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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 November 2020

The Fog of Worship

Mike Kerrigan, Wall Street Journal, 5 November 2020

I've never minded wearing eyeglasses to see distances, as I must. Contact lenses always felt too invasive, while the potential side effects of vision-correction surgery frightened me.

Never, that is, until the coronavirus era. It became clear, so to speak, during a recent Sunday Mass. Because I wear a mask to church, I have about a quarter-minute of altar visibility before breathing renders my spectacles useless. Thus I remove them when seated in the pews and focus on listening to the homily.

When it came time for the Communion Procession, I put my glasses back on and took my place in line. The altar amble took about 15 seconds, and, on receiving the Eucharist, two thoughts entered my mind. First, God is good. Second, as Steve Winwood, then of-fittingly-Blind Faith, put it, I can't find my way home.

Through fogged-up lenses, what once was familiar suddenly seemed sinister. The serpentine ropes cordoned off socially distant rows with praetorian efficiency, but also duped the dim-sighted in a forest of pew after empty wooden pew.

Panicking, I committed to the wrong row as I lost my way in the fog, instantly realizing "right church, wrong pew" is more than an idiom. This was certain when the iPhone I'd counted on for dead reckoning wasn't on the bench where I expected it to be. I felt like Henry Fonda picking strawberries in "On Golden Pond," the moment he realized he was lost.

A kinder, older parishioner guided me back to my original seat. He seemed to enjoy applying the "do a good turn daily" script by helping someone so seemingly able-bodied across the proverbial street. Nor was it the day's last lesson in humility.

Two rows behind me was my good friend Greg, the sharp-witted type you hope doesn't see you when you trip on the street. He witnessed everything, and whispered to me a prayer from the Irish-Catholic hymnal: Get your, ahem, stuff together.

I have never experienced the fog of war, but I have endured the fog of worship. I wouldn't wish it on anybody.



Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, 9 am, November 26
At St Augustine Church

Reservations are required to attend the Mass. Please make your reservation between November 23 and November 25. Wearing a mask and social distancing will be strictly observed.

The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be livestreamed to our Facebook page: St Augustine Catholic Church and later on posted to our website at www.staugustineoh.org

Sit, Kneel or Stand? What To Do at Mass

Here in the Pacific Northwest, everyone does their one thing during Holy Communion. Sit, kneel or stand? All three are happening at the same time!

To bring unity to our worship, Archbishop Etienne has legislated new laws for what to do at Holy Communion, based on the universal law, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*.

Effective Saturday, November 28, Archbishop Etienne requires

1. After the *Holy, Holy* **we kneel** until after the *Amen* of the Eucharistic Prayer.
2. After the *Lord's Prayer* and *Peace*, **we remain standing during the *Lamb of God***.
3. After the *Lamb of God*, **we kneel** until we go forward for Holy Communion.
4. When we return to our places after Holy Communion, **we may kneel or sit**.

EXCEPTIONS

At St Mary and in the Parish Hall at St Augustine, because we have no kneelers, you are **not required to kneel** (*GIRM* 43).

In these places, it is appropriate to stand from the *Holy, Holy* through receiving Holy Communion, after which you may sit.

If you prefer to **kneel** during the Eucharistic Prayer and again **after the *Lamb of God***, that is your choice.

In any place, it is **improper to sit** during the Eucharistic Prayer, unless you are unable to kneel or stand.



Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" cards after the 11:15 am Sunday Mass between November 15th - November 22nd at the base of the steps on 3rd street outside of St. Mary's Church.

Beat the rush,
get your cards early!

A note from
St Mary Works of Mercy Team

We know that social isolation, especially among seniors, is causing negative impacts. We would like to offer, to any seniors in our parish, a weekly wellness call. If you would like a call from us to see how you are doing or just chat with a caring member of our faith community, just leave your name & phone number on our parish phone 360-678-6536 and one of our team will call you soon. Coming soon we will put out details for our yearly Christmas drive for warm, new, items for the needy! God Bless all of you!

**Please Pray for
Our Families & Friends**

For those during this COVID-19 pandemic, those who are ill, those who are going to have or are recovering from surgery, those in Careage or other rehabilitation facilities. For our military both at home or deployed, and for those who may be away attending college.

Tina Hamilton
Richard McCormick ~ Naomi Puhr

PFC Zachary McCormick, US Army National Guard

For the repose of the soul of John "Jack" Moeller

~Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list.

~To include a loved one's name, please call the Parish Office at 360-678-6536.

Connect with Father Paul
ppluth@staugustineoh.org



Facebook:
www.facebook.com/FatherPaulPluth



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Because of the COVID-19 virus we want to keep our receptionist Peggy safe and contact free, so we are asking our St Mary parishioners to please be sure that you are sending St Mary mail to the correct Oak Harbor address.

St Mary
PO BOX 1319
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Inaccurately addressed St Mary mail is going to a non-Catholic family in Oak Harbor, who are moving away, so PLEASE be sure to send it to the P.O. Box and City written above.

Pastoral Council Corner
Cookbook Ministry

All adults and even children who like to cook
PLEASE send in your favorite recipes,.

You are each invited to send in at least one recipe
for our St. Mary Parish Cookbook.

Pick any type of recipe that is your favorite or are favorites of your family and friends.

If you have a short story to tell about your recipe, be sure to include it!

Invite others to send in their recipes

as well. Let's make this a joyful parish project.

This is a safe way to connect and share good eats!

You can even take a photo of it with your cell and

forward to Peggy. ☐

pmccormick@staugustineoh.org

Thank you to those who have responded.

Keep sending them in.



This Week of November 15-22 at St. Mary

Sun 11/15	9:30 am Mass Livestream (FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church) 11:15 am Mass at St Mary (reservation only)
Mon 11/16	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Tue 11/17	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Wed 11/18	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Thu 11/19	9:30am - 12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org 11:00-12:30pm Private prayer - wear face mask or no entry, sanitize hands and observe social distancing
Fri 11/20	9:30am - 12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
Sat 11/21	No activity
Sun 11/22	9:30 am Mass Livestream (FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church) 11:15 am Mass at St Mary (reservation only) RIP +Diana Schmidt 12:15pm "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas Card sales

Mass Reservations

From Monday 9 am to Thursday 4 pm
You may make a reservation online
www.staugustineoh.org
or by phone at 360-675-2303 Ext. 23

Please take note: Make sure to list each person's first name in your reservation. Mass-goers not from the same household cannot be seated together.

No reservation & No mask, No entry.

New Entry into St Augustine church will be in the vestibule (because of winter)



The Agape meal program is providing brown bag dinners from 4:30-5:30 pm on Mondays from the St Augustine vestibule

Next Baptisms are scheduled for February 13
(subject to change depending on Covid restrictions)

Baptism class is scheduled on Saturday, January 9, from 9:00 am to noon on Zoom. Please call Peggy Smith at 360-675-2303 ext. 5 to register, where you will receive instructions about the Zoom classes.

St Mary Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention for an 11:15 am Sunday Mass please call the receptionist at 360 - 678 - 6536, Mon. - Fri. 9:30 am - 12 noon (leave a message) or email at ccormick@staugustineoh.org.

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St Mary Works of Mercy

St Mary Works of Mercy is having a drive for warm socks, hats and gloves. These items will be collected to give to men and women in need. Due to Covid-19 we can only accept **NEW** items in original packages or in clear baggies. You may bring your donations to our church before Mass on December 6th & 13th. There will be boxes available for you gifts. If you have any questions regarding this drive, please leave us a message at our parish office (360-678-6536) and someone from our team will answer you as soon as possible.

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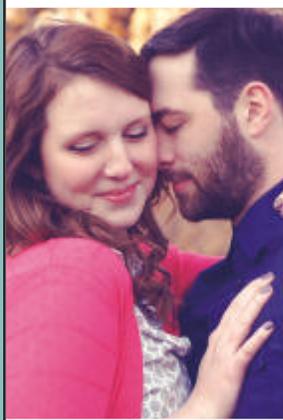
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