

St. Cecilia Parish

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Masses:

Saturday Vigil ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am, 11:00am

(Rosary at 8:30am)

Daily:

Tuesday - Saturday ~ 9:00am

(Morning Prayer at 8:40am)

Every Thursday ~ 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition

Benediction at 6:00pm (closing prayers start at 5:45pm)

Reconciliation ~ by appointment or

Tuesday and Friday ~ 9:30am - 10:00am

Saturday ~ 3:30pm - 4:45pm

Sunday ~ 8:00am - 8:45am

Regular Office Hours (Sept 1-May 31)

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Summer Office Hours (June 1-Aug. 31)

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 12:30pm

Closed Friday

In Residence: Fr. Charles Garrity, O.C.D.

Brother Mark Moran, O.C.D.

Staff ~

Administrator: Don Allen

Parish Secretary: Debbie O'Grady

Administrative Assistant: Tammy Geubelle

Faith Formation/RCIA: Kenneth Kron

Youth Minister: Karen Boespflug

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Carmelite Book Store and Gift Shop

Regular Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs., 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Call for Saturday Hours.



August 24-25, 2019
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Last week we had a little reflection on the theological virtue of faith. This week we will have a brief look at the second of the theological virtues—hope. Hope is the virtue that directs our attention and our lives to the eternal good-God and heaven.

When we, as Christians, speak about the virtue of hope we must also talk about happiness. We must understand that living our lives in accord with the Gospel brings us hope of eternal life, but it also ushers in true happiness in our daily living of the truth. Happiness is not found in following our wills and desires, rather it is in fulfilling that which God has called us to and by living in accord with his will. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains the connection between hope and happiness well: “Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. ‘Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.’ ‘The Holy Spirit . . . he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life’” (CCC 1817). Two aspects which this paragraph draws out is the need to trust in the promises of Christ and to rely on the grace of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in the promises made to us by God the Father through his Son Jesus Christ is an important element in our Christian lives. Since it is so important it is usually an area where many people struggle and it becomes a main place for conversion. In our development as children and into adulthood we are taught to trust in ourselves and what we can accomplish, but this way of thinking is contrary to a Christian way of thinking. Christians must learn to put their trust in God, who is the only good, and who assists us in our daily lives through the action of his grace. The grace of the Holy Spirit is always at work in our lives. We just have to have the eyes to see it and learn how to work with it.

From the beginning God placed a desire for happiness on the hearts of every human being. This desire for happiness leads humanity to desire union with God, which was lost by the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Humanity, since the fall, has desired to re-establish the lost unity. The happiness which is written on our hearts compels us to hope in something that lays beyond us, namely God and eternal life with him in heaven. The *Catechism* explains, “The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men’s activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity” (CCC 1818). The virtue of hope is the fuel that keeps the human person moving toward heaven in good times and in the bad.

I will end by citing the last three paragraphs from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

Christian hope takes up and fulfills the hope of the chosen people which has its origin and model in the *hope of Abraham*, who was blessed abundantly by the promises of God fulfilled in Isaac, and who was purified by the test of the sacrifice. ‘Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations’” (CCC 1819).

Christian hope unfolds from the beginning of Jesus’ preaching in the proclamation of the *beatitudes*. The beatitudes raise our hope toward heaven as the new Promised Land; they trace the path that leads through the trials that await the disciples of Jesus. But through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us in the ‘hope that does not disappoint.’



Weekend Contributions: **\$5,888.36**

Prayers Requested: All those on St. Cecilia’s Prayer Chain along with continued prayers for Mary & James Young, Preston Laine, Theresa Rowe, Leroy Dahl, Mike Burrows, Nateley Donohue, Karen Chestney, Jeanneine Moore, Julie Sundet, Stephen Marl, Geri Marchand and all our military parishioners & others serving the country outside the United States.

Prayer for the repose of the soul:

Weekend Mass Intentions

08/24: 5pm: Fr. Lambert Darche, RIP
 08/25: 9am: St. Cecilia’s Parishioners
 11am: Fr. Paolo Goffredo, RIP

Weekday 9 am Mass Intentions

08/26 : **NO MORNING MASS**
 08/27: Fr. Mario Velasco, RIP
 08/28: Fr. Manuel Gonzalez, RIP
 08/29: Fr. Deneval de Souza, RIP
 08/30: Fr. Antonio Perim, RIP
 08/31: Fr. Nobukazu Arai, RIP



Happenings this week . . .

Saturday, Aug 24: 5pm Mass—Fr. Christopher
 Sunday, Aug 25: 9 am Mass - Fr. Christopher
 11am Mass - Fr. Christopher
 12-3pm Parish Picnic
 Monday, Aug 26: **NO MASS**
 Tuesday, Aug 27: 9am Mass
 Wednesday, Aug 28: 9am Mass
 Thursday, Aug 29: 9 am Mass
 Adoration/Benediction
 Adult Catechism Class
 Friday, Aug 30: 9am Mass
 Saturday, Aug 31: 9am Mass
 5pm Mass
 Sunday, Sept 1: 9 am Mass
 11am Mass

Hope is the ‘sure and steadfast anchor of the soul . . . that enters . . . where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.’ Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: ‘Let us . . . put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.’ It affords us joy even under trial: ‘Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation.’ Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire (CCC 1820).

We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere ‘to the end’ and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God’s eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ, her Bridegroom, in the glory of heaven (CCC 1821):

Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that your bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end. (St. Teresa of Jesus, Exclamations 15:3).



LOST . . . St. Cecilia's was "given to use" four stainless steel coffee carafes a number of months ago. To date . . . We only have one! Do you know where the other three are? If anyone "borrowed" one or all three carafes, please inform the Parish Office. We need to be accountable for these items.

A **HUGE** Thank you to all who contributed to our color crayon donation. As always, your giving hearts have filled our coloring basket to the brim!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS . . .

- * Tootsie Roll Sales will be September 14-15 after all Masses
- * Next breakfast will be September 22nd.



ICRS is accepting new applicants for Preschool through 8th grade for upcoming school year. K-8th grade begins September 3 and Pre-K will begin September 10. Please contact the school office for more information... 360-428-3912 or visit online at www.icrsweb.org

WOMEN'S RETREAT

at
Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC
October 11—13, 2019

Please contact Mickey Harrington at 360-387-1030 for information and/or reservations . . . (Space is limited)!

**FALL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
STARTING SEPTEMBER 10TH . . .**

Men and Women: Please join us for our seventh Grief Support Group series to be held this Fall.

Dates: September 10—October 29
Day & Time: Tuesdays, 6:00—8:00 pm
Place: St. Cecilia's; downstairs in Youth Room

See some comments below from participants of the previous sessions regarding what was most valuable to them. This might be just what you need to help you on your journey through grief. Remember that you may be suffering from many kinds of grief. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sharing the grief experience. I didn't know where to start after moving to a new place; then my husband died. You all were the answer to my prayers!! I can go back to the wonderful books."

"Learning that I cannot go through grief alone., I need God and I also need the people that understand grief and want to share my burden."

Members of the Grief Ministry will be in the Social Hall after all Masses August 31-September 1 and again September 7/8 to answer questions & sign you up; or call Joan Love at 360-387-4577.

St. Cecilia Grief Ministry



The **Seamist Orchard** is **OPEN**
now thru Nov 1st!

The abundant fruit is ready! **NEED PICKERS!**
1117 Seamist Lane on Camano. There are many trees, apples, plums, and even big beautiful blackberries. All donations will given to Uganda.

SHOES FOR KIDS . . . Now thru September 12th
9:00 am until 12-Noon

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Parental Identification Required

Students: ages of 5—18 years old



Please feel free to donate to the Marlee Duncan Memorial Shoe Fund. Thank you!



RCIA: Classes for adults will begin September 1st through May 31, 2020. For further information regarding these classes, please contact Kenneth Kron at the Parish Office 360-629-4425.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Please join us at the Carmelite Institute of Spirituality for a Day of Retreat on Saturday, September 14th.

Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD, will be presenting part 2 of "GUIDANCE by the Holy Spirit: GOD-U-I-DANCE." This presentation will be focusing on the teachings of The Theology of the Body based on the writings of St. John Paul II. It will be an interactive presentation including power point slides and video clips.

Fr. Thomas Koller is presently the student master at the Carmelite House of Studies in Mount Angel, Oregon. He holds advanced degrees in Scripture and a Doctorate in Ministry.

The day begins with 9 am Mass at St. Cecilia Church. The presentation begins at 10 am at the St. Teresa House along with a break and reflection period. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided. Lunch is at noon (bring a sack lunch). The Carmelite Bookstore and Gift Shop will also be open from 12-12:45 pm. The day concludes with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1pm and with Benediction; concludes by 2pm.



How is this campaign different from Parish Stewardship? The Annual Catholic Appeal?

Parish Stewardship Renewal helps parishes plan its operating budget for the coming year and finances its ongoing ministries.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* funds the annual, ongoing needs of the archdiocese. Both need to continue during the campaign pledge period.

The *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign is an extraordinary effort and seek gifts beyond the Appeal and parish giving. Together, these efforts strengthen our parishes and ministries this year and for many years to come.