



“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” — Mt 16:26-27

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**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT**

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Parish Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday @ Noon

BAPTISMS: By appointment

MARRIAGES: By appointment, at least six months prior to marriage

NEW FAMILIES: Kindly register by calling the rectory

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4-4:30 pm

or by appointment



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	September	3	8:00 am	Joe & Gladys Herinckx † and Family Members by Michael Herinckx
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	September	4	8:00 am	Pete Jansen † by Don & Mathyl Stalp
Tuesday	September	5	8:00 am	Marlene VanDyke † by Walt & Margie Vandehey
Wednesday	September	6	8:00 am	Francis & June Noll † by Family
Thursday	September	7	8:00 am	Johnny Vandehey † by Tom & Debbie Vuylsteke
Friday	September	8	8:30 am	Chris Lux † by Leo & Karen Duyck
Saturday	September	9	5:00 pm	Vickie Lewis † by Terry & Donna Smith

Weekday Servers:

Sept 4: Volunteers (Labor Day)
 Sept 5: Volunteers (First Day of School)
 Sept 6-7: Kara and Owen Finegan

August 26th & 27th

Your Gift to God
 Envelopes & Checks: \$3,158.00
 Loose Collection: \$458.69



Weekend Masses For September 9th & 10th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Beth Sahlfeld	Joe Finegan	Judy Verboort
Eucharistic Host Minister	Paul Hepler	Tammy Scheenstra	Don Vandehey
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Byron Schmidlkofer Volunteer	Lorna Vandecoevering Mel Finegan	Patty Vanderzanden Paul Heesacker
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Terry Smith	Tom Herinckx Leo Pelster	Aaron, Andy, James and Francis Duyck
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Dani Hammond Natalie Stewart Alexander Stewart CB	Noah Wahlberg Michael Wahlberg Daniel Wahlberg CB	Andrew Kloplic Lauren Kloplic Maddie Kloplic CB
Music	Bethany Stewart Heather Renshaw	Regina McLoud	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

Labor Day - The School Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

First Day of School - First Day of School will be on Tuesday, September 5th. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.

Looking for a fun fall sport?? Join the 2017 Visitation Cross Country Team - Practice starts Thursday September 7th after school at Visitation. Practices are on Monday and Thursday's after school until 4:45pm (time will be adjusted to after choir when choir begins). Cross Country is open to Visitation and St. Francis 4th grade-8th grade boys and girls no running experience required. Please see attached document sheet for additional information. Contact Tom or Jenny Pelster tjpelster@gmail.com for questions.

Dinner Night Out - Join us at Red Robin on Sunday, September 17th, 2405 SE Tualatin Valley Hwy, Hillsboro from 5-9 pm. 20% of proceeds towards the new Visitation Catholic School Building. *Please bring flyer with you to the restaurant in order for Visitation Catholic School to receive credit*

Scrip - Scrip is available when the School Office is open from 8:10 am to 8:40 am in the School/Convent basement and after each weekend Mass. Questions, contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449.

Called to Protect Class -Would You Like To Volunteer? Then you will need to take the called to Protect Class.

First Time Volunteers

For first time volunteers, you are required to watch the Called to Protect Video and complete a background check (\$15 fee, last for 3 years). See the following for dates and times:

Sept. 10th at 6 pm, Sept. 15th at 10 am or 1 pm, Sept. 22nd at 12:30 pm or 2:30 pm, Sept 24th at 6 pm (at the Parish Center), Sept. 29th at 10 am or 1 pm. All classes are held in the convent unless noted. Please **RSVP** to one of the above classes by emailing our school secretary at secretary@vcsknights.org or 503-357-6990. Thank you!

Continuing Volunteers

Online Class needs to be Completed by: School/Church Deadline- November 10th

Thank you to all our current volunteers for the past 2016-2017 school year. This is the time of year when you are required to take a new course for continuation of volunteering. For questions please contact our school secretary at secretary@vcsknights.org. Thank you.

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Last week, as it is custom at both schools, there is a day of recollection with the school faculty and staff. This year's theme focused upon Catholic Social Teaching. As I shared with the staff, there are 7 principles: 1) Dignity of the Human Person, 2) Community and the Common Good, 3) Rights and Responsibilities, 4) Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, 5) Dignity of Human Work, 6) Stewardship of Creation and 7) Solidarity.

In our discussion on the 5th principle regarding dignity of human work and how it can be taught to our children, we focused upon making sure that our children understanding the value of hard work. When we complete our homework or project, it builds confidence, self-esteem, and self-worth. For this reason, taking short cuts or cutting corners by copying another's work, cheating, or not completing one's homework or project from start to finish does not affirm the dignity of work nor affirm one's own human dignity.

The same rationale also applies to addressing in a charitable way towards panhandlers who are seeking a monetary handout on the side of the road. Although it might make us feel better to throw some loose change, it is in fact demeaning of his or her human dignity. Human self-esteem, self-worth, and confidence is built up when we provide opportunities to put in a good and hard day's work.

For this reason, many will remember that those who were standing on the street corners or on the sidewalk on overpasses, offered the service of washing car windows, offering produce or flowers to be purchased from their gardens. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case.

If we are compelled to help, we can live out the corporal works of mercy of feeding the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless by putting together a car package. It could be a family project of placing in a zip lock bag: a 8 oz. bottle of water, a pair of socks, some snacks/fruit, and a card with contact information of some social agency such as food bank at St. Matthew or St. Anthony and SOS Shelter in Hillsboro and hand that out.

Furthermore, our generosity of in a monetary gift can be given to social outreach agencies such as Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, or Community Action who have the resources to properly vet the legitimate needs of each individual situation and person and empower them to rise above their situation. In other words, the aged old adage: is it better to have a fish or to have a fishing pole?

Finally, in the words of Pope Francis who is a great champion of the needs of the poor:

The great danger, or temptation, when aiding the poor, is falling into an attitude or protective paternalism that, at the end of the day, does not allow them to grow. A Christian obligation is to integrate the most deprived into the community in whatever way possible, but definitely to integrate them.

On this Labor Day Weekend, let us pray for all workers and laborers but more importantly to afford all peoples the opportunity to affirm their human dignity with hard, dedicated, and honest work.

~Fr. Michael

House Bill 3391 Forces Abortion Coverage and Expands Taxpayer-Funded Abortion

The Oregon State Legislature passed a bill that has more to do with force than it does with freedom. House Bill 3391, which has now been signed into law by Governor Brown, forces insurance companies to cover abortion on demand and it forces all Oregon taxpayers to help finance an extremist abortion agenda that does not enjoy majority support.

By insisting on complete insurance coverage of abortion, including late-term and sex-selective abortions, the legislature and the Governor show intolerance of widely held opposing views and will compel thousands of Oregonians to support what their conscience rejects.

Oregonians opposed to House Bill 3391 should lend their support to the Stop Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. This measure needs 117,000 signatures to qualify as an initiative for the 2018 election. Visit www.StopTheFunding.org to sign the petition and find out how you can help reverse some of the harmful effects of the current legislation that implements and expands taxpayer funding for abortion.

Second Collection, Sept 9th-10th

There will be a Second Collection on September 9th & 10th for Hurricane Harvey Relief.

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Roberto is gone September 1-10, September 15-October 12.

Fr. Juan Jose is gone September 25-October 2.

Forester's Hall

The Catholic Order of Foresters High Court has completed the donation of the building and property to Visitation Catholic Church. The Administrative/Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, and Facilities Committee will begin discerning how to incorporate this new acquisition into our campus. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to any one of the council chairs or myself.

HS Confirmation Informational Meeting

All teens entering 9th grade and above this Fall 2017 are invited with at least one parent to the HS Confirmation Informational meeting scheduled on Wednesday, September 6 at 6pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement. The first class is scheduled on Sunday, September 10 from 6:00-7:30pm in the St. Francis church basement in Roy. Please contact Marianne Meeuwsen if you are unable to attend or have any questions: mmeeuwsentvw@gmail.com.

Middle School Youth Group Kick-Off

Middle schoolers in grades 6-8 are invited with at least one parent to attend the Kick-Off Session on Sunday, September 10 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Visitation Parish Center. There will be a parent meeting to go over the schedule, overnight retreat, 2 service projects, and volunteer and chaperone opportunities for the upcoming year 2017-2018.

HS Youth Group Kick Off

Sunday, September 17 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Visitation parish center for Turkey Olympics. Please bring comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. All are invited.

RCIA

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith, have questions or aren't sure? Or are you ready to start the process of becoming a Catholic? Then call Fr. Michael at 971-217-5335, to set up a meeting. The process in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins with our Inquiry session scheduled on Wednesday, September 25 from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, Roy.

Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Commitment for the Replacement School Campaign

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment from 258 donors is \$3,885,981 as of August 27, 2017. Thank you for your generosity. The Weston Matching Grant has been achieved and we have qualified for the \$100,000 grant match.

Please begin your donation commitments or if you would like to make a donation as we are beginning the infrastructure projects of a new well in September and septic system this 2018.

Finally, let us begin to pray the Our Lady of Perpetual Help novena as a parish and school community for the completion of our new school.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favor I confidently ask of you! (Then pray three Hail Marys).

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

~Fr. Michael

83rd Annual Verboort Sausage & Kraut Dinner Announcements

- Applesauce making will be on Saturday, September 9th, 8 am in the Parish Center. For questions please contact Liz Duyck at 503-806-1190.
- Potholders - Each family is requested to bring 18 (homemade or store bought potholders). Boxes are located at the entrance of Church and School Office.
- Flyers are in the vestibule of the church. All parishioners are encouraged to support the advertisement of the dinner by taking a few flyers and posting in their place of employment, community event boards, etc..

Leo Heineck's Services

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:30pm Viewing and Rosary Vigil at Donaleson's Funeral Home in Hillsboro.

Thursday, Sept. 7, 10:30am Funeral Mass at Visitation with reception following in Parish Hall.

1:30pm Burial at Valley Memorial in Hillsboro.

DC Kids 2018

DC Kids 2018 will be providing Refreshments after the 5 pm Mass and Coffee & Donuts after the 10 am Mass this weekend (weather permitting). Please help support our kids as they raise money for their educational trip to Washington DC.

Meetings

Facilities Meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, 6 pm at the Convent (Dining Room).

Altar Society Meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, 7 pm at the Parish Center.

Religious Education

The Visitation Religious Education program for grades 1-5 will be held Mondays from 4:00-5:00 in the convent. Our first class will be on Monday, September 11, 2017. We will be following the Blessed Are We books, and we have many activities scheduled to help the children grow in their knowledge and faith. If you are interested in having your child join our classes, please contact Genelle Duyck at [503-887-8878](tel:503-887-8878) or genelleduyck@gmail.com

Children's Choir

All children from 2nd to 8th grade are invited to join our parish children's choir. They typically sing once a month on the second Sunday of the month along with Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. Practice will be held on Sunday's from 5:00-6:00. Our first choir practice will be on September 10th at 5:00 in the choir loft of the church. For more information or questions please contact Sarah Crosby at 503-992-8215 or svandecoevering1@yahoo.com

Altar Society

Altar Society meeting on September 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Contact Laura Nevis call (503-357-1401) for more information. We are always welcoming new members!

Congratulations!

Graham Forrest Bowman, child of Kurt Bowman and Jessica Brett, baptized on September 3, 2017.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 10th from 9 am to Noon at Sr. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall in Forest Grove. Menu includes: Pancakes, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Juice, and Applesauce. Adults: \$6; Child \$4; Family \$20. All proceeds go to the St. Anthony Safety Grant.

CPO 13: Meet your local State Representative, Janeen Sollman, House District 30!

Meet your State Representative and learn about issues that impact Oregonians, Roy and Verboort residents. Learn how you can get involved in shaping the laws that govern us. Meeting is Wednesday, September 13 at 7 pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement in Roy.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Gather with us for the memorial for aborted children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sister will not be forgotten. Date: Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 8:15am. Location: St. Matthew Catholic Church, 475 SE Third St., Hillsboro, Or. 97124. Vigil will begin with Mass at 8:15am followed by a procession across the street to the Knights of Columbus memorial grave site for aborted children. Join us afterwards for light refreshments in the Parish Hall. Contact: Georgia Perry, 503-640-8893, georgiafred1962@yahoo.com or AbortionMemorials.com

St. Mary's 47th Annual Quilt & Crafts Fair

Sept 21st-24th, 2017. Thursday-Saturday 10 am-4 pm. Sunday 10 am-2 pm. Quilt Fair admission (still only) \$1 per person. Lunch served daily at 11 am, except Sunday. For information call 503-429-8841, St. Mary's Catholic Church or maryscatholicchurch@frontier.com