

FEBRUARY 9, 2020
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Salt &
Light**

*Jesus said
to his disciples:
“You are the salt
of the earth...
You are the light
of the world...
Matthew 5:13-6*

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,

One of the biggest barriers so many people experience to the fruitfulness of God's word in their lives is the presence of an irregular marital situation. As Catholics, we are required to be married in the church (if we are married). This is not for some sort of arbitrary reason, it is a reflection that between baptized Christians it is not possible to have another kind of marriage than a sacramental one; Christian couples can be married in the civil law as well, indeed the Church requires it, but we cannot (or should not) be in a solely civil marriage. A civil marriage is merely a legal contract, the Sacrament of Matrimony is something far more profound: the establishment of a new family. In fact, the word Matrimony comes from the Latin word for mother, *mater*, which makes perfect sense: she is the heart and foundation of the family; Adam was not complete without Eve.

A household founded on or held together by the contractual obligations of civil marriage, or even the natural bond of having children together, is like someone unbaptized, or baptized in another name than that of the triune God: He goes through life without the grace and benefit of God's help that would have come from the Sacrament of Baptism. Those who find themselves in solely civil marriages are trying to navigate family life, one of the most difficult human activities, without the help of divine grace that comes from the Sacrament of Matrimony. This is not to say that the Sacrament of Matrimony means everything will be perfect, but with God's grace supporting you and your spouse, you will be able to weather any difficulty together (though, always remember the marriage bond never obliges one to remain in a household where one is abused or unsafe; Spouses can, and sometimes should, live apart if there is infidelity or abuse). Also, there are practical benefits of the Sacrament of Matrimony, one of the most important being that a lifelong, faithful, and whole-life bond of Matrimony gives your children a sense of stability beyond what civil legal obligations can; it also provides them an example to follow in their own lives.

I know we all have pasts, and many people find themselves living in less than ideal situations regarding the state of their marriages and families. Fortunately, no situation is unfixable. It may take time. It may be difficult or complicated in many ways (although, perhaps far easier than you may think). However, if you want to enjoy the grace God is so eager to bring into your life, addressing an irregular marital situation should not be delayed. If you need your marital situation, or anything that constitutes a barrier to your practice of your faith, rectified, please talk to me or another priest.

In Christ, Fr. Thompson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Gerry Alexander - Evelyn Allen - Katie Blodgett - Jennifer Boehle - Maggie Calhoun - Bob Campbell
Matt Corder - Kolton DeHaan - Rhondi Ferguson - Theresa Filla - Dan and Judy Harrington
Helen Hernandez - Frank Lee - 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 10, 2020 ~ **St. Joseph**
9 AM ~ **Rev. Joseph O'Shea †**

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2020
9 AM ~ **John Cranston †**

THURSDAY, February 13, 2020 ~ **St. Mary**
9 AM ~ **Richard Filippuzzi**

FRIDAY, February 14, 2020
9 AM ~ **Scott Collins †**

SATURDAY, February 15, 2020
9 AM ~ **Fr. Titus Bayoni**

SUNDAY OFFERING

Thank you for staying current with your pledge.

February 1-2, 2020

St. Joseph - \$1,269.00 19 envelopes; 1 loose check

St. Philip - \$2,129.75 25 envelopes; 5 loose checks

St. Mary - \$2,193.00 28 envelopes; 4 loose checks

January 2020 Online Giving

St. Joseph - \$1,385.00

St. Philip - \$3,212.00

St. Mary - \$5,050.00

PARISH NEWS

SIGN UPS BEGIN TODAY...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 today, Feb 9, and February 16 and 23. Please consider incorporating this work of mercy in your Lenten observance. For more information contact the Church Office: 360-225-8308.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Youth of our Parish who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. "May your faith be strengthened and your love increase." Many thanks to catechists, family members and parishioners for your support of our children.

PLEASE PRAY for our Confirmation retreatants as they attend a confirmation retreat next weekend.

PRAY FOR ALL of our Faith Formation students that are preparing for First Eucharist.

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. Meetings are each Thursday at 9:45AM at St. Philip.

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

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Learn the tools of forgiveness and healing 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.

CONSIDERING Separation or Divorce? Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille has brought healing to 10's of 1000's of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about *Retrouvaille*, or to register for our upcoming program on Feb. 21-23, 2020, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

RACHEL'S CORNER Hope and Healing After Abortion. Relief can begin by coming on a Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat. Spring retreats 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.

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. ~ **Thank you!**

TAX DONATION LETTERS - If you have any questions regarding your 2019 tax donation letter, please call the church office, 360-225-8308. We are happy to help you.

WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Today is World Marriage Sunday, an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

February is a time to celebrate love and marriage. Join the celebration of **National Marriage Week** (Feb. 7-14). It is a collaborative effort to promote marriage as a benefit to husbands, wives and the community, as well as the best environment in which to raise children.

Resources are available to promote healthy marriage at USCCB's website www.foryourmarriage.org

ST. MARY CEMETERY † FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

"PLANNING TODAY FOR TOMORROW" seminar hosted by the Cemetery Committee will be **next** Sunday, February 16, 12 Noon at **St. Mary**. All are welcome, even if your family uses another cemetery. See the insert for more information.

ST. MARY OF GUADALUPE NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone that donated to the Feed the Lambs collection to support our local schools and St. Vincent de Paul. **ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass this Thursday from 1 to 5PM. Come and spend an hour with the Lord.

PARENTS of St. Mary Elementary Faith Formation: On February 23, the students will view the *Touching Safety Program*, a lesson in abuse prevention and safety, a dvd/video from the Archdiocese of Seattle. It is 15 minutes in length and will be viewed during class time. Parents do have the option to "OPT OUT" by completing a form you were given. To help you understand what the dvd/video covers, you can visit: <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/SEP/faithformation.aspx>.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

COME JOIN us tonight following Mass (Feb. 8) for Valentine's Day potluck dinner!! Bring your loved one!

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 the **Altar Society Bake Sale** in the Hall today.

THE SIGN UP sheet for coffee and donuts is posted, please help with this ministry!