. Straz, and by parishioners who have already purchased it. \$17.

Two books about Our Lady of Kibeho. Proceeds from the sale of these books go toward building a basilica.

- ***Our Lady of Kibeho***, \$14.

- ***If Only We Had Listened***, \$19.

***33 Days to Morning Glory***, larger print, expanded information. Be ready for the parish consecration to Mary! \$10

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.  
Psalm 126:3*

#### Faith Formation & Liturgy

##### Religious Education News:

On Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday) and Sunday, March 27 (Easter), there will be no Religious Education classes.

##### YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Thursday, March 17 will be for the Middle School Youth Group at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

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.

#### BELLES OF ST. MARY

The Belles of St. Mary will meet **Monday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5 of the FAC**. All those who work the rummage sale are invited as we will begin to organize for our upcoming spring sale. The March Birthday Luncheon will be held after the meeting at Real Tequila at 11:45 a.m. We always welcome new parishioners to join our ladies group.

Our **Spring Rummage Sale** is **April 21-23, 2016**. The small shed door is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to accept clean and gently used household items and clothing. Please hold larger items until the week of March 29th when those items can be directly put into the gym.

Thank you for your donations and making past sales very successful!

#### 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](mailto:jmiller@csjp-olp.org).

#### St Mary Stewardship of Treasure

March 6-7, 2016

Offering Envelopes	\$10,598.00
Loose Collection	\$715.82
Online Collection	\$761.67
Total	\$12,075.49
Weekly Income Budget	\$9,500.00

*Dear Parishioners,*

The following article comes from the Catholic News Agency. This was an awful act of hatred against innocent lives. Please keep those affected, and the rest of the world, in your deepest thoughts and prayers.

*Fr. Straz*

## **Four sisters dead in attack on Missionaries of Charity home in Yemen**

At least 16 people are dead after two gunmen attacked a Missionaries of Charity convent and nursing home for elderly and disabled persons in Aden, the provisional capital of Yemen, on Friday.

Four of the victims were sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, the community founded by Blessed Mother Teresa. They have been identified by the Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia as Sr. Anselm from India, Sr. Margherite from Rwanda, Sr. Reginette from Rwanda, and Sr. Judith from Kenya.

A March 4 statement from the Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia stated that Bishop Paul Hinder has "expressed his shock at the incident and prayed that the Lord may accept the sacrifice of these sisters and convert it into a sacrifice for peace." The convent's superior is unhurt and in police custody, the vicariate stated.

Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil, a Salesian priest from India who had been staying with the sisters since his church was attacked and burned last September, was abducted from the chapel, a source told CNA. Agenzia Fides reported that he has been missing since the attack.

Other victims of the attack included volunteers at the home, at least five of whom were Ethiopian. Many were Yemenis. The nursing home had around 80 residents, who were unharmed. The gunmen gained entry to the Missionaries of Charity home by telling the gatekeeper their mothers were residents, The Associated Press reported.

"On entering inside, (they) immediately shot dead the gatekeeper and started shooting randomly," Vikas Swarup, the spokesman of India's External Affairs Ministry, told the agency. Khaled Haidar told the AP that when he arrived on the scene he saw that each victim, including his brother Radwan, had been handcuffed and shot in the head.

The Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia said the Missionaries of Charity have been present in Yemen since 1973 after the then Government of North Yemen formally invited them to care for the sick and elderly. The home in Aden has been open since 1992.

Three Missionaries of Charity were killed by a gunman in Al Hudaydah, 280 miles northwest of Aden, in 1998. Yemen is in the midst of a civil war that began in March 2015. That month Houthi rebels, who are Shia Muslims, took over portions of Yemen seeking to oust its Sunni-led government. Saudi Arabia, which borders Yemen's north, has led a coalition backing the government. Both al-Qaeda and the Islamic State have set up strongholds in the country amid the power vacuum. The civil war has killed more than 6,000 people, according to the United Nations. So far no group has claimed responsibility for the attack on the Missionaries of Charity home.

Pope Francis has condemned the "diabolical violence" of Friday's deadly attack on a nursing home in Yemen, acknowledging in a special way the four Missionaries of Charity sisters who were killed during the siege. "His Holiness Pope Francis was shocked and profoundly saddened to learn of the killing of four Missionaries of Charity and twelve others at a home for the elderly in Aden," reads the telegram, released Saturday and signed by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin. The Pope "sends the assurance of his prayers for the dead and his spiritual closeness to their families and to all affected from this act of senseless and diabolical violence," the message reads. "He prays that this pointless slaughter will awaken consciences, lead to a change of heart, and inspire all parties to lay down their arms and take up the path of dialogue."

Pope Francis called for those involved in the nation's ongoing conflict "to renounce violence, and to renew their commitment to the people of Yemen, particularly those most in need," who the Missionaries of Charity and collaborators "sought to serve." "Upon everyone suffering from this violence, the Holy Father invokes God's blessing, and in a special ways he extends to the Missionaries of Charity his prayerful sympathy and solidarity."

## St. Mary & St. Paul Lent and Easter Calendar

Every Friday, through March 18

6:00 p.m. **Soup Suppers**

7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday, March 16

7:00 p.m. Penance Service, St. Charles, Burlington

Thursday, March 17

7:00 p.m. **Chrism Mass**, St. James Cathedral, Seattle

### Holy Week

Holy Thursday, March 24

6:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Followed by Adoration until midnight in Room 4 of the FAC**

Friday, March 25—Good Friday

3:00 p.m. **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**

3:30 p.m. **Divine Mercy Novena begins**

4:00 p.m. **Seven Sorrows Rosary**

6:00 p.m. **Veneration of the Cross with Communion**

### Easter

Saturday, March 26—Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. **Mass, Easter Vigil**

3:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Novena**

Sunday, March 27—Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. **Mass**

11:00 a.m. **Mass**

3:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Novena**

March 28 through March 31: No Daily Mass

March 28 through April 3

3:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Novena Continues**

April 1—First Friday

9:00 a.m. **Mass**

Adoration in the Church

April 2

10:00 a.m. **First Saturday Benediction and Mass**

3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**

Sunday, April 3—Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 a.m., **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

8:00 a.m., **Mass**

9:45 a.m., **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

11:00 a.m. **Mass**

3:00 p.m. **Holy Hour of Mercy with sung Divine Mercy Chaplet. Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

5:00 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation, St. Paul**

6:00 p.m. **Mass, St. Paul**

## Stewardship Reflection

Is 43: 16-21; Ps 126: 1-6;

Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11

"Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger." This is how our Gospel Reading from St. John

describes Jesus' immediate response to when the woman accused of adultery is brought before Him. Immediately after this the Lord says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

In the original Greek the word used for "bent down" literally meant, "stooped down." The word describes doing something that was considered very humbling; quite likely Jesus was trying to put the woman at ease, to identify with her. Jesus identifies with the woman, and He makes a gesture to let her know that.

We often speak of seeing Jesus in others, in treating them in a way that reflects love and caring, not judgment. Blessed Mother Teresa (who will officially become a saint this coming September) once stated, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, 'This is hungry Jesus. I must feed Him.' Or 'This is sick Jesus who has leprosy and gangrene.' I serve because I love Jesus."

Stewardship calls us to show the same kind of love reflected by Jesus in the Gospel and in the words and actions of Mother Teresa. We, too, are called to find and see Jesus in all we meet, to be willing to humble ourselves if necessary to serve and care for them. There are ways we can do this among the ministries right here in our own faith community.



### HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW TOMORROW

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from - and what role we can play in caring for our environment.

As a reminder, the CRS Rice Bowl collection will be held during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Thank you!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Jude Eli

Monday, April 11 - Thursday, April 14

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**The Christian Response to Islam**

Please see the upcoming bulletins for more information.

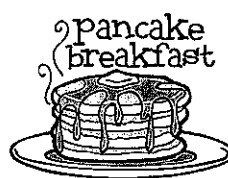


**Knights of Columbus**

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, March 20**

**after the 8:00 a.m. Mass**



**STARTING ON EASTER SUNDAY,  
St. Mary will have a new weekend**

**Mass schedule:**

Saturday Vigil (April 3): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

**Sunday Morning: 11:00 a.m.**

# THE GOSPEL OF MERCY

Lenten Reflection for the Year of Mercy

## Encountering Jesus

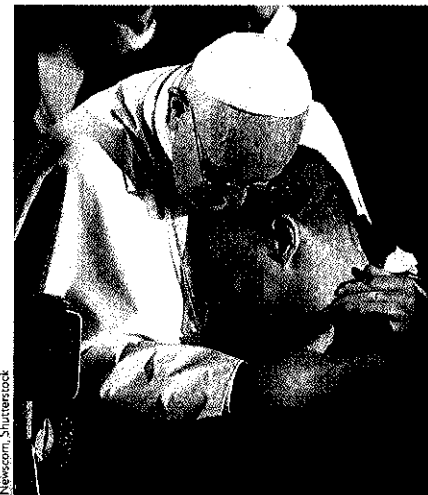
John 8:1-11

Today's Gospel shows us an encounter between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees and an encounter between Jesus and the woman caught in adultery. In essence, this Gospel is not about the woman or about her sin. It is about an encounter with Jesus.

Encountering Jesus always reveals the truth — the truth about our goodness as well as the truth about our need for conversion, our need to let go of our sin and failings and live a life of discipleship.

Encountering Jesus has the potential to bring about two changes: those who are quick to condemn turn away from that practice ("they went away") and the one condemned is no longer condemned ("neither do I condemn you").

Encountering Jesus — and our conversion because of it — has both a dying and rising. We not only recognize our sinfulness (as important as that is), but we also are empowered to begin a new life, a life of relationship with Christ, a life of living Jesus' values and compassionate mercy.



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*"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination, and abuse in the world... Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity, and sharing."*

— POPE FRANCIS, LENTEN MESSAGE, 2014

### FOR REFLECTION

- › As I think about times I have encountered Jesus, how have these experiences changed me? Have they led me to growth, to conversion, to a new way of living?
- › Because of the way I live, the way I greet and respond to others, how do I help others encounter Jesus?
- › As I think about my favorite statue, painting, stained-glass window, or sculpture of Jesus, what does it say about my encounters with Jesus?

symbols of the season

# Fasting



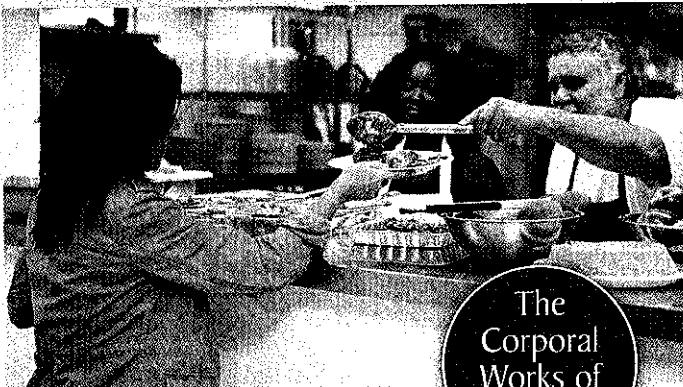
Fasting, one of the Lenten practices, is often observed as fasting from food. It is not because our bodies need to be punished (or that we need to go on a diet). We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our need for God. We fast to remind ourselves of our baptismal commitment and need for renewal.

Second, fasting not only reminds us of our dependence on God but also on the needs of others, the hungry and the poor. Fasting is a Gospel value, but not fasting by itself. Fasting and almsgiving are Gospel twins. Our tradition of fasting has never been to purge, to deprive the body for deprivation sake, but to have more to give away.

## Lenten Prayer

*Generous God, you invite us to leave the past behind and to walk in newness, to walk in freedom and love, living in the way of your Son, Jesus. Empower me to let go of fear and old ways and to trust you in the new ways to which you are calling me.*

## Faithful Family



### The Corporal Works of Mercy

Encountering Jesus means encountering him in all the places where he is, especially in the needy. Take a different corporal work of mercy each day and list ways that you could perform that act of mercy. Then decide on two — one as individuals, one as a family — that you will do, not just during the remaining Lenten season but throughout the year.

- › Feed the hungry
- › Give drink to the thirsty
- › Clothe the naked
- › Shelter the homeless
- › Visit the imprisoned
- › Visit the sick
- › Bury the dead



## Merciful Moments

› Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; feast on patience. Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation. Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

› Is there someone at whom you are tempted to “throw a stone” and judge and condemn? *Instead, what might you do to share Jesus’ message with them: “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more”?*

## Catechism CONNECTION

“At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth.’... Catechesis aims at putting ‘people ... in communion ... with Jesus Christ.’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 426

