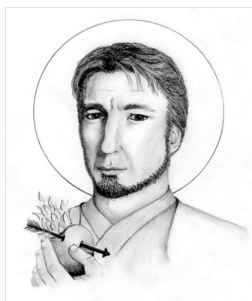


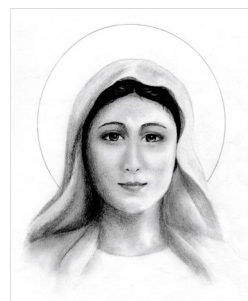
Saint Augustine & Saint Mary Catholic Churches



A Parish Family



April 3, 2022
5th Sunday of Lent



Masses

Sat. 5:00 pm - St. Augustine
Sun. 8:00 am - St. Augustine
Sun. 9:30 am - St. Augustine
Sun. 11:15 am - St. Mary
Wed. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

For Thursday & Friday times
see Holy Week Schedule

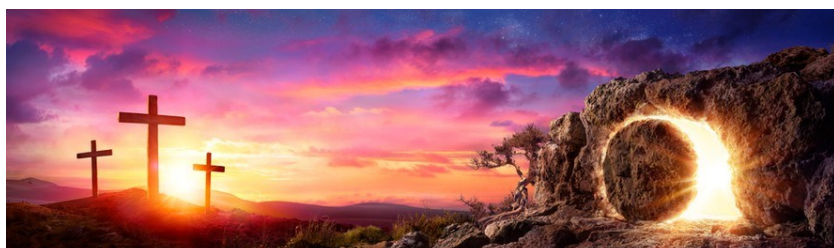
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Holy Week Schedule

St Augustine

Palm Sunday

April 10
8:00 am
9:30 am

Holy Thursday

April 14
Mass of the Lord's Supper
& Rice Bowl Collection
6:00 pm

Good Friday

April 15
Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm
Adoration of the Cross
& Holy Communion
6:00 pm

Easter Vigil

April 16
Holy Saturday
5:00 pm

Easter Sunday

April 17
6:30 am Spoken Mass
8:00 am
9:30 am

St Mary

Palm Sunday

11:30 am (new time)

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& Rice Bowl Collection
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11:30 am (new time)



We Encounter Jesus **St Augustine & St Mary**

SPRING BREAK FOR R.E. - No Classes

April 2 Saturday	4:00 pm	Confessions
	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass (<i>Cecille Bonus, RIP</i>)
April 3 Sunday	8:00 am	Mass (<i>Our Parishioners</i>)
	9:00 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH/K
	9:30 am	Mass (<i>Peggy Smith, INT; Margaret McKnight, RIP; Susan Arnott, RIP; Aldo Accorsin, RIP</i>)
	10:30 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH/K
	10:45 am	Rosary at St Mary
	11:15 am	Mass at St. Mary
April 4 Monday	Office Unavailable	
	10:00 am	Lent Bible Study, CR 1 & 2 & Zoom
	4:00 pm	Agape, PH/K
	6:30 pm	Lent Bible Study, Zoom
April 5 Tuesday	No activities today	
April 6 Wednesday	9:30 am	Mass (<i>Maria de Jesus Gomez, INT; Familia Gomez, INT</i>)
	10:00 am	Divine Mercy/Adoration, CH
April 7 Thursday	9:30 am	Mass at St Mary (<i>Peggy Hennessey, RIP</i>)
	5:00 pm	Stations of the Cross, Youth led
	6:00 pm	Penance Service
April 8 Friday	9:30 am	Mass
	10:00 am	Stations of the Cross, CH
	10:45 am	Adoration
	5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross at St Mary
April 9 Saturday	No Activities this morning	



We Pray for Our Family

Brooks Allen, Elnora Archer, Jim Arbuckle, Rene Blair, Fel Catabay, Eileen Catalano, Clint Copeland, Doris Dean, Mark Dean, Tom Dumit, Bob Ellis, Mamie Forbes, Erlinda Gillett, Douglas Hammer, Sheryl Henry, Marsha Kilgore, Jack Kraft, Phyllis Lund, Mike Lund, Rebecca Lund, Angelina Lupino, CDR Scott Maynes USN, Rick McCormick, Patti McKinnon, Aislinn Moeller, Alexandria Molt, Maureen Relyea, Richard Rezabek, John & Nancy Romanski, Lou & Lulu Santos, Tanya Shafer, Dennis Sionson, Jeanine Szuch, Tiffany Tienda, Chuck Tollefson, Doug Undesser, Jeanne Valdez, Patty Williams, Diane Young

Prayers for the passing of Don Reed, brother of Marvin, from complications after a surgery. For his soul, "He was a good brother"

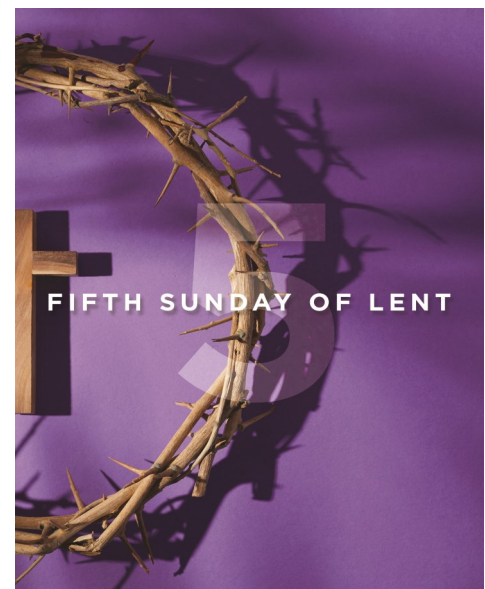
Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list. To include a loved one, please call the parish office at 360-675-2303

St. Augustine Pastoral Council Corner **April 3**

LENT - A TIME TO GROW AND CHANGE. The Pastoral Council hopes everyone is growing spiritually during this Lent and looking forward to a glorious Easter. We hope you enjoyed our recent Retreat with Fr. Dwight Lewis. Remember to continue to pray for those on the Cards of Blessings requests and add special requests to our Cross of Burdens in the vestibule.

The Council will be forming a Transition Team to help our Parish say farewell to Father Paul and welcome the new pastor in July. This team will consist of people representing all the various ministries and groups within our parish. If you are interested in participating, please speak with one of our Council members or contact the parish office.

We welcome your help!



We Connect With Each Other

- ✠ **Prayers & Healing Prayers** - Mike & Barb Thelen will be available after the April 6th Wednesday Mass for prayers and/or healing in the Baby and Toddler Room. Or Call Mike at 360-661-0311 for a more convenient time.
- ✠ **Brunch in Honor of Peggy Hennessy** - The Women of St Mary have planned a brunch to honor and remember Peggy at The Cedar & Salt Coffee House with Father Paul after the Thursday, April 7th Mass. All parishioners are invited and will have an opportunity to share a memory of Peggy.
- ✠ **Women of St Mary Meeting** - Please note that the next Women of St Mary meeting will be held Thursday, May 5.
- ✠ **Women of St Mary Bake Sale** - The Women of St Mary Bake Sale is back! Please come to the Hall after the 11:30 am April 17 Easter Sunday Mass at St Mary and purchase your special dessert for your Easter dinner. Please start thinking about what you can bake and donate for the sale to be dropped off before the Easter Sunday Mass.
- ✠ **Baptisms** - The next Baptisms are Sunday, June 26 at the 9:30 am Mass at St Augustine and the 11:15 am Mass at St Mary, if needed. Baptism class is Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 am to Noon. Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 to register.
- ✠ **Traveling Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mother** - Available to you for prayer and meditation in your home. Please call Heather to schedule a visit at 360-720-0722.
- ✠ **Flame of Love of Immaculate Heart of Mary** - Join the ZOOM prayer group, 1 hour/week, Tuesday at 11:00 am and Thursday at 7:00 pm. Call Chris Pflugfelder at 360-675-2026 or cpflugfelder@comcast.net. Learn about the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a critically important grace of our time, by watching a brief video at <https://youtu.be/xMnOeyCEnP4>
- ✠ **St Hubert Lecture Series** - "Faith & Reason, A Catholic Tradition" Sunday, April 24, 2022, 2:00 pm, pre-registration required. For more information, see the flyers around the church campus.

St Mary Pastoral Council Corner - April 3

Please Save the Date!



Retirement Celebration & Big Thank You Party

for Father Paul

Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 12:15pm (following Mass)

in the St. Mary's Breezeway & Harrington Hall

Be on the lookout for more information to follow!

In Need of Eucharistic Ministers

Are you looking for a way to serve in your parish family? We need parishioners to help with the Eucharistic Ministry.

If you are interested in returning to this ministry after Covid, or if you are a brand new volunteer, please contact Debbie Karney by email at KrazyKs@Gmail.com (this is the best way to make contact).

For those returning after a Covid hiatus who would like a refresher course, or those who will be serving for the first time, training will be provided. Please email with any questions you may have.

We Are Stewards of God's Gifts

Saint Augustine

Weekly Expenses	\$13,090
March 20 Offering	\$ 10,404



Saint Mary

Weekly Expenses	\$ 2,962
March 20 Offering	\$ 6,584

We encourage you to use online bill-pay through your bank. Include your envelope number and mail your donations to our mailing address: **P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277**. If you need your envelope number please call the parish office 360-675-2303.

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St. Augustine and St. Mary Catholic Community

Rev. Paul Pluth, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Healthy worship

Recent medical studies revealed that people who attend church at least weekly have longer life expectancies and fewer complications from illnesses or surgeries than non-churchgoers. Going to church may not protect us from health crises, but it does help us cope with them.

Empty and fill

There are times in our lives when we have to empty our minds of negativity so God can replace it with peace and joy. Each day, take time to rid yourself of anger, fear, self-pity, jealousy, and bitterness. Then look for God's gifts of peace, wisdom, friendship, forgiveness, and love.

Speak the truth

Do you have the courage to speak out against injustice or sin? Yes, when you do, you may be called "intolerant" for sharing Gospel truths, but tolerance doesn't render truth untrue. In fact, saying nothing can be worse. Christ is clear: "When your brother sins, rebuke him and when he repents, forgive him" (Luke 17:3).



Give Sundays to God

God intended Sundays as days for worship, rest, and charity for His people. In today's world, however, it can be challenging to "keep holy the Lord's Day." Try these suggestions to recapture your Sundays for God:

Worship: Mass is a direct encounter with God. Make it the center and highlight of your day. Prepare yourself to receive Jesus in the Eucharist by going to Confession regularly and staying aware of your conscience so as to avoid sin. One of the best ways to honor Him is respond to His love with your own.

Rest: Make Sunday different from the rest of the week. Avoid unnecessary work. Finish errands and chores by sundown on Saturday. Serve leftovers or

casseroles on paper plates to minimize washing up. Limit screen time, social media, online shopping.

Joy: God rested on the Seventh Day and delighted in His creation (Genesis 1:31-2:2). Find time today to do something that brings you joy. Spend time with loved ones, take a nature walk, indulge in a hobby, read a good book.

Charity: Traditionally, charitable works are performed on the Lord's Day. Consider putting money in the poor box at church, donating food or clothes to a shelter, or visiting a lonely neighbor. Don't forget, praying for others and treating them with kindness is a much-needed act of charity.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the Apostles Creed, we profess that Jesus "descended into hell" – Hades in Greek or Sheol in Hebrew. Used here, it means "the realm of the dead," not necessarily the place of punishment.

Human sin closed the gates of heaven even to righteous

Why do Catholics believe Jesus "descended into hell"?



souls, until Christ's coming. After accomplishing our redemption on the Cross, Jesus descended to the underworld, bringing news of their salvation to the righteous souls who were waiting to enter heaven (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #633).

Keep Easter joy alive throughout the year

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' victory over death, sin, and Satan. In fact, it is the most important event in human history. This joy Easter inspires can't be contained to just one day; the Church gives us a whole season to celebrate. Try these ideas to prolong the joy of Easter:

Keep a Lenten practice that helped you grow closer to God – a small sacrifice to honor His sacrifice. For example, attend an extra Mass during the week, or perform an act of charity to share God's love.

Decorate the house. Celebrate the victory Christ won for you. Display an image of the Risen Christ in your home.

Decorate crosses and statues with white sashes. Put out bouquets of flowers (real or silk) for the garden in which Jesus rose (John 19:41).

Proclaim the Good News. Mary Magdalene was the first to share the news of the Resurrection (John 20:17). Share it, too, by wearing a cross or crucifix, saying grace in public, talking about His grace, imitating His forgiveness.



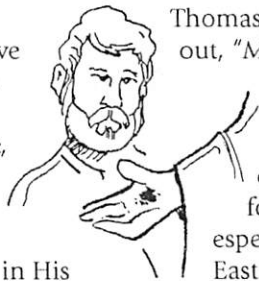
from Scripture

John 20:19-31, "Jesus, I trust in You"

The two Resurrection appearances of Jesus to His disciples in this passage highlight God's merciful love. The first appearance was on Easter Sunday. Jesus could have abandoned His Apostles, just as they had abandoned Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, but He didn't. Instead, Jesus appeared to them and gave them His peace, His Spirit, and the power to forgive sins in His name.

The second visit was for "Doubting" Thomas, who wasn't present for the first appearance. Thomas couldn't believe that Jesus was really risen, despite the accounts of eyewitnesses.

He demanded physical proof. Jesus appeared in the Upper Room and invited Thomas to investigate. St. Thomas, moved to faith, cried out, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).



This passage reminds us we can always bring our doubts, fears, and need for forgiveness to God, especially on the Sunday after Easter — Divine Mercy Sunday.

To the disciples who abandoned Him, Jesus extended His peace and forgiveness. For St. Thomas who had been struggling with doubt, Jesus came in person to strengthen his faith. "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Q & A

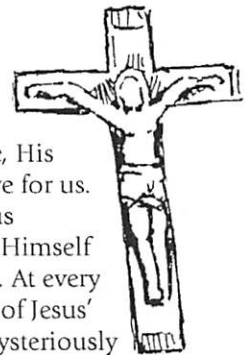
Why do Catholics display crucifixes?

Catholics display the Crucifix because it reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice, His victory, and His love for us.

His sacrifice. Jesus willingly sacrificed Himself for us on the Cross. At every Mass, the moment of Jesus' sacrifice is made mysteriously present again in the sacrifice of the Eucharist in an unbloody manner. The Crucifix indicates that the sacrifice of the Cross and the Mass are one sacrifice (CCC #1545).

His victory. The Crucifix looks like defeat, but in fact, it's a sign of victory. Jesus' sacrifice reconciled us with God, reopened Heaven to us, and broke the grip of death. Jesus took on death, sin, and evil, and rose again in triumph.

His love. "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). The Crucifix reveals how precious we are to God. Jesus taught us that true love seeks the good of the other. Jesus put our good first. He endured the crucifixion so we can be with Him forever in Heaven.



Feasts & Celebrations

April 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer (1419). Against his parents' wishes, St. Vincent Ferrer joined the Dominican Order. He preached through much of Europe. He was called the Angel of Judgment because his sermons aimed to prepare his listeners for judgment.

April 8 – St. Julie Billiart (1816). Born in France, St. Mary Rose Julie Billiart was devoted to the care and education of the poor. After receiving a vision of her future religious order, she later founded the Sisters of Notre Dame.

April 24 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised special graces to those who honor him as the King of Mercy and pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

April 25 – St. Mark (1st century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. He accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their journey through Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



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