

FEBRUARY 2, 2020
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



St. Philip Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM; 12:00 Noon - Spanish
Weekday Mass: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM
Reconciliation: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 AM; Saturday, 9:30 AM & By Appt.
430 Bozarth Avenue/Mailing: PO Box 2169 Woodland, Washington 98674 Phone: 360-225-8308
Website: www.stphilipwoodland.com
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Joseph Mission

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Weekday Mass: Monday 9:00 AM Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30 PM & By Appt
136 North 4th Street Kalama, Washington 98625
Mailing Address: PO Box 2169 Woodland WA 98674

St. Mary of Guadalupe Mission

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass: Thursday 9:00 AM
Reconciliation: Thursday, 8:30 AM & By Appt.
1520 North 65th Avenue Ridgefield, Washington 98642
Mailing Address: PO Box 2169 Woodland WA 98674
St. Mary Cemetery For Plots: 360-225-8308

Priest Administrator: Father Brian Thompson 360-225-8308
Priest for Hispanic Ministry: Father Jerry Woodman 360-225-8308

St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philip Conference Helpline: 360-841-8734

From Father Thompson,

Once more I would like to bring up the topic of receiving Holy Communion well. We had another host drop last weekend, as well as what could potentially have been fragments of a host discovered on the floor at St. Mary a few weeks ago, and a few other such issues that suggest I should write on this topic again. Traditionally, and for the vast majority of Roman Catholic history, (the Eastern churches have their own customs) Holy Communion was received at least directly on the tongue. For the past few decades, by special permission, The United States has been allowed to receive Holy Communion customarily standing and in our hands. While I recommend the traditional practice (Holy Communion on the tongue, whether kneeling or standing) as more inclined to reverence, to receive in that manner does not make you a better or more of a “real” Catholic. On the other hand, it does mean that it is imperative that those who choose to take advantage of the option to receive Holy Communion in the hand do so with reverence and devotion. I know this is a tall order and is a standard we all fall short of, but that only means that we should come back next time even more intent on showing proper love and respect for Jesus’ gift of Himself to us.

First, we should receive Holy Communion worthily. If we need to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion, we should seek out Confession as fast as possible and abstain from Holy Communion in the mean time (You still need to come to Mass even if you aren't receiving, though). With regard to the actual reception, remember if you receive on the tongue to make your mouth and tongue a very large target for the priest. If you are receiving on the hand, make sure that your palm is up and flat, supported by your other hand. This requires both hands: if you only have one hand available for any reason, you should instead receive on the tongue. Furthermore, your hands should be clean. This not only applies to children, as you might think, but also to those of us who are gardeners or farmers; I know hard work can grind dirt into the ridges of your handprints, but there is a clear difference between hands stained by ground-in dirt and dirt that has not been washed off one’s hands, taking care to properly wash up before Mass is a must. Finally, while the ministers will take care of the drop if either species of the Eucharist falls to the floor, it is still incumbent upon the rest of us to pay enough attention not to step on the spot where it fell if the clean-up is delayed for some reason.

As Catholics, what we do and what we believe are one, and so we need to make sure that we act as if what we believe is actually true (because it is).
In Christ, Fr. Thompson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Gerry Alexander - Evelyn Allen - Katie Blodgett - Jennifer Boehle - Maggie Calhoun - Bob Campbell
Matt Cordor - Kolton DeHaan - Rhondi Ferguson - Theresa Filla - Dan and Judy Harrington
Helen Hernandez - Mary Leslie - Halsten Loomis - Natalia Medina - Maryl Merwin - Lena Molony
Walter Neiman - Vanessa Romero Ortiz - A. J. Patnode - Char Patnode - Pat Quintrell - Deacon David Rapp
Sharon Redd - Bob Renner - Karen and Steve Ridlon - Bob and Renate Ripp - Lynda Robertson
Brandon Rogers - Faith Rogers - Silvia Romero - Fred and Hazel Schaller - Sheldon Somers
Jamie Vasquez - Ted and Vicki Woods

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 3, 2020 ~ **St. Joseph**
9 AM ~ **Nicholas Engerran & Bernadette Engerran**

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 2020
9 AM ~ **Finnley Lyon**

THURSDAY, February 6, 2020 ~ **St. Mary**
9 AM ~ **Rudy Geter †**

FRIDAY, February 7, 2020
9 AM ~ **Meryl Merwin**

SATURDAY, February 8, 2020
9 AM ~ **Bishop Ken Steiner**

SUNDAY OFFERING

Thank you for staying current with your pledge.

January 25-26, 2020

St. Joseph - \$825.00 12 envelopes; 1 loose check
St. Philip - \$1,623.75 23 envelopes; 5 loose checks
St. Mary - \$1,942.00 23 envelopes; 6 loose checks

December 2019 Online Giving

St. Joseph - \$1,950.00
St. Philip - \$3,519.00
St. Mary - \$5,705.00

PARISH NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for WHO-Winter Hospitality Overflow. We are gearing up for our parish's annual week of service: March 8-15. Sign up at St. Mary on Feb 9, 16 and 23. Please consider incorporating this work of mercy in your Lenten observance. For more information contact the Church Office: 360-225-8308.

THANK YOU to everyone that donated to the **NORTHWEST CATHOLIC.** All contributions help send a copy of the **NORTHWEST CATHOLIC** to every registered Catholic household in Western Washington with a message of hope that the world so desperately needs. Your donation is a great way to share the gift of faith with others. *Thank you for your support.*

THE PADRE PIO prayer group will meet this Tuesday at 6:30pm at St. Mary's. Everyone is welcome.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE: There *will not be a meeting* of the **St. Monica Prayer** group this week. We will resume on February 12. **CONSIDER** joining the St. Monica Prayer group meeting with Deacon David as the group reflects on the life of St. Monica, on the Sunday Gospel and prays for the salvation of our children and spouses, particularly those who have separated themselves from the Church.

SEASON OF HOPE Bereavement Support will continue through March 12; 10:30 to Noon at St. Philip. For more information, contact the Church office: 360-225-8308.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Catholic School invites us to their *Annual Shine Auction*, next weekend, Feb. 8 at Warehouse 23. Tickets and information at <http://www.lourdesvan.org>.

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 17-19, in Vancouver, WA. To apply for your WWME Weekend or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter call 503-853-2758 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is a weekend experience for couples preparing for marriage. Registration & Information: 503-267-3605 or www.oregonengagedencounter.org.

RETROUVAILLE is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information about or to register for weekend program, please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

RACHEL'S CORNER *Hope and Healing After Abortion*
Perhaps you have a hard time accepting that you can be forgiven for your role in the abortion decision; understanding that God sees you with love and mercy and wants you to be free of the burden you are carrying. Come to an upcoming Spring Retreat, in English March 6-8 and April 24-26. Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation. English: (206) 920-6413; Español: (206)-450-7814; Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww. *Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. You are loved with an everlasting Love!*

THE WOODLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS Family Community Resource Center is in need of canned proteins such as peanut butter, tuna and chicken; donations of peanut butter, jelly and bread are also welcome. Your donations can be dropped off in the Church Office. *No child should go hungry; can you help? ~Thank you!*

"Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!"

Psalm 24



Have you considered ONLINE GIVING?

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Sign up today to give all your Sunday offerings and donations.

St. Philip Parishioners,

go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/4167

St. Joseph Parishioners,

go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/4762

St. Mary Parishioners,

go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/4233

If you have any questions,
please call the Office at 360-225-8308

THANK YOU SO MUCH for helping save lives with your **blood donation** at St. Mary. We registered **17** donors and collected **14** units. This means that after the whole blood is tested and broken down to its components of red blood cells, plasma, and platelets - **we helped save roughly 42 patients** in our community. Thank you, we couldn't do it without you.

ST. MARY CEMETERY † FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

In alignment with the installation and blessing of St. Mary's Columbarium, the Cemetery Committee will be hosting a **"Planning Today for Tomorrow"** seminar at Noon on February 16 at **St. Mary**. This seminar will discuss Catholic funeral rites—including resources to pre-plan, the Church's teaching on cremation, and our Catholic Cemetery's ministry of burial and care for our faithful departed. All are welcome, even if your family uses another cemetery.

ST. MARY OF GUADALUPE NEWS

THE FEED THE LAMBS collection is today; thank you for your donations to the church to support our local schools and St. Vincent de Paul.

THANK YOU to everyone that donated life saving blood last week.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, Feb. 3 at 6PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

COME JOIN US following Mass on Feb. 8 for Valentine's Day potluck dinner. The Phone Tree will call regarding what to bring.

IF ANY PARISHIONER has a child or grandchild in the military or who works as a police officer or EMT, please let the Parish office know if you wish to have them prayed for at our Saturday night Mass.

ST. PHILIP NEWS

JOIN US FOR First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday following Mass. Sign up to spend an hour with the Lord.

The **Altar Society Bake Sale** will be next Sunday.

HAVE YOU thought about signing up for coffee and donuts but don't know exactly what to do...sign up with a friend or offer to help those that are serving. It is a social time and you meet the nicest people! The Sign up sheet for coffee and donuts is posted, please help with this ministry!