

WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

Parish Mission Statement: *To love God and our neighbor through worship in our Catholic tradition, committed witness, and good works.*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2019

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CHRIST
OUR HOPE
IN EVERY SEASON OF *Life*

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Fifth & W. Waldrip, Elma, Washington

Mass	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Faith Formation	Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	
Communion Service	Monday	12:00 p.m.
Mass	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Adoration	Friday	5:00-5:45 p.m.
Confession	Friday	5:00-5:45 p.m.
Mass	Friday	6:00 p.m.
All Parish Adoration	1st Saturday of the month	3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

St. John's Catholic Church

414 E. Broadway St., Montesano, Washington

Mass	Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Mass	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Mass	Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Adoration	Saturday	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Confession	Saturday	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Mass	Saturday	5:00 p.m.

Christians should heed God's command to "be attentive and obey" their guardian angel and listen to "their inspirations, which are always from the Holy Spirit."

- Pope Francis

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9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Closed 12-1 p.m.)

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Download the Online Giving app on your mobile device to make it easy to support your parish:
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/2942>



The Knights of Columbus meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Visit us online at www.twosaints.us

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 29, 2019

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS STEWARDSHIP - GOD GIVES IT ALL THEN CALLS US TO SHARE		
Collection Dates	Collected	
St. John's		
St. Joseph's		
Online Giving		
	St. John's	St. Joseph's
April	\$640.00	\$500.00
CCS	\$75.00	
May	\$640.00	\$490.00

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

If you have not already responded in sending in your pledge donation to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, please say yes today. Gifts of any amount are welcome.

We encourage you to fulfill your pledge to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.
Your help is greatly appreciated.

2019 Rebate status report as of 9-19-2019	St. John	St. Joseph
Number of gifts received as of 8-31-2019	76	60
ACA parish goal	\$ 10,215.00	\$ 11,440.00
Total funds received as of 8-31-2019	\$9,062.54	\$8,403.35
Total shortfall	\$1,152.46	\$3,036.65
Total rebate	none	none

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: Fr. Kaech of St. Edward's will be the Spiritual Director on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje on Oct. 26-Nov. 4, 2019. Cost is \$2,799-departing from Seattle. Please contact Gary at Magnificat Tours at 1-877-333-9290. www.magnificattours.com

Baptism, Marriage, Other Services, Scheduling Appointments with Father Banduku:

Know someone who is no longer attending Mass? Do you need home Communion?

Call the office at 360-482-3190 to schedule a time.

Anointing of the Sick

Call parish office
360-482-3190
Emergency phone number
for Fr. Charles:
360-451-7040

Special Intention Mass

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your special intention. Contact the parish office to schedule a weekday Mass intention.

Deadline for items placed in
the bulletin
Wednesday noon
p hm.twosaints@gmail.com

2019 Cornerstone Catholic Conference

The 2019 Cornerstone Catholic Conference is two days of networking, workshops, and keynote speakers that will inspire you. You'll meet all of the Washington state bishops, including Seattle's new Archbishop Paul Etienne. You'll also hear about the latest issues impacting the Church today, including:

- Respecting human life
- Care for the environment
- Mental Illness
- Immigration
- Racism
- And more

We are excited to welcome Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridgeport, CT, a strong advocate for outreach to young Catholics, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, who will share an inspiring story of conversion and her efforts in drawing closer to Jesus and Sr. Norma Pimentel, who will share first hand encounters with migrants and refugees.

Bring a friend and join other Washington State Catholics, October 18 and 19, at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center to:

- Advance your learning about Catholic teaching on today's pressing issues.
- Connect with other Catholics, just like you from across the state.
- Discover meaningful actions that can help our neighbors living in poverty or on the margins of society.
- Grow your passion for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to life today.

Register online at WACatholics.org.



Please join us in prayerful protest to protect God's sweetest creation, the Unborn Baby. During 40 Days for Life, September 25 to November 3, 2019, we will peacefully pray at a sidewalk ministry and hand out information to encourage Adoption, not Abortion. We can pair you with experienced people for a 1 or 2-hour shift of your choice on any of the 40 days (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Please be a voice for the Unborn. Call Jill Lagergren 360-482-3853.

Please Consider Praying the Rosary During the 40 Days for Life

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/prayers/Rosary.aspx>

Pro-Life Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary, By Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life

The rosary is a devotion strongly embraced by the pro-life movement. This is so for good reasons, because in the Hail Mary we praise a mother, and we worship the fruit of her womb. Our salvation began because a mother said yes to the life within her! In the rosary we also say, "Pray for US sinners." We don't point the finger at others, but rather at ourselves. We know that sin that is in the world, but we start by repenting of the sin within us. That is the best way to rebuild the Culture of Life.

Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection: Christ is Risen! By his Resurrection, He has destroyed the power of death, and therefore the power of abortion. The outcome of the battle for Life has already been decided: Life is victorious! Let us pray that all proliferators will spread this victory to every segment of our society.

The Ascension: By ascending to the Father's throne, Christ takes our human nature, given to us in the womb, to the heights of heaven. He shows us that human beings are made to be raised to heaven, not thrown in the garbage. Let us pray that the world may learn this truth and reject abortion.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate: He pleads our cause, for we cannot save ourselves. We pray that He will make us advocates for the babies, who cannot speak or write or vote or protest or even pray.

The Assumption: The Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven because she is the Mother of God. Mother and child are united. The Assumption reminds us that they belong together. We pray that society will see that it cannot love women while killing their children, and cannot save children without helping their mothers. We pray that people will be touched by the pro-life question, "Why can't we love them both?"

The Coronation: Mary is the Queen of the Universe. The Church teaches that she is the greatest creature, second only to God Himself. The Church defends the dignity of women. We pray that people will understand that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that to be pro-woman demands that we be pro-life.

Por favor considere rezar el rosario durante los 40 días para la vida

Meditaciones pro-vida sobre los misterios del rosario, por el p. Frank Pavone, Director Nacional, Sacerdotes por la Vida

El rosario es una devoción fuertemente abrazada por el movimiento pro-vida. Esto es así por buenas razones, porque en el Ave María alabamos a una madre y adoramos el fruto de su vientre. ¡Nuestra salvación comenzó porque una madre dijo que sí a la vida dentro de ella! En el rosario también decimos: "Oren por los pecadores estadounidenses". No señalamos con el dedo a los demás, sino a nosotros mismos. Sabemos que el pecado está en el mundo, pero comenzamos por arrepentirnos del pecado dentro de nosotros. Esa es la mejor manera de reconstruir la Cultura de la Vida.

Misterios Gloriosos

La Resurrección: Cristo ha resucitado! Por su Resurrección, El ha destruido el poder de la muerte, y por ende el poder del aborto. El resultado de esta batalla por la Vida ya ha sido decidida: La Vida es victoriosa! Oremos para que todos los que luchan por la vida puedan extender esta victoria a cada rincón de nuestra sociedad.

La Ascensión: Al Ascender al Trono de Dios Padre, Cristo toma nuestra naturaleza humana, la cual fue dada en el vientre de nuestras Madres, y la lleva hacia lo más alto del cielo. El nos demuestra que los seres humanos hemos sido creados para ser elevados al cielo y no para ser descartados al fondo de los basureros. Oremos para que el mundo entero comprenda esta verdad y rechace el aborto.

La Venida del Espíritu Santo: El Espíritu Santo es el Defensor: El ruega por nuestra causa, ya que no podemos salvarnos a nosotros mismos. Oremos para que El nos convierta en defensores de los niños, que no pueden hablar o escribir, que no pueden votar ni protestar, ni tampoco orar.

La Asunción: La Santísima Virgen María fue asunta en cuerpo y alma al cielo porque ella es la Madre de Dios. Madre e Hijo son reunidos. La Asunción nos recuerda que ellos se pertenecen el uno al otro. Oramos para que la sociedad vea que no puede amar a las mujeres mientras mata a sus hijos, y no puede salvar a los niños si no ayuda a sus Madres. Oremos para que la gente sea tocada de manera muy especial por la pregunta que propone el derecho a la vida "¿Porqué no podemos amarlos a ambos?"

La Coronación: Santa María es la Reina del Universo. Ella es la criatura más grande, segunda solo al mismo Dios. La Iglesia defiende la dignidad de la mujer. Oremos para que la gente comprenda que ser pro-vida significa ser pro-mujer, y que ser pro-mujer exige ser pro-vida.

Respect Life Reflection
Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the 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" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

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Reflexión Respetemos la Vida
Cristo es nuestra esperanza en cada etapa de la vida

Desde el momento en que fuimos tejidos en el vientre de nuestra madre hasta que exhalamos el último suspiro, cada momento de nuestra vida es un don de Dios. Aunque cada etapa de la vida trae sus propios desafíos y pruebas, también nos brinda nuevas oportunidades para crecer en nuestra relación con Dios.

Hoy el don de la vida está amenazado de incontables maneras. Los más desamparados, en lugar de recibir la protección que merecen, demasiado a menudo son vistos como una carga y como prescindibles. A medida que siguen surgiendo nuevos ataques a la vida humana, podemos sentirnos tentados a desesperarnos, pero en cambio Cristo nos ofrece una esperanza inquebrantable.

La esperanza no es un falso optimismo o una positividad vacía. La esperanza cristiana es algo mucho más profundo y llega a lo más hondo de nuestra identidad como seguidores de Cristo.

La esperanza es la virtud "por la que aspiramos al Reino de los cielos y a la vida eterna como felicidad nuestra, poniendo nuestra confianza en las promesas de Cristo y apoyándonos no en nuestras fuerzas, sino en los auxilios de la gracia del Espíritu Santo" (CIC 1817).

Tal como nosotros, Cristo entró en el mundo por mediación del vientre de una mujer. Él voluntariamente asumió la plenitud del sufrimiento humano. Exhaló su último suspiro en la cruz del Calvario para poder salvarnos. Por lo tanto, "Dios es el fundamento de la esperanza; pero no cualquier dios, sino el Dios que tiene un rostro humano y que nos ha amado hasta el extremo" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Los cristianos saben que "tienen un futuro: no es que conozcan los pormenores de lo que les espera, pero saben que su vida, en conjunto, no acaba en el vacío" (SS 2).

Por esta razón, una mujer que atraviesa por un embarazo difícil puede encontrar la fuerza para acoger a su preciado hijo en el mundo. Un hombre que enfrenta un diagnóstico terminal puede ver que el final de su vida terrenal es solo el comienzo de la vida eterna con Cristo.

La Iglesia nos enseña que "quien tiene esperanza vive de otra manera" (SS 2). La salvación que Cristo nos promete no significa que nos libraremos del sufrimiento. Más bien, la promesa de salvación asegura que, incluso en los momentos más oscuros de nuestra vida, se nos dará la fuerza para perseverar. En virtud de esta esperanza cristiana, podemos enfrentar cualquier desafío o prueba. Cuando los mares de la vida se hinchan y las olas nos golpean, la esperanza nos permite permanecer anclados en el corazón de Dios. Aferrémonos a Cristo nuestra esperanza, desde el principio de la vida hasta su fin.

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