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### MASS SCHEDULE LIVE STREAMED

**Saturday Mass:** 5:30pm  
**Sunday Masses:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:15am  
**Daily Mass:** 7:30am Monday through Friday  
**Tuesdays during School Mass is at 8:15am**

**First Friday Adoration 8am - 12noon in the church**  
**Adoration 24 HOURS LIVE STREAMED**

**Web page:** [stmaryspokane.org](http://stmaryspokane.org)

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Mary Parish Community. If you would like to register with the parish please download a form from our website, stop by the Parish Office or call (509) 928-3210.

### CARE OF THE SICK

Communion is taken to the sick and elderly on a regular basis. Please call Karen Grewe (Homebound Ministry) at (509)927-4941, if someone is in need.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** The family should be registered and active in St. Mary Parish. For arrangements call the Parish office, 928-3210.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the parish at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or RCIC (for children over 7)**

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is thinking about it? Please call Marie Bricher at 928-3210 ext. 111 for more information.

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Fr. Lewis has recourses to use with your family on the same page as his homilies on the website.

We are taking this time to update our database! We have lots of non-working phone numbers, no birthdates and old addresses. Please take a moment to go to our website

<https://stmaryspokane.org/register>

please fill out the information and submit. We are taking this time of "Stay In Place" to update our database. If you have more than 2 children, you may email Krista at [kfurtney@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:kfurtney@dioceseofspokane.org) or [stmary@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:stmary@dioceseofspokane.org) with your families information.

We would like to reach out and make sure you are healthy and if anyone needs anything, but we cannot do that with old information. Thank you so much!

Use this time to check on your fellow parishioners with a phone call, email or text. Just because we are social distancing doesn't mean we cannot still connect with people. If you or someone you know needs assistance with anything, please email the parish office at [stmary@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:stmary@dioceseofspokane.org) so we can help them!

**We are in this together! Prayers for healing and staying healthy!**



#### The Society Of St. Vincent de Paul

Are you or someone you know experiencing food insecurity during the COVID-19 crisis? Know that our pantry is stocked and your St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul conference members are willing and able to deliver food, paper and hygiene products to your doorstep. **The new message line is (509) 703-7867.** A member will return your call. We continue to offer emergency utility and rent assistance.

You may donate monetarily to St. Vincent de Paul during this "Stay In Place" by mailing a check to St. Mary, leaving a check in the drop box outside the parish office or through bill-pay through your bank.

[www.oursvdp.com](http://www.oursvdp.com)



The Parish Office is Closed. Please email the office at [stmary@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:stmary@dioceseofspokane.org) with any needs you may have or for emergency anointing, please call 928-3210 ext. 9.

#### Prayer Requests

**All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill**

To have a name listed in the bulletin call Krista at the parish office at 928-3210. Names will be listed for 3 weeks, then removed unless requested again.

- ◆ If a member of your family is admitted to a local hospital, please call the parish office at 928-3210 if you would like a priest to visit.
- ◆ To add someone to the prayer chain or to be part of the prayer chain ministry please join the *Prayer Chain* group in Flocknote or call the parish office.
- ◆ For those not "on-line" please call Bobbie Bailey at 928-9584



**Guatemala Mission News:** Dr. Jose Miguel, Director of the medical clinics, reported on May 1st that there were 30-40 new COVID-19 cases in Guatemala each day (a total of 703 on May 3<sup>rd</sup>), although only a few had been identified in Santa Lucía, Nahualá and Ixtahuacán. He stated that there are probably many more cases since they do not have enough tests for the virus. The medical clinics are open in the morning but fewer people are coming for treatment because they are afraid to leave their homes.

At the clinics, the medical staff are taking safety measures, allowing only one person to enter at a time, wearing face masks, and educating people about the virus. The clinics may need to close temporarily if the situation gets worse and if there are insufficient supplies to protect the health promoters working at the clinics. Dr. Jose Miguel has purchased more protective equipment such as face masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves, and medicines; however, the prices are much higher than normal and there is a shortage of supplies. For example, N95 masks were unavailable and the surgical face masks he was able to purchase cost eight times what they did before the pandemic. By the beginning of May, non-budgeted coronavirus-related expenses totaled \$2000.

#### PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

5/11	MONDAY	
5/12	TUESDAY	<i>St. Mary School</i>
5/13	WEDNESDAY	
5/14	THURSDAY	
5/15	FRIDAY	
5/16	SATURDAY	<i>John &amp; James Paullin +</i>
5/17	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	<i>Deacon John &amp; Vikki Silicia +</i>
	9am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:15am	<i>Spencer McBurney +</i>



To have a Mass offered by the priest for a deceased person or another intention, please call the parish office at (509) 928-3210.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7a)

### PSALM:

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### SECOND READING:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

### GOSPEL:

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day  
Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima  
Thursday: St. Matthias, Apostle  
Friday: St. Isidore  
Saturday: Armed Forces Day  
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

In today's reading, Luke offers an example of the cultural tensions that existed in the early Church between the Hellenists (Gentiles) and the Hebrews (Jews). The resolution resided in offering service to the other. Why do you think service can be a key to resolving community conflict?

### SECOND READING

Peter emphasizes the importance of faith in Christ for building a strong spiritual house. How has the gift of faith strengthened your home?

### GOSPEL READING

In his farewell discourse, Jesus encourages the disciples, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." What inspires you in times of spiritual doubt?



# *Pastor's Column*

*St. Mary Catholic Parish*

*May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter*

## *Love Our Enemies...Including Demons???*

The Lord commands us to love our enemies, to pray for those who hate us and persecute us (Mt 5:44). Well, it seems that Satan and his minions are our *worst* enemies. Are we, therefore, to love them, too, and pray for them as well?

As for loving Satan and demons, we remember what true love is: willing the good of the other for the sake of the other. Now, the *highest* good of the other is salvation: eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven with God, the angels, and the saints forever. Perhaps there is not much harm in loving Satan and demons with that aim and end in mind, but to do so would be the very epitome of wishful thinking and truly a waste of time and effort. Why is that? Because there is no hope for salvation for them. Why? Because we remember that Satan and the demons originally were angels but now are *fallen* angels. Angels, being pure spirit, were endowed from the very beginning with perfect knowledge and the fullness of free will. Which means that, in the case of Satan and the demons, if they should freely choose to rebel against God's will, they had full knowledge of what that would entail: fall from grace, expulsion from Heaven (where God *is*), because they rejected God and so decided that they would rather be where God is *not* (in other words: hell).

And so, if to love is to will the good of the other for the sake of the other, and if the highest good is eternal life in Heaven, and if Satan and demons have already irrevocably made their choice to *not* be in Heaven...then loving them has no point and serves no purpose. And we, who are so mortal and weak, should strive to have our limited lives much better spent on loving those who in some way can still benefit from the fruits of our love for them.

As for praying for Satan and the demons: again, waste of time. Praying for somebody has its aim and end ultimately at their salvation. And so, like trying to love Satan and the demons, it is truly a colossal waste of our time and effort to pray for them when prayer simply will have no effect.

Now, all of this is not to say that God is without mercy. God is all-loving, all-merciful, and undoubtedly *would* receive all hellbound creatures of His Creation *if* He could...but again, by their perfect knowledge and fullness of free will, Satan and the demons made their choice, and they will never do anything to undo the choice they made. They damned themselves forever by making the free choice in their perfect understanding to reject God.

The famous American exorcist, Fr. Gary Thomas, teaches this. And in the end, he counsels that with regard to Satan and the demons, we just leave them for Jesus alone to take care of, and we focus our time and efforts instead on where our love and prayers actually can have an impact: peace in our world, the salvation of souls in Purgatory and here on Earth, and above all else the glory of God's majesty.

~ Fr. Lewis

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

<b>SUN 5/10</b>	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
<b>MON 5/11</b>	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
<b>TUE 5/12</b>	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
<b>WED 5/13</b>	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
<b>THR 5/14</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
<b>FRI 5/15</b>	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
<b>SAT 5/16</b>	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
<b>SUN 5/17</b>	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18 /Jn 14:15-21

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, "Where I am you also may be." Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?



*"My Immaculate  
Heart will be your  
refuge and the way  
that will lead you to  
God"*

-OUR LADY OF FATIMA



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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

## *Remember in Your Prayers*

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen

"In my Father's house there  
are many dwelling places. If  
there were not, would I have  
told you that I am going to  
prepare a place for you? And  
if I go and prepare a place for  
you, I will come back again  
and take you to myself, so  
that where I am you also may  
be." - Jn 14:2-3

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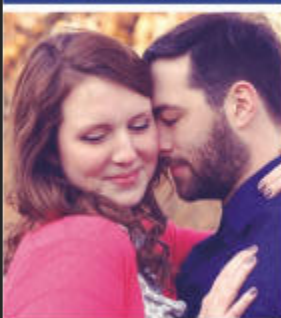
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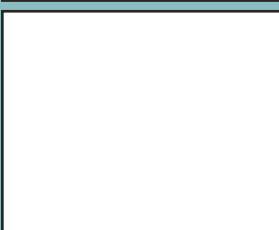
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