

# CONNECTIONS

Your Resource for Building a Strong Catholic Family

## Ordinary Life in the Church



This time of year makes us think about summer and the ordinary life in the church. We have just celebrated the feast of Pentecost which should remind us of the Holy Spirit.

### Child

In whose care did Jesus place the Catholic Church?

Jesus placed the Catholic Church in the care of the Holy Spirit. How long will the Holy Spirit remain with the Church? The Holy Spirit will remain with the Church until the end of time.

### Questioning Mind

On what day did the Holy Spirit come down upon the Apostles? The Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles ten days after the Ascension of Jesus; which is called Pentecost. Pentecost means fifty and is the fiftieth day after Easter.

Will the Holy Spirit abide with the Church forever?

The Holy Spirit will abide with the Church forever, and guide it in the way of holiness and truth. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church is enabled to enlighten, strengthen, comfort, and sanctify humans.

### More Advanced Person of Faith

Why did Jesus send the Holy Spirit?

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to sanctify His Church, to enlighten and strengthen the Apostles, and to enable them to preach the Gospel. One of the four marks of the Church is holiness. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to be holy by conferring upon the Church and its members the graces which Jesus earned by His death. The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles understanding of all that Jesus had said and done. The Holy Spirit also strengthened the Apostles by giving them courage to meet every danger while carrying out their apostolic mission. Similarly, He also gives us strength through the sacrament of Confirmation.

## The Chaplet of Divine Mercy



### What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a special devotional prayer said by Catholics all over the world. Like the rosary, it is said using the rosary beads to help keep track of the prayers. Jesus revealed the message of Divine Mercy to a Polish nun named Sister Faustina beginning in 1931. Sr. Faustina was later canonized a saint in April of 2000. If you've seen the image of Jesus with rays pouring forth from his heart with his hands outstretched, then you've seen the image of the Divine Mercy. At the bottom of this image are the words, "Jesus I Trust in You."

### How to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

#### On the three beads above the crucifix say:

One Our Father, One Hail Mary and the Apostles' Creed.

#### On the Our Father beads before each decade say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

#### On the ten Hail Mary beads of each Decade say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

#### After five decades repeat three times:

Holy God, Holy Might One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### Optional concluding prayer say:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

The three o'clock hour (the hour Christ died) is known as the hour of divine mercy. Many people say this prayer during that hour but it can be said any time. Great mercy and graces can come to those who pray this prayer. Why not try it and see how it changes your life.

## Symbol Key



### Prayer and Worship

Understanding what happens at Mass and incorporating prayer into family life.



### Family (The Domestic Church)

Incorporating Catholic customs and traditions into family life.



### Formation

Fills in the holes of faith knowledge that may have missed growing up and highlights what makes Catholics distinct



### Charity and Service

Highlights charity and service opportunities for the family within St. Francis Parish and the greater community.

## Charity and Service



### "I'm bored..."

This is the one phrase (or some version like it) that is guaranteed to drive most parents crazy over the summer. Here are some resources parents can use to help their kids understand the value of service in their own homes and communities:

The [Kid Activities](http://www.kidactivities.net/post/Community-Service-Ideas-for-Kids) website has a great list of service ideas for kids of all ages and interests. While this is not specifically geared toward the Catholic community, there are some wonderful ideas for parents and caregivers.

<http://www.kidactivities.net/post/Community-Service-Ideas-for-Kids>

Don't forget to complete your Ministries sign up sheet. There are several opportunities for families to be involved at St. Francis.

## When Does Jesus Go on Vacation?



Jesus is always present. His love for us never goes on vacation. Summer is quickly approaching and as you begin to make family vacation plans,

don't forget to take Jesus along. One interesting thing about traveling is visiting different parishes. Doesn't Mass always feel like home no matter where we are? The readings we hear at St Francis on Sunday are the same readings that are being heard in the U.S., Australia, Italy, Egypt, etc.

In the spirit of positively encouraging everyone to attend weekly Mass, we are announcing a Summer Mass Contest.

Here are the guidelines:

1. Attend Mass while on vacation.
2. Bring back a bulletin and/or photo of the parish you attended.
3. Turn them into the parish office with your name, phone number, the name of the parish and the date you attended Mass at that location.
4. All entries must be submitted to the parish office by 9/4/12.

We will decorate the wall in the Narthex with the bulletins and photos that are submitted by the deadline. It will be nice for us to share with each other where we've been over the summer and what parishes we visited. A lucky winner will be drawn

from all the entries and will be given first position in the food line at the Parish Picnic on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Need help finding a Church at your destination? Go to [www.TheCatholicDirectory.com](http://www.TheCatholicDirectory.com) and pick a state. Parishes are organized by city. Click on a city to find the different parishes. Click on a parish and the Mass times will come up!

### Here are a few local references:

#### Seaside, Oregon

St Peter the Fisherman Mission  
79441 Hwy 101  
Arch Cape OR 97102  
Sat 5:30pm, Sun 9:30am

#### Lincoln City, Oregon

St Augustine Parish  
1139 NW Hwy 101  
Lincoln City OR 97367  
Sat 5:30pm, Sun 8:30 & 11:00am

#### Sunriver, Oregon

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
18160 Cottonwood Rd  
Sunriver OR 97707  
Sat 5:30pm, Sun 8:00am

### Have a Safe & Blessed Summer!



## Word Search

ASLEEP	MASTER
AWAKEN	MESSIAH
BETHANY	PASSOVER
BLIND	PERFUMED
BROTHER	PERTURBED
BURIAL	PHARISEES
CAIAPHAS	PROPHESED
CAVE	RABBI
DISCIPLES	RESURRECTION
EPHRAIM	RISE
FATHER	ROMANS
GLORIFIED	SANHEDRIN
JERUSALEM	SIGNS
JUDEA	SISTER
LAZARUS	STONE
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LIGHT	TEMPLE
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### Mission Statement

The Strong Catholic Families initiative at St. Francis Parish will provide support to help families pass on the traditions of the faith and share the love of Christ.

For more information visit: <http://www.stfrancissherwood.org/>

(Go to: Faith Formation then Strong Catholic Families)