



WELCOME TO ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

(To comply with COVID19 safety measures and for the safety of all you are kindly asked to read and follow the following instructions.)

#1 - PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS IF IN THE LAST 14 DAYS YOU HAVE:

- Traveled internationally,
- Been exposed to a person with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID19,
- Had a new or increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
- Had a new cough,
- Had at least two of the follow symptoms together; chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/ congestion or fatigue.

#2 - TO ATTEND MASS KINDLY:

- Make a reservation for the Mass you wish to attend if at all possible by calling the Parish Office at 360-385-3700 before 3:30 Friday afternoon. If not, you are welcome to come even without a reservation as we now have additional seating and live streaming in the hall. There will be a 50 seat maximum capacity per Mass in the church however overflow seating is available in the Hall.
- Registering for Communion Services and Eucharistic Adoration would be appreciated as well.

#3 - ARRIVING AT MASS - PLAN TO ARRIVE 15-20 MINUTES EARLY TO CHECK-IN:

- Enter the double doors nearest the rectory,
- Greeters will check you in and ushers will direct you to your seat,
- Greeters have discretion to inquire about your health,
- You are REQUIRED to wear a mask,
- Sanitation stations will be near the entrance - sanitizers, masks, etc. are available,
- Social distancing of a lest 6 feet is required while on church property,
- Follow the tape arrows and directional signs,
- Donations may be placed in the small wood box as you enter the sanctuary.

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#4 - SEATING AT MASS:

- Only certain pews will be open and you will be directed to a pew by an usher, front to back,
- There is no guarantee you will be seated in your preferred pew or the same pew as family or friends,
- Only other people living in your dwelling and included in your reservation will be allowed to sit together,
- Please follow the tape arrows and pew partitions,
- Social distancing will be followed.

#5 - DURING MASS:

- There will be no congregational singing or sign of peace,
- The only bathroom open for use is in the back of the church, if possible limit use during Mass,
- No missals or prayer pamphlets will be available. You are welcome to bring your own but please leave nothing behind in the pews.

#6 - COMMUNION

- Communion will be offered during the Mass as usual,
- It will be offered only in the hand and not on the tongue with no communion cup,
- Exit church down the side aisle on Mary's side of the church,
- Bulletins for adults and children are available to the left of the door as your leave,
- As you leave church please go directly to your vehicle,
- Please refrain from congregating indoors or where others need to pass.

For further information contact the Jefferson County Health District 360-385-9400. If severely ill or unable to reach a public health nurse, please call your personal health care provider. For more information and COVID-19 information in other languages, please visit



REMEMBER! SAINT VINCENT de PAUL NEEDS YOU

Our dedicated SVDP members reach out to local people in need every day of the year as need knows no season or time of day. Please drop gifts in the small wood box at the back of church as you enter, at the Parish Office or they can be made on line at: <https://svdpejc.org/>.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE CALLED TO SERVE AS CHRIST CAMPAIGN

We ask anyone who has yet to make a campaign commitment to prayerfully consider going online to calledtoserveaschrist.org to give. Every gift makes a difference!



APOYE A LOS LLAMADOS A SERVIR COMO CAMPAÑA DE CRISTO

Pedimos a todos los que todavía no han hecho su compromiso de donativo a la campaña a considerar, en oración, visitar el sitio web calledtoserveaschrist.org para hacer su contribución. ¡Todo donativo marca una diferencia!



FORMED®

This year the parish will not be sponsoring in person/in class faith formation programs because of the ongoing COVID19

pandemic. To overcome this we have researched an alternate program called FORMED of the Augustine Institute which offers over 4,000 Catholic videos, eBooks, talks, and study programs accessible via both computer and phone app. which would be available to everyone. Content includes programs in Spanish and youth and young adult programing. We would like to purchase a subscription to this program for the parish but funds are not available at this time to cover the cost. While this is the case, a year's subscription works out to only about \$10 per family. Please consider lending your support to this excellent program so that we can continue to grow in our faith, united in spirit, even if we cannot unite in person as we have in the past. Please mark you donation as "FORMED".

FORMED en Español

Este año la parroquia no patrocinará programas de formación en la fe en persona / en clase debido a la pandemia de COVID19 en curso. Para superar esto, hemos investigado

un programa alternativo llamado FORMED del Augustine Institute que ofrece más de 4,000 videos católicos, libros electrónicos, charlas y programas de estudio accesibles a través de la aplicación de computadora y teléfono que estaría disponible para todos. El contenido incluye programas en español y programación para jóvenes y adultos jóvenes. Nos gustaría comprar una suscripción a este programa para la parroquia pero no hay fondos disponibles en este momento para cubrir el costo. Si bien este es el caso, la suscripción de un año cuesta solo alrededor de \$10 por familia. Considere prestar su apoyo a este excelente programa para que podamos seguir creciendo en nuestra fe, unidos en espíritu, incluso si no podemos unirnos en persona como lo hemos hecho en el pasado. Marque su donación como "FORMED."



DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you have an interest in knowing more about the Catholic Church or in becoming Catholic? Begin your journey by sharing in our RCIA class. Please contact Liz Sabo at the church office 360-385-3700 or email:

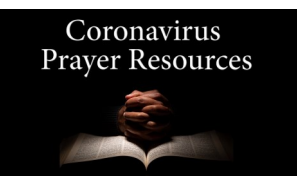
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Faith Formation

PASTORAL ASSISTANT FOR FAITH FORMATION LEVEL II POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Mary Star of the Sea parish, a small faith community in Port Townsend, WA seeks an experienced and dynamic person to serve as Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation. The Assistant is responsible for initiating, encouraging, and directing all faith formation activities at the parish, from child to adult. The parish seeks to expand this ministry from its solid base to inspire parishioners of all ages to a deeper relationship with Jesus and a more active role in parish life. The candidate needs to be an active member of a Catholic parish faith community; have at least 4 years recent successful experience in child and adult catechesis ability to recruit and support volunteer teachers; ability to work evenings and weekends. This position is part-time at 10 hours per week. Salary depends on experience. Please checkout Indeed.com for information regarding application for this position.



Coronavirus Prayer Resources

MASS AND PRAYER RESOURCES DURING COVID

Because we cannot use missalettes and songbooks during this pandemic, consider ordering your own book with the readings and Mass parts. The "The Magnificat" is most helpful. It is available in Regular Print, Large Print, Kid's Edition, Español, and in App form for your smart devices. You can order it at: <https://us.magnificat.net/> or download it to your smart device. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org provides daily Mass readings, an audio option and a daily video homily. Another prayer resource which you might like to consider is the Liturgy of the Hours or sometimes referred to as the Breviary. You can order a hard copy from our local Catholic Supply Store (Kaufers) or any online bookstore. It is also available as an App for your smart phones. Perhaps the most popular computer interface and App is called "Divine Office," www.divineoffice.org, as it gives the option to listen to the prayers and you have the option to see who else is praying the same prayers from their resource anywhere in the world. It is a virtual prayer community connected around the world. Please also see, Bishop Robert Barron's website, www.wordonfire.org and Matthew Kelley's website, www.matthewkelly.com for additional books, videos, blogs, and other resources.



Catholic Social Justice

The Universal Destination of Goods

The term universal destination of goods is a difficult subject that many choose to shy away from addressing. The reason is primarily due to the widely misunderstood theology of the concept of "universal destination of goods." The Catholic Church professes that the goods of creation are destined for all of humankind, but also acknowledges that the individual right to private property, indeed, exists and should be encouraged. Additionally, the Church appreciates that government authority has the right and duty to regulate the legitimate exercise of the right to ownership for the sake of the common good. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: The right to private property, acquired or received in a just way, does not do away with the original gift of the earth to the whole of mankind. The universal destination of goods remains primordial, even if the promotion of the common good requires respect for the right to private property and its exercise.... (2403). Goods of production – material or immaterial – such as land, factories, practical or artistic skills, oblige their possessors to employ them in ways that will benefit the greatest number. Those who hold goods for use and consumption should use them with moderation, reserving the better part for guests, for the sick and the poor (2405).

Most Catholics often find this teaching worrisome or difficult to accept. However, the principal truth is rather simple; we were not created to feather our own nests. If we expend too much of our time and resources on feathering our own nests, it interferes with our response to the One who loved us into being. For this reason alone, wouldn't it be a good thing for us to reflect on the comforts we enjoy, the plans we have for our future and the will of God for our lives?

The idea of the common good arises from the truth that God created the world and everything in it so that He might give humanity dominion over it. Therefore, as stewards, we exercise authority and protection until the Lord comes again. It is through this cooperation, that man gives glory to his Creator and, ultimately, achieves union with Him. Now, clearly God intended for all men and women to share in this dominion, not just a few. He also intended that we should share in it morally, that is, according to his Divine will, which is a manifestation of our love for our creator.

Ed. Note: This article is one in a series by Deacon Bill Swanson on the subject of Catholic Social Justice.



OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October, the month of the Rosary is a good time to re-evaluate the place the Rosary has in our lives. It has the potential to transform our lives if we are willing. So where does that leave those of us who genuinely find it difficult to concentrate whilst praying the Rosary? While we can pray the Rosary to varying degrees of perfection, it is not really possible to pray the Rosary badly. Although we should always hope that we might learn to pray the Rosary better, we are never worse off for praying it. We might have various bad attitudes that we become aware of when we pray the Rosary, but this is surely a good thing. It makes us realize how much we need God's mercy. It is through praying the Rosary that we really start to appreciate who Mary is. She is our spiritual Mother, she loves us, she constantly prays for us, gently guiding us towards her Son. So we should feel entirely comfortable and at ease in her company. As a nun, St Bernadette used to encourage the sisters to pray the Rosary whilst going to sleep and would say "you will be like a little child who falls asleep saying 'Mama, Mama!'" Pope John Paul II said that as a young man, praying the rosary helped him realize that not only does Our Holy Mother direct us towards Christ, but Christ also directs us towards His mother. Christ is saying 'look what marvels I have worked for my mother. When praying the Rosary we do not worship Mary, but rather call to mind her role in salvation history. 'Devotion to the saints and especially to Our Lady, is so important because it marks out why our faith is so special. God's grace is not something superficial, but penetrates the core of our being. God has promised to make us like Himself. Our Lady is the first in whom this promise has been fulfilled, and so she is worthy of the highest of praise.

For those a little rusty at praying the rosary check out: <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>



PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

If you would like to be included on St. Mary's Prayer Chain please contact Pat White, 360-385-3063 or Carol Hurley at ptcabin2@msn.com. The purpose of our prayer chain is to provide spiritual support and healing for parishioners and their families and friends. Requests will be included in the daily prayers of their members and are confidential.