



St. Mary's Catholic Parish

Albany, Oregon

December 5, 2004
Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday	9:30 Noon 7:00 PM	Catechumenate Inquiry Youth Group Sing Along Advent Mission
Monday	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Office Closed Communion service & Rosary Advent Mission
Tuesday	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Communion Service & Rosary Advent Mission
Wednesday	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass Immaculate Conception Mass
Thursday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Communion Service & Rosary Mass
Friday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Communion Service & Rosary Mass School Christmas Program
Saturday	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass in English Mass in Spanish

Welcome Home

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Our Mission Statement

We, St. Mary's Parish, are a people responding to Christ's call to conversion, new life and discipleship with a nurturing Community.

We celebrate this new life in Scripture and the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic tradition.

Our Celebration impels and transforms us to be Spirit filled individuals who can reach out and minister to all people challenging and enabling them to build God's Kingdom of justice and holiness.

Prayer Corner

For those who are ill or homebound : Leo & Florence Backer, Claire Bassey , Carol Bentz , Karen Wald Blake, Loraine Burnette , Maynard Bussell , Robert Chambers, Michael & Dylan Clemons, Wally Craig, Carol Jean Dombrowsky , Jim Dye, Joyce Edwards, Bessie Fischbach , Martha Foulke , Stu Gourley , Gabriel Harrison (Kases ' 4 yr old grandson), Dorothy Heintzman , Larry Holt, Dorothy Hull, Duane Hurley, Mary Jensen, Jessica Leaming , Concepcion Martinez, Markie McGinty , Jim McGough , Marie McGough , Henrietta Mielke , Erin Mitchell, Ruth Moersch , Bertha Morey, Mrs. Osredkar , Glenn Paben , Sharon Parent, Norma Racette , Marian Rief , Emma Rogers, Linda Settelmeyer , Joe Tolomei , Mrs. Schamp , Toni Schwandt , Linda Sexauer , Larry Stephen, Tom Strassmaier , Mary & Marcia Ward, Omer Watte , Chris Westgaard , John Williams

For Special Intentions : We pray for peace throughout our entire world. We remember our family members and friends who are serving in the military: Andrew, Carl Alvarez, Joey Ballard, Bill Biebe , Jason Bullock, Cindy Bullock, Michael Coker, Katie Duntun , James Durham, Trisa Engel Ryan Fera , Kip Ferguson, John Frietag , Rachel Frietag , Sean Goryer , Ryan Grant, Darin Gregg, Michael Hagan, Florentino Herrera Jr., Staci Hoskins, Linda Huehey , Zac Johnson, Katy Joynt , Phil Kase Jr., DeShawn Leonard, John Maloney, Randy Martinak , Arron D. Massey, Joshalt Mitcank , Jon Mumper , J.R. Munoz, Nathan Nofziger , Joshua Peterson, Neil Reilly, Larry A. Robles, BJ Rodriguez, Beniot Rodriguez, Daune Rutherford, Tony Sabias Jr., Makeo Santos, Tony Santos, Jesse Schnablegger , R. Schoultz , Suzanne Smith, Matthew Sonder , Justin Strassmaier , Simon Thomassian , Gary Tichenor , Travis Trupp , Cody Truett , Kyle Van Hess, Charles Venard , in memory of Donald Walters, Nathan Ward, Andrea Westfall

For the repose of the soul of : Roy Gust

At Home With The Word For December 12

Isaiah 35: 1-10 James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 4 th ~ Mike Dzurenko

Sun. 5 th ~ 8:30 ~ Veronica Anderson

Live The Good News

Week of Dec . 5 - Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist asks us to repent and prepare for the coming of the Lord by following the example of Jesus.

...What does the Gospel say John wore and ate that showed he chose the simple life?

...How did John baptize the people? How was this different from Jesus? (Clues in today's Gospel)

...What did John ask of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

...What does "repent" mean? How will you repent?

...What do you "hope" for this Advent? What signs of "hope" do you see?

CLASSES:

Sunday Dec. 5 & 12 - 9:45 a.m.

NO Classes on Wed., the 8 th because of the feast of the Immaculate Conception and Wed. the 15 th due to the parish Reconciliation Service

Celebrate with St. Nicholas on Mon. Dec. 6 th ...Tell the story of St. Nicholas.

...How are you generous like St. Nicholas?

...How was St. Nicholas like Jesus? How can you be more like Jesus?

8th. Grade is in charge of Coffee & Doughnuts after the 11:00 Mass on Sun., Dec. 12 th . We will need at least 4 students & 2 adults to volunteer for this Sunday. Are you interested in helping? Call Ellen @ 926-9327 and offer to help - DON'T wait for a call!

Do You Want to Know More About the Catholic Church?

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, please come to Inquiry on Sunday mornings from 9:40 - 10:45. There are presentations on a variety of topics. The sessions are on the second floor of the church in the room at the top of the elevator. Questions? Call or email Kathy, 926-1449 or stmaryscatholic3@qwest.net.

**Thought For The Week
From The Bible**

" For He shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save." Psalm 72:12-13

Upcoming Events

Dec. 5 -noon	Christmas Sing Along
Dec. 5 - 6 - 7 At 7 PM each evening	Advent Mission with Bishop Remi DeRoo and Pearl Gervais
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception Masses at 9 AM & 7 PM
Dec. 10 - 7 PM	School Christmas Program
Dec. 13 - 7 PM	Reconciliation at Lebanon
Dec. 14 - 7 PM	Reconciliation at Corvallis
Dec. 15 - 7 PM	Reconciliation at Albany
Dec. 16 - 7 PM	Reconciliation at Independence

St. Mary's Habitat for Humanity : Needs your help. We pledged to raise \$5000 to help fund the Apostle's build. We came up to 90% of our goal. To complete our commitment, we need to raise the remaining \$500. Can you help? Please send your donation to the office or put it in an envelope and place it in the collection plate. Be sure to mark the envelope "Habitat for Humanity Pledge" so it will be properly credited. Thank you very much! John & Francey Hood- Fysh - St. Mary's Church Relations Committee.

Thanks!

To everyone who helped with our parish Advent Festival - those who brought greens, cut greens, set up, and cleaned up! We are always happy to hear your ideas, so if you have suggestions on the Advent Festival or other parish activities, please drop a note in the collection or email: stmaryscatholic3@qwest.net.

St. Mary's School Auction

Are you an artist? Do you quilt, do woodworking or have expertise to share? Mary' School 2005 Treasure Island Auction is accepting donations. We would appreciate donated items, services or cash. You may call Kristin Kelley @ 924-9792 or Lynette Wynkoop @ 791-1384 or the school office to make arrangements for delivery. All donations are tax-deductible. Thanks for your support.

St. Mary's School Raffle

Are you planning a vacation to visit the grandkids or attending a wedding or graduation next summer? Here is your chance to win a \$1500 travel voucher and \$500 in cash. Thanks to a generous donation from Conser Realty and Associates, Conser Design and Construction and Conser Homes, St. Mary's School will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held on Sat., Feb. 26 th at the Live Dinner Auction. You don't need to be present to win. Good luck!

Christmas Liturgical Ministry Sign-ups

Sign ups to light the candles on the Advent wreath and to serve at the Masses on Dec. 24, 25 and 26 are in the Gathering Space. Please check your calendars and sign up soon. Thank you!

God Bless You

And thank you for all your prayers, support and kind wishes for my daughter Beth. After a difficult few first days, Beth and Mike and their new son, Aidan are home and doing well. It is nice to belong to such a wonderful parish community! Kathy Reilly

Parish Stewardship

Thanks to all of you who have turned in your parish stewardship commitment form. If you have not yet done so, could you please do that very soon? It helps us to plan for our parish. Thank you and God bless!

St. Mary's Christmas Tree Lot

Is located on 7 th & Lyons , in the old Mullican's car lot, across from the Democrat/Herald beginning Saturday, Dec. 4 th . Our hours are as follows:

Sun. - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mon. thru Fri. - Noon - 7:30 p.m.
Sat. - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dear Friends of St. Mary's

The reception farewell you held for me when I moved to Washington was a beautiful celebration of love and friendship. Thank you for the prayer shawl, your prayers, cards, the pictures and gifts. I miss you! God bless you always...Bessie Fischbach

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Will meet on Dec. 13 th and Dec. 27 th @ 9 a.m. in the Parish House basement. This ministry meets regularly on the 2 nd and 4 th Mondays of each month. Everyone is invited to join us. If you have a special request for a shawl or know someone that would benefit from receiving one, please contact Carol Hawke @ 926-2106 or Pat Jacobson @ 928-2327 or the church office

The Interfaith Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets the 3 rd Wed. of each month at 11 a.m. except this month there is no meeting. Contact Carol Hawke @ 926-2106 or Rachel Hegfeld @ 928-4107 for more info.

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Blood Donations !

"The Hero in all of us." You can save up to three lives. Weyerhaeuser Co. Training Center - Thurs. Dec. 16 th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call Ginny to schedule @ 928-4909....every donation counts!!