

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

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Sunday Mass: 10:00 am Daily Mass: Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 am

Confessions: Sunday at 9:15 am Rosary: 40 minutes before Mass

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2017

October 8TH Collections: 1180

Assessments: 60

Candles: 7

FROM FR. ARJIE GARCIA:

(Continued from last Sunday)

That initial response began my discernment process with the Archdiocese of Portland. The Vocation Director and I exchanged emails almost every week, usually with him sending questionnaires and me returning them with answers. This was followed by requests for documents such as Letters of Recommendations from my previous seminary, recommendation letter from my spiritual director and priest mentors, medical records, and school transcripts. There was a phone interview with one of the faculty members of Mount Angel Seminary to test my capacity to express myself in English. Finally in December of 2009, I had a phone interview with the Vocation Director himself, which lasted for two hours and ended with him formally welcoming me as a part of the Archdiocese of Portland.

Shortly after that the Archdiocese began my visa application process. And when everything was in place, it was time to say goodbye to the Philippines. I remember it like it was yesterday, the day I had to leave home. There were tears rolling down my eyes because of the uncertainty of when I would see home again. I thought that time was it; I was leaving home to serve God, be a priest in another country, and I'd never come back. On July 6th of 2010, I arrived in Portland, Oregon and started as a fourth year college seminarian at Mount Angel, Fall Semester of that same year.

Stop Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act

We mailed in over 110 signatures last Sunday (received from our parish and those obtained outside Shady Cove Market). We are still short signatures to get this initiative on the 2018 ballot. Your help and prayers are still greatly required. Please contact Sandy Dennis at 541-324-0844 for petition forms.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for Religious Education is this weekend. There is a table outside church today to register your child for CCD. Please take a moment to fill it out.

How to Become a Saint: the surest, easiest, shortest and most perfect means to becoming a saint, according the St. Louis de Montfort, is consecration to Jesus through Mary.

You are invited to participate in a retreat beginning **November 5th** that will lead to Marian Consecration. Based on Fr. Michael Gaitley's book "33 Days to Morning Glory" the program consists of reading 2-3 pages a day with a question for reflection. Weekly meetings to watch a video and share ideas and thoughts in small groups will be held on Sundays after the noon Mass (from 1:15-2:45) in the Sacred Heart parish hall. Consecration will take place at the 5:30 Mass on December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The book is currently available from the Lighthouse kiosk. A participant's booklet for \$5.00 will be provided at the first meeting. For more information please call BJ Buxton at 541.772.8292

Do you need a priest? If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call the church's emergency telephone number, 541-690-8540.

Church Envelopes

Our church envelopes are provided to those who have registered in our parish. For those of you who have church envelopes please use them for gifts to the parish for various reasons. September 3rd envelopes were for our Annual Parish Assessments, there have been very few donations this year and more are needed. Please check your envelopes box for the Assessment envelope and give today. Next week is World Mission Sunday; please use your provided envelope to give to this worthy cause.