

St. Mary Catholic Church

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Benedictine Tradition since 1881

575 East College Street, Mount Angel, Oregon 97362

Welcome to St. Mary Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. Philip Waibel, O.S.B.

Website: www.stmarymtangel.org

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, is the last Sunday before Christmas. In today's Gospel we hear how God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth to announce to Mary that she was to conceive and bear a son who would be called Jesus. We also hear Mary's yes (her Fiat) to the angel Gabriel "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." May we all say yes to God's plan for us this Christmas and all the year.

Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary is a vibrant Catholic community in the Benedictine tradition, baptized into the life of Christ and committed to:

- ◆ Celebrating the Sacraments with dignity, joy and reverence;
- ◆ Living the Gospel, and serving and welcoming all as we would Christ Himself;
- ◆ Working for peace, justice, reconciliation and compassion for the poor, the immigrant, youth, the elderly and those without power in our society;
- ◆ Respecting all life from conception to natural death;
- ◆ And helping each other to grow in holiness by our lives of humility and compassion.

We welcome all to St. Mary Church regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, ability or life situation, and invite all to join us as we work to accomplish our Mission.

Mass / Confession Schedule

**Daily Mass: 7:00 AM at St. Mary,
Monday through Friday**

Weekend Masses @ St. Mary

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM

Sunday Morning 7:30 AM

10:00 AM

Misa en Español 12:30 PM

Holy Rosary Mission

Sunday 9:00 AM

PENANCE / RECONCILIATION :

St. Mary's: Saturday 3:30 PM—5:00 PM

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Mass Intentions**December 21 - 27**

Monday 7:00 AM	+ Pilar Hernandez - Ofelia & Guerrero Girls
Tuesday 7:00 AM	+ Wilfred Fleckenstein - Bev Fleckenstein
Wednesday 7:00 AM	+ Cody Thomas - Linda Gooley
Thursday 4:00 PM	+ Stan Grzelewski - Liz Grzelewski
Thursday 5:30 PM	+ Jean Fessler - Family & Friends
Thursday 7:00 PM	
Thursday 9:00 PM	+ Joe & Shirley Coleman - Sharon Smith
Friday 7:30 AM	+ Lenard Seely - Family
Friday 10:00 AM	Ron & Jean Smith (10th Wed ann)
Holy Rosary 9:00 AM	Thanksgiving - Pat Schonbachler
Saturday 5:30 PM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday 7:30 AM	+ Joseph & Frances Gross - Koligian Family
Sunday 10:00 AM	+ Mary Schurr - Friends & Family
Sunday 12:30 PM	Maria Guadalupe Miranda (healing) Ramon & Laura Cazares
Holy Rosary 9:00 AM	+ Esther Fennimore - Bob & Jeana Duda

Daily and Sunday Mass Readings**Monday 12/21 St. Canisius**

First Reading: Son of Songs 2:8-14 / Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday 12/22 Tuesday in the Fourth Week of Advent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday 12/23 St. John of Kanty

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Thursday 12/24 Christmas Eve

Vigil: First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5, / Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25 / Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Mass of the Night: First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6, / Second Reading: Titus 2:1-14 / Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Friday 12/25 Christmas

Mass at Dawn: First Reading: Isaiah 52:1-12, / Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7 / Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Mass of the Day: First Reading: Isaiah 62:7-10, / Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 / Gospel: John 1:1-18

Saturday 12/26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

Sunday 12/27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 / Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 / Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Bulletin

When submitting announcements for the bulletin please email it to: events@stmarymtangel.org

Please note that all bulletin announcements are at the discretion of the Pastors. For the bulletin for January 3rd need to be in by Monday December 21st.

**PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR
WILL & ESTATE**

Please use the following language when making your estate plans:

"I give, devise, and bequeath _____
(Describe gift and purpose) to St. Mary Catholic Church, Mt. Angel (our legal name). TAX ID #: 93-0391627 "It is understood in making this gift that it can only be used by St. Mary Catholic Church, Mt. Angel for the program or purpose herein stated."

New Years Eve at the Father Bernard Youth Center

All are welcome to come and pray in the New Year at the FBYC. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. on 12/31 for silent prayer, group intercession, and to receive personal prayer if requested. Come when you can, leave when you must.

Sign-up to attend Masses at St. Mary's:

For the last few weeks we have been having on-line sign ups for the 5:30 pm Saturday vigil, 7:30 am and 10:00 am Sunday morning Masses for both the church and parish center. Moving forward due to numbers we are requiring those wishing to attend to sign up you will need to sign up each week for Mass. Sign ups will open on the Tuesday prior to the weekend and close at 5:00 pm on Thursday or when they are all full for the weekend.

If you do not have access to a computer please call the office (503)845-2296 to sign up for available spots.

Please call or email the office to sign up for 7 am daily Mass, Mass at Holy Rosary or Spanish Mass.

MASS GUIDELINES

- Please arrive at least 10-15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
- Enter through the side door, closest to the street, and check-in with the greeter.
- **Masks are required.** Masks are available at the door.
- Use hand sanitizer as you enter the church.
- Sit only with the people in your group and use appropriate physical distancing.
- We ask that you accompany your children to the restroom.
- During the Communion procession please keep distance between your and other groups.
- We ask those wishing to receive on the tongue to wait until the end.
- You may exit through any of the doors to avoid bottle-necking after Mass.
- **If you sign up and are unable to attend, please call the office 503-845-2296 and let us know.**

Mass Ministers

December 26, 2020 - 5:30 pm

Lector: Phil Weisner

EMHC: Norm Zollner, Rene Metteer, Patty Maurer, Kathy Eder-Deshon

Greeters: Monica Bochsler, Leigh Geschwill

Usher: Gerald Otter

December 27, 2020 - 7:30 am

Lector: Tony Rava

EMHC: Tim Jaeger, Barbara Niece, John Vandecoevinger, Kevin Gross

Greeters: Jenny Aker, Sharon Smith

Usher: Dean Seiler

December 27, 2020 - 10:00 am

Lector: Rick Schiedler

EMHC: John Conklin, Pepper Teem, Sarah Kuenzi

Greeters: Bernadette Wagner, Becki Little

Usher: Mike Rava

Let us pray for our

Parishioners

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| *Ed Drescher | *Mark Myers |
| *Jose & Lola Lopez | *Daene Rodriguez |
| *Ernie Dill | *Norma Quintanilla |
| *Norman Hettwer | *Richard Talent |
| *Marian Bielemeier | *Raul Campos |
| *Maria Pedraza | *Mireya Sanchez |
| *Barb Schmidt | *Adam Arevalo |
| *Dee Carey | *Alice Sichley |
| *Ted & Mary Buhr | *Rosemary Smith |
| *Kylie Hettewer | *Irene Rodriguez |
| *Lily Alejandro | *Pat Sprauer |
| *Ruben Arevalo | *Gerry Beyer |
| *Joseph Shaefer | *Jess Olson |
| *Carol Obersinner | *Katie Ferris Orr |
| *Laura Logar | *Patti Eder |
| *Gloria Arroyo | *Carolyn Wendell |
| *Cynthia Cardenas | *Suzie Smith |
| *Maria Astorga | *Devin Keith |
| *Chuck Wavra | *Gabe James |
| *Jim Hauth | *Mary McKillip |
| *Joe & Marilyn Seiler | *Greg Schonbachler |
| *Maria Fregoso | *Jimmy Myers |
| *Eva Arevalo | *Don Huebsch |
| *Tevin Seubert | *Julia Hopkins |
| *Adam Buhr | *Lorraine Duda |
| *Jean Homer | *Don Dunn |
| *Cesaria Leija | *Clem Unrein |
| *Rudy Arevalo | *Kevin Aman |
| *Roger Logar | *Gerrie Faessler-Gray |
| *Fred Arevalo | *Joe Schwab |
| *Ron Schmidt | *Sherry Meith |
| *Gilbert Arevalo | *Mark Torstorm |
| *Maribel Ramos | *Gayle Milliron |
| *Margarita Ambriz | *All Caregivers |
| *Velia Duenas | Pray for those in harms |
| *Tom MacDonnell | way: |
| *Phil & Kay Meissner | PFC Dean Harris |
| *Mark Homer | Afghanistan |

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US!

Whether you are a long-time member who has moved or someone new who has just come, please register with us by filling out this information and putting it into the collection basket or mail to the parish office with comments or questions. We also welcome your written and signed input on any subject.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Info in English OR Spanish

___New Parishioner (please contact me) ___New address & phone

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or are on the prayer list and wish to be removed. Please contact the parish office at 503-845-2296.



Masses for Christmas

Sign ups for the Parish Center through Flocknote opened Friday December 18th and will be closing Wednesday December 23rd at noon or when filled.

If you do not have access to the internet or need assistance signing up or if you have questions, please call the parish office M—F 8 am—5 pm. 503-845-2296

All Masses will be live-streamed and we invite you to join us in this way.

Mass times for Christmas this year will be:

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm Children's Mass, 5:30 pm Family Mass, 7:00 pm Spanish, 9:00 pm Mass of the night.

Christmas Day : 7:30 am Mass of Dawn, 10:00 Mass of the Day

Save your Refundable Cans and Bottles!!

The Junior Catholic Daughters will hold their annual **Can and Bottle Fundraising Drive** in January 2021. Proceeds from this event will offer scholarship opportunities for graduating senior members of JCDA. Your help in ensuring the success of this event is greatly appreciated! If you are interested in participating in this drive, please contact Annie Schaefer at 503-798-5015. We are also looking for an adult volunteer to assist as a co-leader with upcoming JCDA events. Thank you!



CDA 2021 National Education Contest

Court Marion of Mt. Angel is sponsoring the CDA 2021 National Education contest. Grades 4 - 12 and CDA members are eligible to enter. Contest themes/rules and entry forms will be available at the Parish Office starting the 17th or contact Margaret Teem at 503 845-6257.

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 15, 2020

My dear parishioners of St. Mary's and Holy Rosary,

This is my last bulletin column. In July of 2002 I began writing a MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR as a way of sharing news about what was happening in the parish, as well as upcoming events and projects. Now eighteen and a half years later, my tenure as pastor is drawing to a close. Our particular journey to the Lord together is coming to an end, but the overall journey continues! Father Ralph Recker will be a wonderful shepherd! And in this Season of Advent, St. John the Baptist is my model: *"He must increase; I must decrease."*

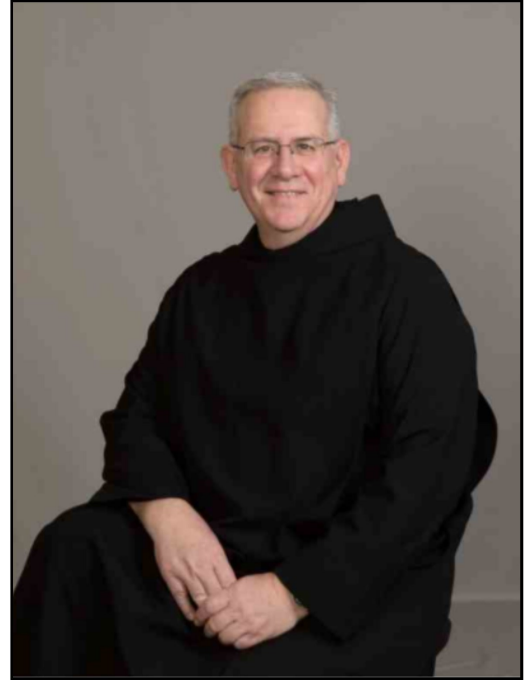
During our very successful virtual St. Mary Parish Benefit and Auction (thank you all for your generosity!), I was surprised by Paul and Pat Zollner's tribute to my years here. It was not part of the original video script! I didn't have a written response, but what I said then so imperfectly I want to say maybe a little more clearly now: I am grateful for any good that I have been able to do for you in my years as pastor. What I am grateful for is the positive and transformative effect and impact you have had on me! God's graces have been abundant for us all! Sometimes folks measure the value of a person's life in statistics, which is certainly one way. They don't tell the whole story, however, but they tell "a story." So many of these "events" have stories connected to them which I will remember all my life. What the statistics do not show is the contributions of the members of my staff over these years, these women and men who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have assisted me much over the years in their various areas. The statistics also don't reflect the assistance of the monks and priests of Mount Angel Abbey, the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, the Carmelites, and the Society of St. John and the seminarians and deacons of Mount Angel Seminary. The statistics at St. Mary and Holy Rosary over these 18.5 years are certainly interesting....

- ◇ Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist (Mass): 18.5 years = 962 weeks x 6 (*day off each week / weekend Masses*) = 5772
- ◇ Baptisms = 1312
- ◇ Professions of Faith = 39
- ◇ Confessions each week from 3:30 – 5 PM Saturday; Penance Services; Individuals = hundreds and hundreds
- ◇ First Communions = 1548
- ◇ Confirmations = 800 (some I did as part of RCIA, some this year I did because of COVID; most were done by our Archbishops or auxiliary bishops).
- ◇ Marriages = 400
- ◇ Anointing of the Sick = hundreds and hundreds
- ◇ Burials (Funeral Masses) = 536

But far more important than the statistics was how warmly and lovingly you let me—and others—become part of your lives in this parish and continue our way to the Lord. No matter the language (English or Spanish); no matter the culture (Anglo-European, German, Mexican / Latino, American), no matter the age differences or even religious differences, you made me and others welcome. Thank you!

St. Mary's has been blessed with long-serving pastors since our founding in 1881. There have been quite a number of assistant priests over the years as well, but for the sake of brevity, here is a list of the pastors and their tenures:

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| 1. Prior (<i>later Abbot</i>) Adelhelm Odermatt | 1881 – 1889 |
| 2. Father Anselm Wachter | 1889 – 1894 |
| 3. Father (<i>later Abbot</i>) Placidus Fuerst | 1894 – 1910 |
| 4. Father Dominic Waedenschwyler | 1910 – 1929 |
| 5. Father Berchtold Durrer | 1930 – 1934 |
| 6. Father Alcuin Heibel | 1934 – 1942 |
| 7. Father John Cummisky | 1942 – 1945 |
| 8. Father (<i>later Abbot</i>) Damian Jentges | 1945 – 1950 |
| 9. Father Cyril LeBold | 1950 – 1965 |
| 10. Father Urban Keber | 1965 – 1970; & 1972 – 1975 |
| 11. Father Albert Bauman | 1970 – 1972 |
| 12. Father Benedict Suing | 1972 – 1984 |
| 13. Abbot Anselm Galvin | 1984 – 1991 |
| 14. Father Edmund Smith | 1991 – 2002 |
| 15. Father Philip Waibel | 2002 – 2020 |
| 16. Father Ralph Recker | 2020 – |



Father Philip Waibel, OSB, Pastor 2002—2020

This year of 2020 has been a particular challenge: the onset of COVID-19 with its lockdowns, limited numbers who could attend, disruptions in the celebration of all the Sacraments, most especially the Eucharist. And then if that were not enough, we had the devastating wildfires and smoke this past September. A senior member of the parish asked me why I wasn't staying until COVID was resolved? I honestly didn't think COVID was going to be such a long-suffering issue; but sadly it continues, albeit with a vaccine being deployed even as I write. I am sorry for the many disappointments I have caused you over my years here, particularly this last year. The plan Abbot Jeremy Driscoll has drawn up has me leaving for a sabbatical of about three months after Father Ralph's installation as pastor on Sunday, December 27th. If COVID allows it, I hope to be at the Pontifical North American College in Rome from January through mid-April.

Please know that I am grateful for all these years of living and serving among you at St. Mary's with all the adventures and memories. The impact you have had on my life is something that I will remember and cherish the rest of my life. Let us continue to pray for one another! I close with two quotations: one from St. Paul's Letter to the Thesalonians and one from Chapter 72 of the Rule of St. Benedict:

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-24) Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

(RB 72) Let them prefer nothing whatever to Christ, and may He bring us all together to everlasting life.

Sincerely in the Lord and in St. Benedict,

Father Philip Waibel, OSB