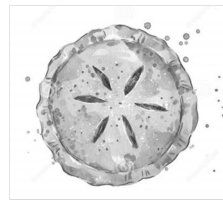




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Rectory Garden Clean-Up

Help prepare for the arrival of our new Pastor!

Saturday, June 25
8:00 am – 12:00 noon

We need your help as we beautify the Rectory grounds: bark placement, weeding, plant removal, mowing, edging. Bring your garden gloves!

Please bring your power edger or string weed-eater if you can!

Please bring a truck if you can help haul away some unused metal fencing!

Contact jennifermeyer463@gmail.com for more information



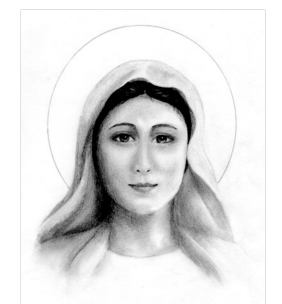
Saint Augustine & Saint Mary Catholic Churches



A Parish Family



June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday



This is my favorite essay I wrote for the St Augustine & St Mary bulletin. It originally was published on July 19, 2015. Father Paul Pluth

DEAR GOD: DO PETS GO TO HEAVEN?

Today my oldest dog, Laudie (seen above), turns 12. In 2003 I drove down to a farm in Oregon to pick out my puppy. The breeder was impressed that I knew what she meant when she said that the name of her kennel—Mantle Kennel—referred to Elijah's mantle. "Oh yes," I said, "the one he handed on to Elisha along with a double portion of his spirit." (2 Kings 2:8-13)

In those days, I was in a parish only on weekends, and Laudie was my travelling companion to wherever my assignment was that year. We were frequent passengers on the Keystone and Clinton ferries. When I came out of Mass at St Gabriel in Port Orchard, I'd look up to the second story window

of the rectory to see Laudie looking out the window, sitting on the bed, watching for me. Saturday nights, wherever we were, we'd get Chinese food and watch TV together. When we went to sleep, Laudie would leap up on the bed to keep me warm.

These days, there's no more travelling—Laudie gets carsick. He gets lifted up onto my bed when it's time to go to sleep (he and I make-believe he's leaping up.) He gets his daily arthritis pill. Which makes me wonder: "Will Laudie be in heaven with me?" (Put your own pet's name in here.)

It's not a frivolous question. There was a media firestorm six months ago when social media began reporting that Pope Francis had said, "Paradise is open to all of God's creatures." It made the front page of the *New York Times*.

Too bad Pope Francis never said that. Oops! But people were excited.

The Bible is not explicitly pro-dog, let alone pro-pet, except for Ecclesiastes 9:4, and the loyal dog in Tobit. So nothing in the Bible *directly* about pets and humans in heaven.

Yet... Jesus promises us that God's eye is on the sparrow. (Luke 12:6) And Blessed Pope Paul VI knew *something* when, decades ago, he said to a little boy, mourning the loss of his dog, "One day we will see our pets in the eternity of Christ." (I vote for papal infallibility here.) Heaven isn't immediate for any human being (except

Elijah and the Virgin Mary). After death we wait for the Day of Resurrection, when we will be changed and raised with a transformed, perfected, spiritual body into the glory of the heavenly Jerusalem. (1 Corinthians 15) And what is that perfected body? It is the total sum of everything that has made us better persons—including our pets. Saint Paul wrote of that Day of Resurrection: "The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." (Romans 8:19) The creation—including our pets—waits for the Day when all creation is ushered into the new heaven, along with the children of God.

On the prospect of seeing his inadequately housebroken dog Ben in heaven, after he died, David Mills said: "Love demands the particular things that have been loved. We hope for Heaven, and for those things that will, as far as we can tell now, make Heaven more heavenly. My family doesn't want the ideal golden-haired mutt romping with us around the New Jerusalem. He will be perfect, but he won't be good enough. We want to see Ben, because he is the dog we loved, even if he keeps wetting the golden streets." I'll look for Laudie there too.

Laudie died on July 1, 2017.

We Encounter Jesus
St Augustine & St Mary



June 4	Saturday	3:30 pm No Confessions 5:00 pm	Farewell Ice Cream Social for Fr Paul and Peggy Smith, PH Mass
June 5	Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 a 12:30 pm	Mass (<i>Our Parishioners</i>) Mass Mass at St. Mary Coffee & Conversation at St Mary
June 6	Monday	Office Unavailable 4:00 pm	Agape
June 7	Tuesday	No activities today	
June 8	Wednesday	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet & Adoration Grief Class, CR1
June 9	Thursday	9:30 am	Mass at St Mary
June 10	Friday	No Morning Weekday Masses until July 1	
June 11	Saturday	No activities this morning	

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- ☞ **Baptisms** - Saturday, September 10 in the morning at St Augustine and September 11 at St Mary, if needed. The required Baptism class is Saturday, August 27th from 9:30 am to Noon. Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 to register.



We Pray for Our Family

Elnora Archer, Jim Arbuckle, Rene Blair, Eileen Catalano, Clint Copeland, Doris Dean, Mark Dean, Tom Dumit, Bob Ellis, Mamie Forbes, Douglas Hammer, Sheryl Henry, Rose Iverson, Marsha Kilgore, Jack Kraft, Angelina Lupino, CDR Scott Maynes USN, Rick McCormick, Patti McKinnon, Martha McAllister, Mary Moeller, Alexandria Molt, Maureen Relyea, Richard Rezabek, John & Nancy Romanski, Lou & Lulu Santos, Tanya Shafer, Dennis Sionson, Don Stubenrauch, Jenene Szuch, Tiffany Tienda, Chuck Tollefson, Jeanne Valdez, Patty Williams, Diane Young

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

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

Thur. 9:30 am - St. Mary

Fri. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

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St Augustine Pastoral Council Corner - June 5

To Fr. Paul for the past 9 years of shepherding St. Augustine Parishioners!

As you celebrate your last weekend of Masses as our Pastor, please know that you have blessed us with the gift of yourself, with the gift of your time, with the gift of your music, with the gift of your heart. You have been kind, patient and faithful. We



thank you for sharing your wisdom and experiences. We have also enjoyed your corgis and assorted dogs. As you have been a blessing to us, may you be blessed as you continue your journey, filled with hands of friendship in times of need, and a clear understanding that you have enriched our lives. For this we are grateful.

St Mary Pastoral Council Corner - June 5

Today is Fr. Paul's last Sunday Mass at St. Mary as our Pastor.

Dear Fr. Paul,
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We pray for your retirement and new adventures to be ones of joy, peace, and hope. We know your journey will include challenges and changes - all journeys do! We hope you know that you can count on our continuing prayers. Know that St. Mary Church will be thinking of you and thanking God for you for years to come. We are closer to God and stronger in our faith because of you. On this holy day of Pentecost, we ask the Holy Spirit to stay close to you, keep you safe, and fill you with the fire of love. Jesus is walking with you and so are we! Your St. Mary Church Family

Thank you to Hai Nail Spa in Oak Harbor for the generous \$2,500 donation to Catholic Relief Services for the Ukraine! The donation will help with safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, and counseling.

The Holy Spirit moves us to help God's children in need. You can help by donating at:

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Weekly Expenses \$13,090
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Weekly Expenses \$ 2,962
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One Minute Meditations

Take your rightful place

As a baptized Catholic, your parish is your home by right.

As such, you have the right to a seat at your parish table.

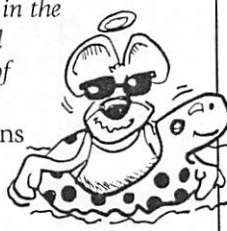


You take it when you attend weekend Mass, and seek peace from sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Matrimony.

Times change; God doesn't

The Bible tells of countless times when God gave his people victory in otherwise hopeless circumstances, provided for them when they had no resources, and guided them in their decisions. God is ready to work as powerfully for you.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.' Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4).



God waits for our "Yes"

God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him in Heaven forever, but He won't force Himself on us. Out of respect for our free will, God asks that we cooperate with His grace to save us, but leaves it up to us to say, "Yes!"

Cultivate your faith. The better we know our Catholic Faith the easier it is to know how to live it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes all major teachings of the Catholic Church. Read an article in it each day and learn a new term from the glossary weekly. Then, there will be no guessing about what Catholics believe.

Keep your conscience in shape.

A well-formed conscience signals us when a choice is virtuous (good) or sinful (bad). Review what

the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes require. Meditate on the examples of Jesus and Mary in the Gospels and how your behavior compares.

Stay close to the Sacraments. Through the Sacraments we directly encounter Christ. Attend Confession monthly and

Mass at least weekly. This is the best way to stay close to God and His Heart.

Perform Works of Mercy. God uses these opportunities to conform us more fully to Christ. Find ways to serve your parish in time, resources, or gifts. It is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift (Matthew 25:40).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics use the different titles when we address the clergy?

After Jesus ascended, the Church grew so quickly that the spiritual needs of the Christian community demanded a global hierarchy of clergy to minister to them while maintaining the unity of the Faith. In response, the Apostles ordained deacons to assist so they could

focus on liturgy (Acts 6:2-4).

Today, there are different titles for different roles and levels of authority. For example, we are most likely to encounter

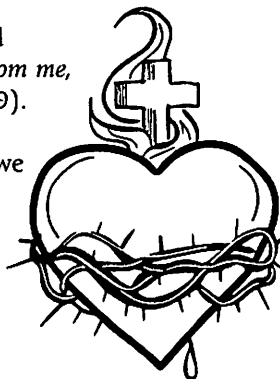
priests ("Father"), deacons, and bishops ("Your Excellency," or "Your Grace").



Three invaluable lessons from the Sacred Heart devotion

Attaining holiness can seem overwhelming and complicated, but Jesus makes it simple: *"Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart"* (Matthew 11:29). Follow the lessons of His Sacred Heart.

Focus on Jesus. We often get in trouble when we lose sight of who Jesus is (God) and how much He loves us. Actually, God is always close and loves us with an infinite, intense, burning love. Keep an image of the Sacred Heart nearby for when you feel discouraged or disconnected from Him.



Give Him your "Yes." Instead of relying on your own strength and strategy, consecrate yourself to Jesus' Sacred Heart and let Him form and direct you. He is patient, gentle, and knows what we can handle. Say "Yes" to whatever He asks.

"Love is not loved!" Jesus wants our love but is often rejected by our sins. Love Jesus for those who won't. Spend time with Him and thank Him for what He's done for you. Offer Him your sufferings for a soul in need.

from Scripture

Luke 9:51-62, the cost of discipleship

Jesus' listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and professed eagerness to follow him. But they weren't always prepared for what it took to be a true disciple.

In this Gospel passage, a young man asked to follow Jesus but was deflated when Jesus pointed out that He had no home and none of the things considered necessary for a happy life. Jesus warned that it wouldn't always be comfortable to follow him.

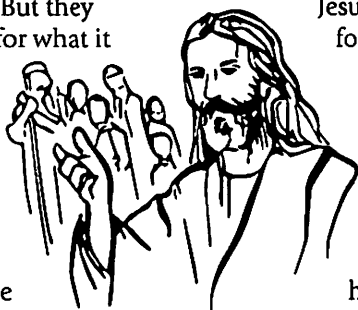
The timing wasn't right for the second man. He promised to follow Jesus but

said he needed to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. In truth,

Jesus sets the priorities we follow. Our duty is to obey.

Finally, Jesus used the example of plowing a field to make His point. If you look back while plowing it can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man

understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose to be His disciple. We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus. But He promises us that the rewards will be worth much more.



Q & A Why are there different lists of Apostles?

Ever wonder why there seem to be different Apostles in different Gospels? For instance, there's a "Judas, not the Iscariot" at the Last Supper (John 14:22) who isn't mentioned anywhere else.

Likewise, Nathanael, who asked *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"* (John 1:46), is absent in the other Gospels.

Usually, the difference is because some of the Apostles had two names. For example, St. Matthew the tax collector, before joining Jesus, is "Levi" (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27). The "other" Judas is called Thaddaeus. Nathanael is in the other Gospels, too, but under his Jewish surname, Bartholomew (Bar-Tolomai, "son of Tolomai").

Considering that half of the Twelve Apostles would have shared a name with another Apostle, some may have changed names to avoid confusion, e.g. Judas-not-the-Iscariot changing his name to Thaddaeus. All these differences show that the Apostles, who came from diverse backgrounds, were called for one mission of building up the Kingdom. Likewise, God calls us to build up the Kingdom, and gives each an important role in it.

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Feasts & Celebrations

June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo (1608). St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Minor Clerks Regular with St. John Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

June 6 – Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother.

June 19 – Corpus Christi Sunday.

On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

June 23 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (1st century). Before St. John was born, his father, Zechariah received a message from the angel Gabriel foretelling his birth. His doubt was punished by his being struck speechless until John's birth.

