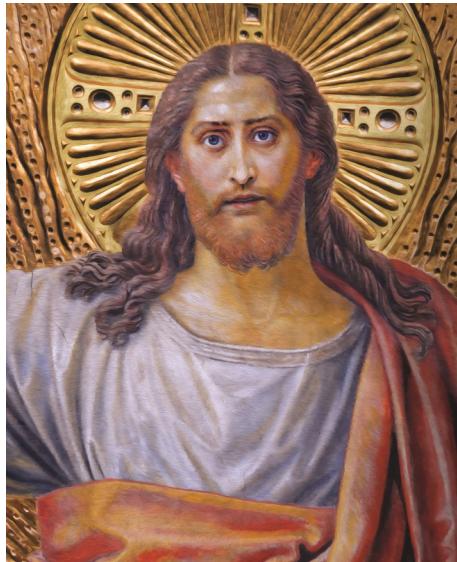




## St. Mary Catholic Parish

WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD WITH US IN  
SACRAMENT AND PRAYER IN OUR FAMILY  
OF FAITH



## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 12noon

Friday Closed

Closed Saturday & Sunday

### PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

[www.stmaryspokane.org](http://www.stmaryspokane.org)

stmary@dioceseofspokane.org

(509) 928-3210

304 S ADAMS ROAD, SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99216

### PARISH CLERGY

Parish Office Number 928-3210

Rev. Jeffrey R. Lewis Pastor x 109

Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski, Priest in Residence

Deacon Mike Miller 928-3210

Deacon Dan Glatt 928-3210

Emergency Anointing of the Sick Afterhours: x 9

### PARISH OFFICE

General Voicemail Box 928-3210

x 150

Marie Bricher, DRE & Faith Formation x 111

Sharon Greany, Business Manager x 107

Mark VanDriel x 7

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Greg Hanson, Grand Knight (509) 638-8535

John White, Faithful Navigator (509) 994-1023

### CHOIR DIRECTOR

Diana Thomas (509) 385-2663

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bill Flerchinger, President (509) 703-7867

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Ben Walker, Principal

Chelsea Weiler, School Secretary

Lou Turner Advancement Director

Sharon Greany, Business Manager

924-4300

x 202

x 200

x 206

x 204

## *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time* **June 13, 2021**

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Mass:** 5:00pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30pm

Wednesday 7:00am

Friday 7:00am & 5:30pm

### Confessions

Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm

Friday 6:00-7:00pm

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

First Fridays 7:30-8:30am

### Adoration

Friday 6:00 - 7:00pm

First Friday 7:30am - 12pm

First Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Mary Parish Community. If you would like to register with the parish please fill out form on 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.



### Prayer Requests

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

**Alma B., Traci P., Jerry D. Sr., Weston W., Steve R., Steve N., Mindy H., Cecilia J., Brandi J.**

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 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" call Bobbie Bailey at 928-9584.



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# SUMMER Office Hours

Summer Office Hours begin June 14th

Monday - Thursday 8am to 12noon  
Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Recently Deceased to Remember in Prayer

**Ed Stretch**

*May he share in the Resurrection of the Lord!*



### Parish Collection Report

May Income Week Ending May 23: \$6,487.81

Income Month of May: \$52,602.74

Total Income Online for May: \$10,192.00

Yearly Income (Jan - May): \$275,250.46



## MASS SCHEDULE

Updated weekday Mass times beginning June 14th

Monday & Tuesday 5:30pm

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 7:00am  
Friday also has Mass at 5:30pm

Your **St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul** conference members continue to assist our neighbors with food, hygiene products, utility and rental assistance. Our emergency assistance message line is **(509) 703-7867**; a member will return the call. If you are able to make a monetary contribution to this ongoing assistance, please drop an envelope in the basket or donate online: [www.stmaryspokane.org/give](http://www.stmaryspokane.org/give), then click on "Donation Designation" and pick "St. Vincent de Paul".

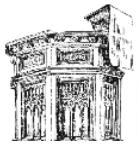


### PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

|      |           |                                   |
|------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 6/14 | MONDAY    | <i>Anthony Merlini +</i>          |
| 6/15 | TUESDAY   | <i>Lou &amp; Tom + Bricher</i>    |
| 6/16 | WEDNESDAY | <i>Mary Ilgen +</i>               |
| 6/17 | THURSDAY  | <i>Eleanor Miner &amp; Family</i> |
| 6/18 | FRIDAY    | <i>Adrian Parcher +</i>           |
| 6/19 | SATURDAY  | <i>Mary Ilgen +</i>               |
| 6/20 | SUNDAY    |                                   |
|      | 7:30am    | <i>Dale Chasse +</i>              |
|      | 9am       | <i>Pro Populo</i>                 |
|      | 11:30am   | <i>Sandy Majeskey +</i>           |
|      | 7:00pm    | <i>Luisa Rivas +</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 or email [stmary@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:stmary@dioceseofspokane.org)



## Pastor's Column

St. Mary Catholic Parish

June 13, 2021 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saint of the Week

Our Pastor Column series for the summer will feature a different "Saint of the Week." Each Sunday's bulletin will introduce us to a saint whose Feast or Memorial takes place that coming week.

Our first Saint of the Week is Saint Romuald, born in the year 950 AD. His Memorial is on June 19.

In the midst of a youth largely wasted on the exclusive pursuit of worldly pleasures and pursuits, everything suddenly changed for Romuald when he watched his father kill a relative in a duel over property. In horror, he fled to a monastery near Ravenna, in modern-day Italy, where he immediately took up a life of extreme penance and prayer. After three years of this, some of the monks decided that he was "uncomfortably holy" and pressed upon to leave.

Romuald spent the next thirty years traveling the Italian peninsula, founding monasteries and hermitages in many places where he went. He longed to give his life to Jesus Christ in martyrdom, and he received the pope's permission to preach the Gospel in modern-day Hungary (which, at that time, was still hostile to the Church). But he was struck with illness as soon as he arrived, and the illness recurred each time he recovered and attempted to proceed to Hungary. He returned to Italy.

During a later period of his life, Romuald suffered great spiritual dryness. In this time, as he was praying Psalm 31 ("I will give you understanding and I will instruct you"), he was blessed with a sudden and extraordinary consolation, a light and spirit that never left him.

At the next monastery where he stayed, Romuald was accused of a scandalous crime by a young nobleman whom he had rebuked for a dissolute life. The specifics of the accusation are now unknown, but amazingly, his fellow monks believed the accusation. He was given a severe penance, forbidden from offering Mass, and excommunicated – an unjust sentence that he endured in silence for six months.

The most famous of the monasteries that Romuald founded was that of the Camaldoli in Tuscany. Here, he began the Order of the Camaldolesian Benedictines, uniting the monastic and eremitical lives. Later in life and at an old age, Romuald's own father became one of his monks, wavering in his faith and resolve at times but ultimately kept faithful by his son's encouragement.

With the foundation of the monastery at Camaldoli, he added a heightened severity to the Rule of Saint Benedict. This severity of monastic life, along with himself choosing the life of a hermit, Romuald initiated and helped to mold a religious movement that was to give birth to the [Carthusians](#) and the early [Cistercians](#).

Like all of the saints, Romuald fought a lifelong battle against the many various assaults of Satan, society, and other people. In the beginning of his spiritual [life](#), he was strongly assailed by numerous temptations, which he was able to conquer by vigilance and prayer. There were even several attempts on his life, but he escaped the danger each time. And like many saints, he was a victim of calumny (the aforementioned false accusation), but he bore the injustice in patience and silence. In his old age, he actually increased his austerities rather than diminishing them. After a long [life](#) as monk and abbot, he died in the monastery of Castro, which he had earlier founded in Marquisate of Ancona, in modern-day Italy. His death occurred on June 19, probably in the year 1027 AD.

Saint Romuald...pray for us.

~ Fr. Lewis

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

And all the trees of the field shall know  
that I, the LORD,  
bring low the high tree,  
lift high the lowly tree,  
wither up the green tree,  
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

## PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

## SECOND READING:

We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

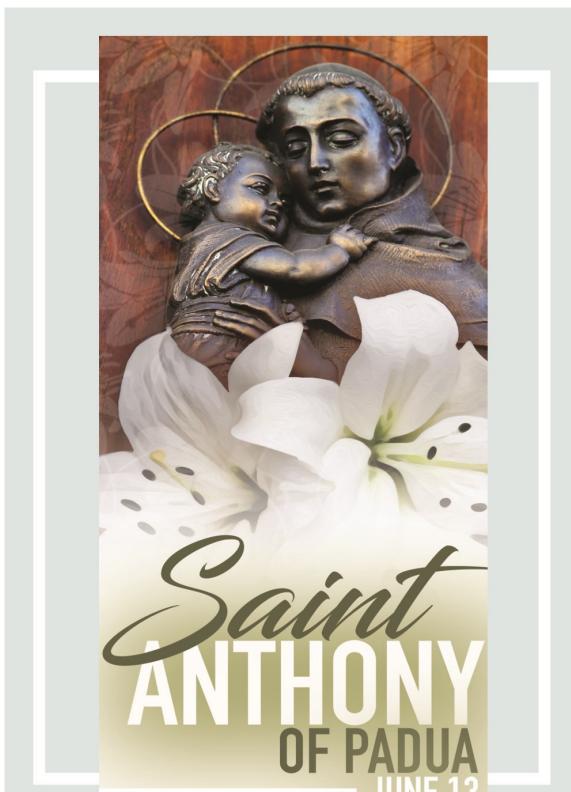
## GOSPEL:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk 4:31-32)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Flag Day  
Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM  
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel's image of God growing Israel into a mighty majestic cedar tree bearing fruit, with birds nesting in its branches was intended to be words of comfort for the exiled Israelites in Babylon. How do you find God's comfort in times of distress?

### SECOND READING

Paul encourages the believers in Corinth to be courageous in knowing one day all will appear before "the judgment seat of Christ." How confident are you in reflecting on judgment day?

### GOSPEL READING

Mark tells us that Jesus often spoke in parables to the crowds about the kingdom of God. Today's parables speak to the often unseen and subtle growth of the kingdom of God in our midst. How might you better observe the kingdom of God at work in your life?



Lambs Closet is a PREPARES program that is coordinated and facilitated by volunteers from St. Joseph Parish, St. John Vianney Parish and St. Mary Parish and it is housed at the parish office at St. Mary. We are blessed to receive wonderful donations from parishioners and community members allowing us to offer diaper bundles, wipes, cloths and accessories for children birth to 5 years old. Some maternity items are also available. Lambs Closet is open each Tuesday from 10am - 11:45am and families can call to make appointments if this time slot does not work for you. If you, your friends, or loved ones can benefit from our program we'd love to get to meet you and share what we have. Please call (509) 928-3210 x 110 or come by any Tuesday, 10am - 11:45am. Thank you!

We are in need of homebound ministers! If you think that is something you feel called to do, please call Karen Grewe at 927-4941

**Masses on Vacation:**  
Leaving town for the weekend? Did you know you can find out what time Masses are offered at your destination by logging onto [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)? It's quick and easy, so check it out!



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**Guatemala Mission Update:** Dr. Jose Miguel reported (on May 28th) that people over 65 years old can now receive COVID vaccination, free, through the government. That is good news as the COVID cases have risen to 946 with 61 deaths, although Dr. Jose Miguel states that these are unofficial numbers and could be higher. The medical works at the clinics were vaccinated recently.

The Preschool teacher has COVID, so preschool classes were cancelled. She is recovering. Schools have partially opened and people are able to attend Mass, with some restriction. Thank you to all of you who continue to support the medical mission by prayer and donations. Please be sure to make checks out to "St. Mary Catholic Church" and either use the yellow envelopes or mark them in the memo line Guatemala Mission. Thank you!

### The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington

Want to create a permanent legacy for your parish in the name of a beloved pastor or family member? It's easy to do! To learn more, contact Sr. Mary Tracy, SNJM (509) 358-7334 or [metracy@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:metracy@dioceseofspokane.org).

### Be Light Date Night for Couples

Are you a married couple looking for a fun community date night with other faith-minded couples? Join Ryan and Mary Rose Verret, who will be hosting a Date Night, featuring a wine and cheese social. Be Light is a part of the internationally recognized Witness to Love Marriage Ministry that draws couples closer to Christ while being transformed into family missionary disciples. The event is on June 30, 6-8pm at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Register at [www.dioceseofspokane.org/belight](http://www.dioceseofspokane.org/belight).  
For more information contact Brian Kraut at (509)358-7314.

Pray the Rosary on Saturday morning at 7:30am in the church with St. Mary Parishioners, (we practice social distancing protocols). If you would like to participate via Zoom instead of in-person in the church, contact Ed Sawatzki at 924-2395 to get the Zoom link.



**We Need You! Join the Knights!**

**Contact Grand Knight Greg Hanson at 509-638-8535  
or join online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).**



# CATHOLIC "Catch Up"

St. Mary Catholic Church Summer Education for Children Grades 1-6



## Wednesdays in July

10:00-11:00am or 7:00-8:00pm (choose one); Meeting in the Church

July 7: Story of the Old Testament

July 14: Story of the New Testament

July 21: Miracles of Jesus

July 28: Story of the Church



At each meeting, your child will receive a new coloring/activity book. We'll begin working in it during our meeting, and then your child can bring it home to finish. Each meeting will stand alone (so if your summer plans interfere with some of the dates, no worries!). We'll take time to pray, learn and create together!

*Please register by the Monday prior so that I can prepare enough materials.*

Register by contacting Marie Bricher at 509-928-3210 (ext 111) or [mbricher@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:mbricher@dioceseofspokane.org)



## Save the Date!

### Valley Catholic Kidz Camp

August 2-6, 8:45-noon

Held at St. Joseph Church, Otis Orchards

Join in the learning, community and fun of our Valley Catholic Kidz Camp sponsored by St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. John Vianney and St. Paschal Catholic Churches!

Kids entering grades K through 5 will join St. Jerome on an exciting trip around the major sites of Vatican City, learning more about our Catholic faith through skits, songs, crafts, stories and more!

Registration forms and volunteer forms will soon be available on each parish website!

*For more information, contact:*

Gina McCauley at St. Joseph (509-926-7133)

Marie Bricher at St. Mary (509-928-3210)

Lyra Pitstick at St. John Vianney (509-926-5428)

# Kids Corner

READ THE  
GOSPEL &  
COLOR



You and a few others believe in God. You do not think you can do much because you are a very small group. Like the very small mustard seed, God will help you grow into the largest church in the world. Its branches, like the mustard tree, will grow large enough to hold you and all God's other children. He will teach you his ways and help you share his love.

## PRAYER

Holy Spirit, show me how to teach the word of God to others.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will share the word of God with my family and friends.