

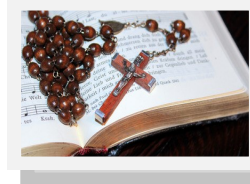


For the One who carved the islands / has come to live among us,
And this is the house He has chosen, / St. Mary Star of the Sea. — Anne Porter

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 4:00 PM: For the repose of the soul of Jim Ryan, as requested by his wife Pat Ryan.
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 5:30 PM: For all of the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish.
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 8:30 AM: For all those effected by the wildfires and smoke throughout our west coast for their safety, recovery and consolation.
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 11:00 AM: For the protection and relief of all those effected by severe weather in our southern states.
 MONDAY SEPTEMBER, 21, 12:05 PM: For those who are weary and find life discouraging, who carry a burden of sickness or poverty, that they may find solace in the love of Jesus.
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 12:05 PM: For the grace to work always to avoid anger, insult or rudeness to one another, but instead learn to live at peace, with a reconciling heart for all those who offend us.
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 12:05 PM: For our faithful departed loved ones, especially those from St. Mary's Parish that they may be welcomed into God's heavenly home.



MASS AND PRAYER RESOURCES DURING COVID

Because we cannot use missalettes and songbooks during this epidemic, you might want to consider ordering your own book with the readings and Mass parts. Most people have found the subscription book "The Magnificat" 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Please remember - The Archbishop's dispensation from Mass attendance will remain in effect until further notice.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

11:30-11:45 am: CONFESSIONS - (IN THE COURTYARD)
 12:05 pm: Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

11:30-11:45 am: CONFESSIONS - (IN THE COURTYARD)
 12:05 pm: Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:30-11:45 am: CONFESSIONS - (IN THE COURTYARD)
 12:05 pm: Mass

12:30-4:00 pm: Adoration--Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

(Our celebrant will be Father Rob Evenson)

3:00-3:30 pm: CONFESSIONS - (IN THE COURTYARD)
 4:00 pm: Early Vigil Mass
 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

(Our celebrant will be Father Rob Evenson)

8:30 am: Spanish Mass
 11:00 am: English Mass

REMEMBER!



If your answer is "Yes" to any of these questions, please stay home!

In the last 14 days, have you?

- * Traveled internationally?
- * Been exposed to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID19?
- * Had a temperature of at least 100.0° F?
- * Had new or increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- * Had a new cough?
- * Had at least two of the following symptoms together: Chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of smell or taste?

Be safe and be well for everyone!

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13	Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13	Galatians 2:19-20	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	Ecclesiastes 11:9--12:8	Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalms 19:2-5	Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44	Psalms 16:1-2, 5-8, 11	Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17	Psalms 144:1-4	Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17	Psalms 25:4-9
Matthew 9:9-13	Luke 8:19-21	Matthew 16:24-27	Luke 9:7-9	Luke 9:18-22	Luke 9:43-45	Philippians 2:1-11
						Matthew 21:28-32



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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 19/20, 2020



The Called to Serve as Christ campaign is an expression of our deep gratitude to those who have gone before us especially our bishops, priests and religious sisters, for the tireless ways that they have lived out their vocations for the Lord and us. The Called to Serve as Christ campaign will focus on long-term, strategic priorities which can only be addressed through an extraordinary fundraising effort. Every gift makes a difference when it comes to addressing the retirement and medical needs of our priests and women religious. You can also go online to calledtoserveaschrist.org to give to the campaign and appeal. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



KATHLEEN WADKINS IS RETIRING

Kathleen Wadkins is retiring after 16 years of service to our parish as Parish Administrator and Coordinator on September 30. To honor her in a special way we are planning a socially distanced reception line for the parish to offer their well wishes on Monday, September 28, at 1:00 pm in the Hall. Well wishes and cards can be sent to the parish office or left in the small box marked "CARDS" in the back of the church. Plan to attend and share stories and express your appreciation for her dedication and ministry here in our parish. Parishioners will be asked to stop by as follows by last name: A-F from 1:00 - 1:30 pm; G-L from 1:35-2:00 pm; M-R from 2:05-2:30 pm and S-Z from 2:35-3:00 pm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL BEGIN SOON

Religious Education programs will be starting up for the year (online). **A bilingual parents' Zoom meeting in this regard is scheduled for this Sunday, September 20, at 1:00 pm;** please email Liz Sabo so she can send you an invite to the meeting: lsabo@stmaryss.com.

LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA COMENZARÁ PRONTO

Los programas de Educación Religiosa comenzarán este año (en línea). Una reunión Zoom bilingüe de padres a este respecto está programada para el domingo 20 de septiembre a la 1:00 pm; envíe un correo electrónico a Liz Sabo para que pueda enviarle una invitación a la reunión: lsabo@stmaryss.com.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Your support of the Campaign for Human Development this weekend provides funds and grants to many organizations and even potentially parishes such as our own in addressing poverty and educational needs.

"OUR MISSION IS TO..."

CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST BY MASS, SACRAMENTS, AND PRAYER;
 LIVE CHRIST'S LOVE BY SERVING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, NEGLECTED, AND SUFFERING;
 GROW IN THE TRUTHS AND VALUES OF OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION, TEACH THEM TO OUR CHILDREN,
 AND PROCLAIM THEM TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THEM."





From the Pastor...

As I settle into ministry here at St. Mary Church and collaborate with the staff, parishioners and Fr. Peter, I want to assure you that your parish leadership is carefully discerning as to how best to serve the congregation. Because of the COVID Pandemic, the needs present unique challenges, and addressing these needs are often complex. Many of us had hoped that we would see a vaccination for COVID in the fall, but it appears that it may take longer for this vaccine to be developed, tested, manufactured and distributed. Therefore, we must continue to care for congregation, minister and make decisions as best we can, understanding that the COVID will be with us for many more months. With this reality in mind, it is important to let you know that every church gathering, every meeting and even how our parish office functions, falls under very strict guidelines and processes are being directed by our state. Working together with our governor we have been able to keep the infection rate low and are therefore protecting lives and helping our hospitals not to be overwhelmed. I want to assure you that your parish leadership is working hard to serve this congregation as best it can. Some of the aspects of ministry on which we currently are working include: How to handle Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation, more Masses, more Reconciliation opportunities, the possibility of live streaming one of our Masses, online meetings for Councils and Commissions and more. It is also important for you to know that because of COVID, everything that occurs on church property must have a plan submitted for approval by the local Dean and the Archdiocese of Seattle. In addition, online meetings require special planning and communications to set up and coordinate. As you can now appreciate, your parish staff not only are continuing with their regular work, but now have the added work of employing new means of communication, the new work of providing for the safety of the parishioners through special sanitization procedures, monitoring the strict limits to our gatherings through registrations and attendance monitoring, as well as all of the additional paperwork for approvals for all of these gatherings. Please keep your parish staff in your prayers, they are doing a marvelous job during very difficult times!

Father Rob Evenson
Interim Priest Administrator

St. Vincent de Paul Society logo and text: 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/.

HOW TO ATTEND MASS AND ADORATION AT ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Mass times – The weekend Masses will be held:

- Saturday Masses – 4:00 pm in English and 5:30 pm in English.
Sunday Masses – 8:30 am in Spanish and 11:00 am in English.
Weekday Masses – 12:05 pm during the week Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:30 to 4:00 pm Fridays with a designated greeter/facilitator.

You must make a reservation.

- Register for Masses, Adoration and other religious services: 360-385-3700 or at kwadkins@stmaryss.com.

Arrive 15-30 minutes before Mass to check-in.

- Enter the double doors nearest the rectory.
Greeters will check-in Mass attendees, who will be directed to seats by an usher.
Greeters have discretion to inquire about your health and to turn you away if you appear ill. For example, feverish or coughing.
Everyone is required to wear a face mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be given to you. There will be sanitation stations near the entrance equipped with hand sanitizer and masks for those who need them.
Social distancing of at least 6 feet is required while on church property. Follow tape marks and signs.
Put donations in the collection box at the back of the church.

Exiting the church.

- After Mass exit through the side door on Mary's side of the church.
Go directly to your vehicle and do not stop to visit.
Maintain social distancing.

Volunteers will be cleaning and sanitizing the church before and after every Mass and Communion Service. Your help would be most welcome! Please call the Parish Office to volunteer.

If you have questions, concerns, or want some things clarified, please contact the Parish Office, a Parish Council member, or a Ministry leader. We are in this together, and with God's grace we will persevere and thrive.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue navigating our reopening. Peace be with you, Kathleen Wadkins Pastoral Coordinator

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 www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note the change in weekday Mass times

- * SATURDAY EARLY VIGIL MASS IN ENGLISH 4:00 pm
* SATURDAY VIGIL MASS IN ENGLISH 5:30 pm
* DOMINGO MISA EN ESPAÑOL 8:30 am
* SUNDAY MASS IN ENGLISH 11:00 am
* DAILY MASSES MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 12:05 pm
* ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY 12:30-4:00 pm
* CONFESSIONS (CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD IN THE COURTYARD) SATURDAYS 3:00-3:30 pm MON., WED., FRI., 11:30-11:45 am
* THE DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING MASS IS STILL EFFECTIVE.
* COVID19 RESTRICTIONS REQUIRE RESERVATIONS FOR MASSES AND ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES BY CALLING 360-385-3700.



Be sure to watch our website and future bulletins for information on live streaming of our 11:00 Sunday Masses! If you would like to help us with this important project reaching out to those who cannot join us for Mass at the church please call the office.



- CALL FOR A VISIT -

If you are homebound for any reason, in a nursing home or ill and would like a visit from Father Rob for of communion, anointing of the sick, confession or spiritual refreshment please call the parish office at 360-385-3700 and we will be happy to arrange a visit for you.



LITURGY COMMISSION MEETING ON MONDAY

The Liturgy Commission will meet on Monday, September 21, at 6:00 pm in the Hall. The attendance of all members will be appreciated.

Parish Stewardship

Week 9/13/2020 Week #11

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Actual / Colecta Real (\$ 4,364.00), Budgeted / Presupuesto (\$ 6,902.15), Year-To-Date / Año Corrido, Actual Collection / Colecta Real (\$ 55,042.50), Budgeted Collection / Presupuesto (\$ 75,923.65).

Caring for God's Creation



Catholic Social Justice The Care for God's Creation

The care for God's creation Our Catholic tradition teaches that we will show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of His creation. Simply put, the care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. Even though the first humans were given responsibility for the caring for creation, over the last 2000 years this has not always been a strong theme of Christian thinking. Sadly, the care for creation is even a latecomer to Catholic Social teaching. Now, as the world's resources grow scarcer, the caring for what the Lord has created is considered an even more responsible way of showing and practicing our respect for human dignity. Creation provides us with what is needed to sustain life in that our natural environment gives us the substances we use every day. It provides us food for our tables, substance for our clothes and the materials necessary to build our houses and churches. It is an environment where people experience a great closeness with God through its beauty and wonder.

Now, it goes without saying that modern technology has provided us huge benefits which have resulted in the alleviation of much suffering and has even created new methods of solidarity among people. At the same time, we are also able to observe how it has alienated us from our environmental responsibility of caring for it as many seek new and more efficient ways to plunder the world's natural resources, in many cases for personal gain. Our care for the creation that God has given us is central to our survival and we must learn ways to protect and respect this irreplaceable gift from our Father. Yours in Christ,

Deacon Bill Swanson

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