

Sunday of Divine Mercy ~ April 3, 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:

There will be a Mass held on **Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.** for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

There will be **NO DAILY MASS** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday, April 5—9.

INCENSE NOTIFICATION

Sunday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. (Annunciation of the Lord)

SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Jude Eli

Monday, April 11 - Thursday, April 14
Mass 9:00 a.m.

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

Class 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Church's Relationship to Islam:
The Sharing of the Same God.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Vincent de Paul has been offered the opportunity to move the food bank into the Music Room of the FAC. We are very grateful to Fr. Straz and the staff for recognizing the Food Bank's growing emerging need for more space to store food and better assist our clients. Thus, we are asking for help from any parishioners with experience in "space planning" who would be willing to volunteer their services to help us design a floorplan that will maximize our new space! If interested, please contact Laurie Liberty at (360) 731-3505 or email at laurie.liberty@yahoo.com.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Learn about the role of the Holy Spirit in our Catholic walk!

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.: April 20, 27; May 4, 11

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.: April 16, 23, 20; May 7

Location: St. Mary, Father Auer Center

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OPEN HOURS AVAILABLE

SUNDAY	2 am; 6, 11 pm
MONDAY	12, 1, 2, 3 am
TUESDAY	12, 1, 2, 3, 4 am; 11 pm
WEDNESDAY	3, 4 am; 11 pm
THURSDAY	12, 1, 2, 3 am; 10 pm
FRIDAY	3 am
SATURDAY	9, 10, 11 pm

Contact Sally 293-3222

Weekly Calendar of Events at the Parish

Sunday, April 3 - Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
8:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
9:30 a.m. RE Classes, FAC
10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
10:15 a.m. Children's Choir, Rm 7
11:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church - **INCENSE WILL BE USED**
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena, Church
4:30 p.m. First Confession, St. Paul
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, April 4 - Annunciation of the Lord

5:30 p.m. Alpha Marriage Prep Class, Parish Hall
5:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
6:00 p.m. **Mass**, Church - **INCENSE WILL BE USED**
7:00 p.m. Joy of the Lord Prayer Group, Church

Tuesday, April 5

No Mass

9:30 a.m. Seven Sorrows Rosary, Church
3:00 p.m. Healing Ministry Class, Rm. 6, FAC
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 6

No Mass

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

Thursday, April 7

No Mass

10:30 a.m. *Revelation*, Parish Hall
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group, Gym

Friday, April 8

No Mass

9:45 a.m. Seven Sorrows Rosary, Church
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Nursery, FAC
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

Saturday, April 9

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

Sunday, April 10 - Welcome Weekend

7:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
8:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
9:30 a.m. RE Classes, FAC
10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church
10:15 a.m. Children's Choir, Rm 7
11:00 a.m. **Mass**, Church
No Coffee Hour
3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting, FAC
4:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting
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

April 3, 2016

Our ladies group, **The Belles of St. Mary** will meet **Monday, April 11th** at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5 of the Father Auer Center. We welcome new faces to come join in the fun and make lasting friendships. We are a spiritual, service and social organization and meet on the second Monday of the month from September to May.

This meeting will be a potluck to celebrate April birthdays and continue planning for the Spring Rummage Sale. There is the opportunity for a short rummage sale work party after lunch. Please consider joining us!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

St. Mary's **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. Setup will begin the week of April 11. We thank our Knights of Columbus men for helping us with the initial setup of clothing, racks, shelves, and tables. Monday, April 11 around 1:00 p.m. we begin unloading the shed and placing items on the tables. Come join us as we work every day and have lots of fun! And of course making new friends is an added bonus!

Donations of **CLEAN, GENTLY USED ITEMS** are greatly received through Tuesday, April 19th. Furniture and larger items can be placed directly into the gym starting Monday, March 28; please ask the Parish Office for the back gym doors to be open. Please understand that we cannot accept old, badly worn or dirty sofas or chairs. Also remember, outdoor/indoor plants and bulbs sell very well!

Make Your Marriage a Priority

It's not too late to focus on something positive during Lent – making your marriage everything God intended it to be. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) can help you rediscover your spouse and move forward in a more positive and loving way. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning **April 8-10, 2016** call **360-671-6479** or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Iron Sharpens Iron
Seattle Catholic Men's Conference
Manhood in the Year of Mercy**

For Adult Men of All Ages
April 23, 2016

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
1121 228th Ave. SE Sammamish, WA 98075

For more information, visit SeattleMensConference.org.



*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.
Psalm 118:1*

Faith Formation & Liturgy

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

Beginning Sunday, April 3:

- Religious Education Classes will begin at **9:30 a.m.**
- Children's Choir Rehearsal will begin at **10:15 a.m.**

PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN PROMPTLY AT THE END OF RELIGIOUS ED/ CHILDRENS CHOIR AS CHILDCARE IS NOT PROVIDED.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Middle School Youth Group will meet Thursday, April 7.

ALPHA MARRIAGE CLASS ASSISTANCE:

Alpha will need additional food donations for the current class of 9 couples. If you can help with a vegetable dish, salad, appetizer main dish or dessert for the night of **April 4** Call Pat Webster at **360-588-1494** or sign the clipboard in the Narthex. We also welcome kitchen volunteers for that night.

Safe Environment Class

St. Mary will offer **TWO Safe Environment Class** on **Saturday, April 16 and May 7 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** If you volunteer in **any** capacity with minors or vulnerable adults, adult faith formation, serve as greeter/usher, sacristan, are new to the parish, or have not taken a class in over a year, you **MAY** be required to do so. Please call the office if you are uncertain of your certificate status, or have other questions about the Safe Environment Program, Call Ruth at 360-293-2101.

To register for the class, visit www.virtus.org.



**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!

For more information about the auction, Visit <http://icrsweb.org/support/auction>.

**St Mary Stewardship of Treasure
Holy Week and Easter 2016**

Easter	\$ 8,455.88
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,015.00
Other Holy Day	\$ 190.00
Online collection	\$ 1,235.00
Total	\$10,895.88
Holy Thursday—St Vincent de Paul	\$1,392.00
Good Friday—Holy Land	\$ 846.00

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Sunday's Word: *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the greatest miracle of all human history. We all know of someone who has experienced a miracle of some sort. Recently Pope Francis announced that he will canonize Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, official proclaiming her a Saint. As you might know, the Church boldly asks of God a sign, a miracle, before raising someone to the Altar of Sainthood.*

When I was in Seminary, studying in Rome for a brief period, we were given an interview with the Vatican Office for the Causes of Saints. At the time, Mother Teresa had just been beatified (declared "Blessed"). In the Q&A I was able to ask about the alleged miracle of Mother Teresa. The American priest who worked in the office explained that the doctor who testified to the Vatican about the miracle actually "sat in your chair, sir," and explained that the football sized tumor that had been in the abdomen of the Hindu Indian woman had miraculously disappeared the night before the surgery that was scheduled to remove it. In a dream that night, the Hindu woman had a dream of a little woman in a white sari with a blue stripe who told her, "Don't worry, Jesus will heal you."

The miracle for Mother Teresa's canonization comes from Brazil. In 2008, a young man was diagnosed with a series of infections and brain abscesses, a long illness. As he went into a coma, his wife and pastor and friends were at their parish church praying to Bl. Teresa of Calcutta for the healing of her husband. The man, who was now actually dying, went into emergency surgery, but was found to be inoperable. Then suddenly he woke up in the operation room asking why he was there! A miracle is a miracle is a miracle.

At the Easter Masses this weekend, several individuals and families completed or began their sacramental initiation as Catholics, and some others made the leap to join or return to full Communion with the Catholic Church. Some have done so at great personal cost, all have done so in an effort to 'take a step' to draw closer to the Lord, all have sacrificed to come to these moments.

More recently, at the same time as Mother Teresa's canonization was announced, a convent of her nuns, the Missionaries of Charity, suffered a tremendous loss. In Yemen, on the Arabian Peninsula, the sisters have been running a home for the elderly and disabled for nearly 20 years. On March 4th, a group of ISIS fighters stormed the nursing home and brutally murdered 4 of the 5 sisters as more than a dozen of their Muslim assistants. Their chaplain, Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil, was kidnapped, after consuming what was left of the Blessed Sacrament before the terrorists destroyed the tabernacle and the entire chapel. We still do not know if Fr. Tom is dead or alive. Please pray for his safe return!!

Our new and returning Catholics and the sisters who died in Yemen, and the priest who was kidnapped for the sake of Jesus, and Mother Teresa, all have one thing in common: they encountered the Mercy of Jesus Christ – and this encounter was worth the cost of everything they left behind.

We are now in the Divine Mercy Novena. Jesus told St. Faustina, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of my Mercy!" HOW TRUE THIS IS! Especially after the events of the last few weeks! There's no amount of security measures that will ever equal the POWER of EXPERIENCING the MERCY of JESUS CHRIST!

May ALL come to experience the Miracle of the Mercy of Jesus this Easter Season and always!

Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!

NEW! Community of Mary – Family of the Gospel

Congratulations to those who were able to take part in the first meeting of the **Community of Mary – Family of the Gospel**: from Assisi, Italy to Anacortes, WA! *Who knew?!* The **Family of Gospel** consists of groups of individuals, including families, singles and widowed/divorcees, meeting 2-4x a month to learn about *Consecration to Jesus through Mary* and to study the Gospel together, while sharing and supporting each other in daily life. Sr. Benedetta Maria conducts the first stage of formation via Skype from Italy. Currently there are 5 groups in our Archdiocese with the Blessing of Archbishop Sartain. Those interested should **contact Heather Mack (360-679-2025) or Kelly Buyske (406-868-7802)** for more info and to sign up.

Furniture and statues are moving! Can you find St. Bernadette? Also check out growing Youth Center in Gym!

Fr. Straz

St. Mary's Administrative Assistant, Rhiannon DeBrosky, will be leaving us at the end of June. Her husband serves in the Navy and has received orders; she and her family will be moving to New Orleans. When you next see her, please wish her well; we will truly miss her presence on the St. Mary staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St. Mary Parish in Anacortes is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant, 40 hours/week. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma/GED, additional office or business management education a plus. 2-5 years office and customer service experience; proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, specifically Publisher, Word and Excel. Knowledge of Parish Data Systems and website management a plus; strong communication skills. Leads a life consistent with the Catholic faith and moral teaching. Salary consistent with Archdiocesan guidelines. For the application packet, contact Ruth Miller at saintmaryanacortes@gmail.com

Closing date: April 24, 2016.

St. Bernadette

There was a grotto behind the priest's house when St. Mary was located on 7th St. in Anacortes, which held a statue of St. Bernadette of Lourdes. We brought the statue out of storage and it is now placed under the trees near the walking Rosary. Stop by to visit her.



Father Auer Center and St. Mary Parish Hall

Hospitality is measured by the kindness we show one another

The move of the St. Vincent de Paul space to the former music room is under way: the music room has been cleared out and relocated to Room 7. By the end of next week, SVDP will be completely moved and the Liturgy Office will be relocated to the current SVDP office. The conference room is now in Room 5, and the tables are in the Parish Hall (gym).

Each of the rooms have been given a Saint name that either respects what the room has been known for, or a saint who is the patron of the primary activity of each room. You will notice copies of the new room assignments on the bulletin boards, with the corresponding Saint name.

Library: St. Joseph
Nursery (Room 3): St. Elizabeth
Room 2: Saint Vincent de Paul
Room 4: Saint Clare
Kitchen: Saint Martha
Room 5: St. Mother Teresa
Room 6: St. Catherine of Siena
Room 7: Saint Cecilia
Room 8: Saint Michael

The "Gym" is now our Parish Hall. We would like your suggestions for a name; some that have been suggested are: Saint Mary Parish Hall, Rosary Hall, Saint Julian. Call the office with your suggestions!

The Parish Hall transformation is underway: round tables are set up for gatherings such as coffee hour hospitality, small receptions, etc. The video equipment has been set up for Bible study classes, youth group meetings, Alpha pre-marriage course, etc. The basketball hoop will be relocated outside! We have kept in mind that a purpose of the Parish Hall is to host large events, and therefore have ensured that everything to be set up can be easily moved.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Sale Dates:

April 21, 22 & 23

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Setup Dates:

Tuesday, April 12

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We need families (especially men) to help unload items into the gym. Pizza will be served!

Wednesday, April 13 - Wednesday, April 20

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Get the privilege to shop early by working at least 4 hours. New parishioners are encouraged to join us.

Men, you are indispensable!

If you are unable to work with us, please consider providing lunch items for our hard working volunteers.

DONATIONS OF CLEAN, GENTLY USED ITEMS ARE GREATLY RECEIVED THROUGH TUESDAY, APRIL 19.

For questions or more information, contact Carolyn Kloke, 293-2904 or cjkloke@comcast.net.

Save this flyer for future reference!