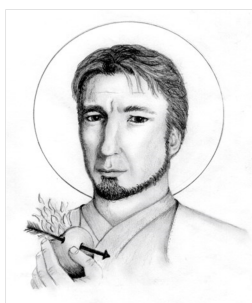


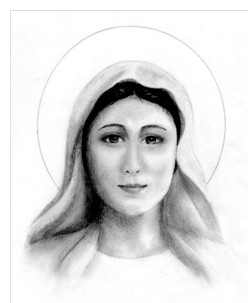
Saint Augustine & Saint Mary Catholic Churches



A Parish Family



September 4, 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



Great crowds were traveling with Jesus,
and he turned and addressed them, "If
anyone comes to me without hating his
father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, and even his own
life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever
does not carry his own cross and come
after me cannot be my disciple."

- Lk 14:25-27

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We Encounter Jesus

St Augustine & St Mary



September 3	Saturday	3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal, CH Confession Mass (<i>Our Parishioners</i>)
September 4	Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 am	Mass Mass Mass at St. Mary
September 5	Monday	Labor Day - Office Closed 4:00 pm	No Agape
September 6	Tuesday	No activities today	
September 7	Wednesday	9:30 am 11:00 am	No Mass Choir Rehearsal at St. Mary
September 8	Thursday	9:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Mass at St. Mary Women of St. Mary, HH Pastoral Council, PO
September 9	Friday	9:30 am	Mass
September 10	Saturday	No activities this morning	

Remember!

The parish office uses email to contact parishioners about events and unavoidable changes in the Mass schedule. If you are not receiving emails from the parish please contact the parish office to confirm your email address. It is also a good idea to check your email before an event to make sure that changes have not been made.



We Pray for Our Family

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

Welcome!



If you are new to St Augustine and St Mary churches or returning after a long absence, please take a moment to register as a member of our parish.

Registrations can be found at each church, at the St. Augustine/St. Mary Parish Office in Oak Harbor and online at www.staugustineoh.org.

Being registered helps us to get to know you and gives you the opportunity to tell us if there are ministries where you might like to serve.

After registering you will be included in all email messages, letters, and you will receive a tax statement at the end of the year.

*Please join our
parish family!*

Sacraments

2022 Baptism Schedule

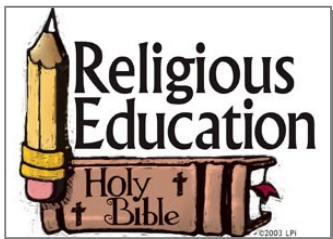
- ☞ Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 am at St Augustine. Required Baptism class, Saturday, September 24, 9am-Noon
- ☞ Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 am at St Augustine. Required Baptism class, Saturday, October 15, 9am-Noon

Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 to register.

We are scheduling 4 baptisms every month.

Little Stories of Big Faith

One summer's day, driving from Phoenix Arizona to Lancaster California I took a "short cut" to save hours and miles. Taking a wrong turn, I ended up driving on a desolate desert road. My vehicle was a 1983 Toyota Corolla with a broken gas gauge. My original calculation did not include the wrong turn; now I feared running out of gas. From nowhere a huge semi-truck pulled along beside me. This truck kept pace with my vehicle for hours and miles not attempting to pass! Unable to view the driver and the fear of running out of gas in the middle of the desert left me wondering who might be in the truck. I knew I was very close to running out of gas. What will happen if I do run out of gas? More miles and hours driving the deserted highway, finally I see civilization ahead. The first building is a gas station! My prayer answered, driving to the gas pump, I hear three blasts from the semi's horn. Looking towards the direction of the sound, the semi was gone! Where did it go? In that moment, I realized that God had been watching over me the whole time. Was my Guardian Angel driving that truck?



2022 - 2023 Religious Education Program

Religious Education registration for St. Augustine and St. Mary has begun!

Registration forms are available in the St. Augustine/St. Mary Parish Office located at 185 N. Oak Harbor Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277 and online at www.staugustineoh.org. Forms can also be found in the St. Augustine church vestibule and in the Hall at St. Mary. Simply fill out the form and attach your check made out to St. Augustine and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or mail it or bring it in to the Parish Office during business hours of Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - Noon and 1 - 4pm.

Classes start the week of September 12. Upper grades (grades 7-12) will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Elementary (grades K - 6) will meet on Wednesdays from 4:00pm - 5:30pm.

Please note, for children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, please make an appointment with Rowena Harless at 360-675-2303 or rharless@staugustineoh.org

Parish Events

- ☞ **Pie Sales** - Pies are now for sale in the St. Augustine Parish Hall after all Masses. There are many varieties available and the type will change from week to week as different fruits are harvested. Pies are \$15. For more information or to pre-order please contact Theresa Frazer at 360-675-9840 or text 206-992-8193.
- ☞ **Women of St. Mary** - Just a reminder that all St. Mary's women parishioners are "Women of St. Mary" Please join us for our meeting, Thursday, September 8th, 10 am after Mass. We meet the first Thursday of the month except for holidays and summer. Please come and bring your talents, input and passion for helping others!
- ☞ **Coffee & Donuts** - Come share fellowship, and dine upon donuts starting September 11 after the Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am Masses at St. Augustine. Donations are graciously accepted!
- ☞ **Bake Sale** - The Catholic Daughter of the Americas are having a Bake Sale following all Masses at St Augustine on September 24 & 25. Proceeds go the many charities the CDA supports.
- ☞ **Pancake Breakfast** - Pancake breakfasts will begin again on Sunday, October 2nd after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Augustine.
- ☞ **Christmas Bazaar** - It's never too early to start making your treasures or planning for your baked goods donation for our St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd. Questions? Text or Call: Janet Rojas 360-969-1609.



Can You Help?

The St. Augustine Worship Environment Committee is re-forming to help in the enhancement of the St. Augustine worship environment throughout the liturgical year.

If you are interested in helping to make our worship environment beautiful and reverent, please contact the church office at 360-675-2303 and give your contact information so we can call you with the meeting date and time. Thank you!

We need your help!

The St. Augustine Funeral Reception Ministry is in need of adult parishioners both men and women to help keep this wonderful ministry alive.

If you can help with this ministry or need more information, please contact Marye Kandzor at 360-929-4893 or kandzor@comcast.net. We thank you.

Faith Formation

St. Mary Group Bible Study

Looking for spiritual growth? Try Adult Faith Formation at St. Mary. There will be a Small Group Bible Study Introductory Workshop on September 17, 10am - 12noon at St. Mary. Facilitated by Dr. Paul Young and Dan Ashburn. Come to explore the possibilities. No commitment necessary.

Stewardship

Saint Augustine

Weekly Expenses	\$13,090
August 21 Offering	\$10,904



Saint Mary

Weekly Expenses	\$ 2,962
August 21 Offering	\$ 2,737

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

With Deepest Thanks

- ✚ **St. Augustine Works of Mercy** - The coordinator of the Opportunity Council's "School Backpack" program recognized the generous response shown by St. Augustine parishioners this year. Two full truck loads of supplies were dropped off by St. Augustine for use in both the Oak Harbor and Coupeville school districts. Any excess supplies will be given to kindergarten teachers in January to replace items that get broken by busy little hands. Many thanks were conveyed for this time-saving, resource sharing partnership.
- ✚ **St. Mary Works of Mercy** - The Back-to-School Supply Drive was a great success! St. Mary Works of Mercy Ministry wishes to express thanks to all parishioners who gave so generously to this drive. We were overwhelmed by the amount of supplies we received. The Coupeville students and their families will be greatly helped by your gifts. Thank you for being such a generous and loving Christian community!
- ✚ **Military Community Partnership** - A big thank you to the Navy Bark Buddies who spread the bark to beautify the St. Augustine parish grounds. Many hands made the work lighter!



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September 2022

St. Augustine and St. Mary Catholic Community

Rev. Paul Pluth, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

The most important thing

When Jesus promised to be with us always, He wasn't just talking symbolically. He meant that He would stay with us – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In fact, when we go to Mass, we meet Jesus, Himself, “truly, really, and substantially contained” in Holy Communion (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1374). Don't miss a single Sunday Mass. He is there every time.



Our “Call”

When God calls, He asks that His children respond. Throughout history, when the Father called a chosen people, prophets, and kings to service, they responded. Jesus called His apostles and disciples. They responded. God calls each of us. Have you responded? Are you where He wants you to be?

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths”

(Proverbs 3:5-6).



Four tools for spreading the Good News

Before He ascended, Jesus told His disciples, “Go...make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We are all called to preach the Gospel, sometimes by words, but always by the holiness of our lives. Jesus gave us four must-haves for this task:

Peace: The confidence that all things, even our greatest sufferings, will be for our good is peace. Living a Gospel-centered life brings peace and sets us apart in what we choose: music, recreation, dress. These choices are counter-cultural and testify to our faith. Be at peace: our security is in the Truth, not others' opinions of us.

Simplicity: We can't give what we

don't have. To give Christ to others, we must make room for Him in our own hearts. For example, buy only what's necessary and limit time on social

media. Frequent the Sacraments and Mass. Pray daily.

Charity: Jesus uses us to communicate His love to others. In addition to acts of mercy for the poor, charity requires treating others with dignity, respect, patience, and kindness – even when it's challenging.

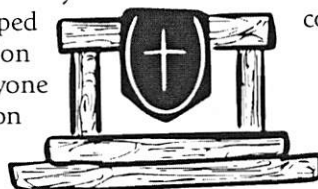
Joy: We experience joy when we receive God's love. This means keeping our hearts open to accepting the Good News, not giving into bitterness and resentment, reminding ourselves of the ways God has shown His love for us. Don't keep it to yourself. Tell others.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do some churches have altar rails?

Altar rails, or “Communion rails,” located between the sanctuary and the front pews, helped facilitate the Communion distribution when everyone received Communion on the tongue while kneeling. The rails encouraged the faithful to be reverent before the Face of God –

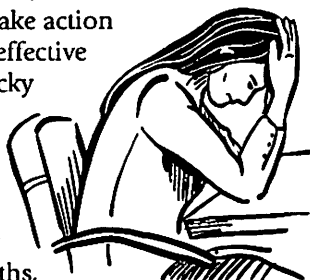


literally. Called, “the people's altar,” the rails were also where communicants offered their spiritual sacrifices to God directly as they received Him. We can do this without rails, but kneeling for Communion is a powerful reminder of Who we are receiving.

Managing sticky situations, gracefully

When we find ourselves in a difficult situation, it can be tough to know how to respond. We want to take action that comes from our faith perspective and is effective at the same time. Try these tips to manage sticky situations with grace:

Stay calm. We are more likely to make regrettable decisions when we're anxious, afraid, or angry. We make it worse by raising our voices, storming around, saying whatever comes into our heads. Instead take deep breaths, pray a calming prayer, invoke your guardian angel.



Staying calm is key.

Be realistic. Accept that you can't fix everything. Instead, focus on what you can do. Leaning on prior experience and advice from experts or trusted friends, pick the best course of action. Surrender the outcome to God.

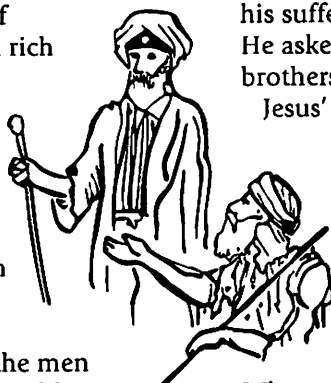
Learn. God often allows difficulties to bring about a greater good. Maybe the experience helped you grow in virtue, taught you a new skill, gave you a new perspective. It's okay to ask God, "why?" Keep what you learn for the future.

from Scripture

Luke 16:19-31, Riches okay, but not hard-heartedness

In this Gospel passage, Jesus directed a parable to those who turn a blind eye to the suffering of others. In His story, a rich man ignored a desperately hungry man, Lazarus, lying in misery at his gate. The rich man feasted daily and lived in luxury. The poor man hoped for scraps and dodged dogs.

After their deaths, the men experienced a reversal of fortunes. Lazarus rested with Abraham and the patriarchs – the closest thing to heaven prior to Jesus' Resurrection. The rich



man was in agony. He begged Abraham to send Lazarus to alleviate his suffering but Abraham refused. He asked Lazarus to warn his brothers but was denied again.

Jesus' parable isn't condemning wealth, but the hard-heartedness of the rich man. The rich man knew Lazarus by name but was insensitive to his plight. He wasn't evil, but he knew what God asked him to do and didn't do it.

When we live our faith, we transform our prayers into deeds of love as Jesus asked. The reward for doing what Jesus asked will be eternal joy.



Why do some parishes pray the St. Michael prayer after Mass?

The Leonine prayers were first promulgated by Pope Leo XIII in 1884, for recitation after Mass but not as part of Mass itself. They consisted of the Hail Mary (three times), Hail, Holy Queen,



O God our Refuge and strength, the Prayer to St. Michael, and the invocation to the Sacred Heart (three times) and were said

kneeling at the foot of the altar. Although abolished in 1964 they are still sometimes used after Masses in the extraordinary form.

Other popes have invoked St. Michael's protection. Pope St. Gregory the Great invoked St. Michael's protection during a plague. Pope St. John Paul II recommended saying the St. Michael prayer daily to protect the family. And Pope Francis, in the light of recent crises, recommended all Catholics recite the prayer. Some bishops have joined the call by recommending Catholics pray it after Mass.

St. Michael led the faithful angels in overthrowing Satan and his rebellious angels (Revelation 12:7). Scripture tells us he is tasked with protecting God's people against the devil.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sufferings as "a sword piercing" her soul. In her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away. Instead, she responded with faith and love.

September 17 – St. Hildegard of Bingen (1179). Born in 12th century Germany to noble parents, St. Hildegard had visions from when she was very young. She joined the Benedictines and eventually became an abbess. She wrote

on spirituality, music, medicine, and science. She is a Doctor of the Church.

September 26 – Sts. Cosmas and Damian (c.303). These saints were Arab brothers who studied medicine in Syria and lived their Christian faith by treating people without charge. They were martyred for their faith.

September 29 – Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael, Archangels. Three archangels who were entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother to tell her she had been chosen as the Mother of God.



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