



St. Mary Catholic Parish

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SACRAMENT AND PRAYER IN OUR FAMILY
OF FAITH



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE LIVE STREAMED or SIGN-UP ON WEBSITE

Saturday Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am
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

Adoration
Friday 6:00 - 7:00pm (not during Lent)
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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 2:30pm
Friday 8:30-Noon
Closed Saturday & Sunday

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

www.stmaryspokane.org
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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 928-3210

Krista Furtney, Parish Secretary x 150
Marie Bricher, DRE & Faith Formation x 111
Sharon Greany, Business Manager x 107
Kelsie Kent, Coordinator Youth Ministry x 112
Mark VanDriel x 213

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For the convenience of those with hearing difficulties, Masses at St. Mary can be heard on personal FM-band radios or in the car in the parking lot. Tune to **89.9 FM**.



Prayer Requests

All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill, Javier Z., Chris, Bethany & Baby G., Lynn M., Karen G., Derek D.

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.

Fridays we have Eucharistic Adoration from 6-7pm after 5:30pm Mass during which Fr. Lewis will hear confessions.

Stations of the Cross will follow at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

Recently Deceased to Remember in Prayer
Charles Hansen, Alice Quinn
May they share in the Resurrection of the Lord!



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Your St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul conference members continue to assist our neighbors with food, hygiene products, utility and rental assistance.

We have also been providing "holy spirit bags" to homeless persons and can use items to fill those: bar soap, toothbrushes and paste, granola bars, single serve snack items. Please leave in the church kitchen marked "SVdP".

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 tap on "Give", then "Donation Designation" and scroll down to "St. Vincent de Paul".



PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

3/15	MONDAY	Edward & Annette Hepsler +
3/16	TUESDAY	Robert Benson +
3/17	WEDNESDAY	Mary Ilgen +
3/18	THURSDAY	Rena Hardee
3/19	FRIDAY	
		7am Mary Ilgen +
3/20	SATURDAY	Fr. Jeffrey Lewis
3/21	SUNDAY	
		7:30am Jim Ramsey +
		9am Pro Populo
		11:30am Oscar & Martha Guerrero +



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



Pastor's Column

St. Mary Catholic Parish

March 14, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Christendom and Apostolic Mission: Accepting Apostolic Mission

We continue this Lenten pastor column series on Christendom and Apostolic Mission, and this week, we will reflect upon how to address this temptation of cowardice, how we can overcome our fear, and through that how we can begin to discern how God might be calling us to do different things.

It is important for us to acknowledge the current climate in which we live. Whether by His active will or His passive will, the truth is that the Lord evidently has willed for us to be alive in this time and place. We receive from Him both the circumstances in which we are to live and the grace to engage our world as it is. And as we reflected upon last week, though the American culture once upon a time was amicable toward Christianity, that happy circumstance is ending. But even so, and it is not surprising: many American Catholics still have a Christendom mentality – a general attitude of “this, too, shall pass” as if we just need to wait out the storm and then “normal” will come back again. Such folks were raised in Christendom, such that the Christendom approach to how we “do church” is very deeply settled in. This inherited attitude, though understandable, is also disastrous from a strategic viewpoint. The rapid shift from a Christendom culture to what we have now has radically altered the strategic situation, and we simply have to face the facts that all institutional or ecclesiastical strategies that are effective for a Christendom culture will no longer work. “Business as usual,” “steady as she goes,” and “this is how we have always done it” now are just another way of managing decline.

The first step, therefore, in addressing temptation to cowardice and overcome fear of what we now face and how we will respond and engage is this: accept Apostolic Mission. When we do this, then we open ourselves to a God-given apostolic zeal, and wherever apostolic zeal and all of the accompanying apostolic strategies are operative, the results will be astonishing: there will be a rich harvest of conversions, most especially among the younger generations, even as miraculous as the “three thousand persons [who] were added that day” of the first Pentecost (Acts 2:41); we will see new ecclesial movements and religious communities being born, and other already in existence rediscovering their vitality; institutions will be founded or reformed; a deepening life of prayer and communal witness to the glorious majesty of God will arise. These are just some of the fruits of a faithful and intentional apostolicity.

That last fruit is particularly poignant: deepened life of prayer and communal witness. Pope Saint Paul VI proclaimed that “modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”

This starts with personal prayer. That sure sounds like a broken record! Homilies on prayer, adult faith formation videos on prayer, added opportunities for prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, and still *more* homilies on prayer – it is almost as if we are convinced that if we are not even praying, then we might as well pack it all up and go home. Simply going to church to check a box just is not going to suffice anymore. We need to be connected with God – daily, hourly, *constantly* – and that is prayer at its essence. When we are regularly, *constantly*, in connection with God, then we grow in virtue and are more confidently sojourning on the straight and narrow path leading to fullness of life, holiness, and sainthood. Strength in virtue and a Christ-focused confidence produce joy, and joy is attractive, and people around us will give us a second glance because we have it and they want it: that joy (and that peace) such as the world cannot possibly give but only God can give.

Next week, we will observe how the Apostles themselves managed to do so much with so little, given the reality that all they had to go on was their witness to Christ...and that was enough.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Their enemies burnt the house of God,
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,
set all its palaces afire,
and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

SECOND READING:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus
for the good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

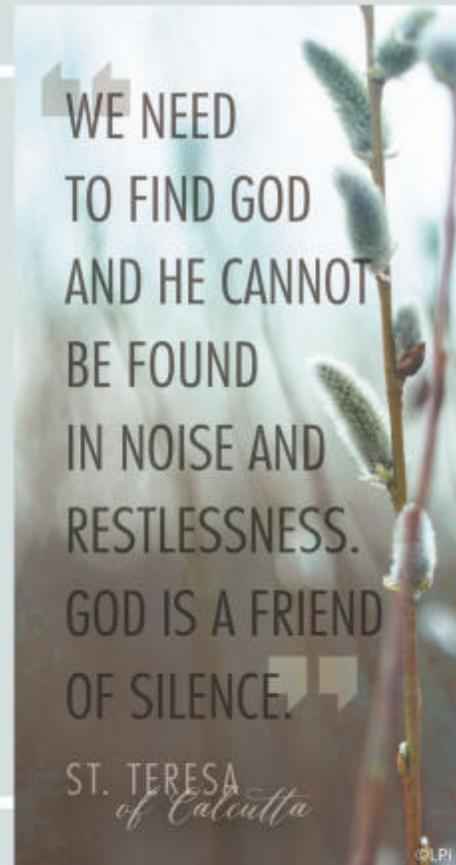
GOSPEL:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?

WEEKLY PRAYER

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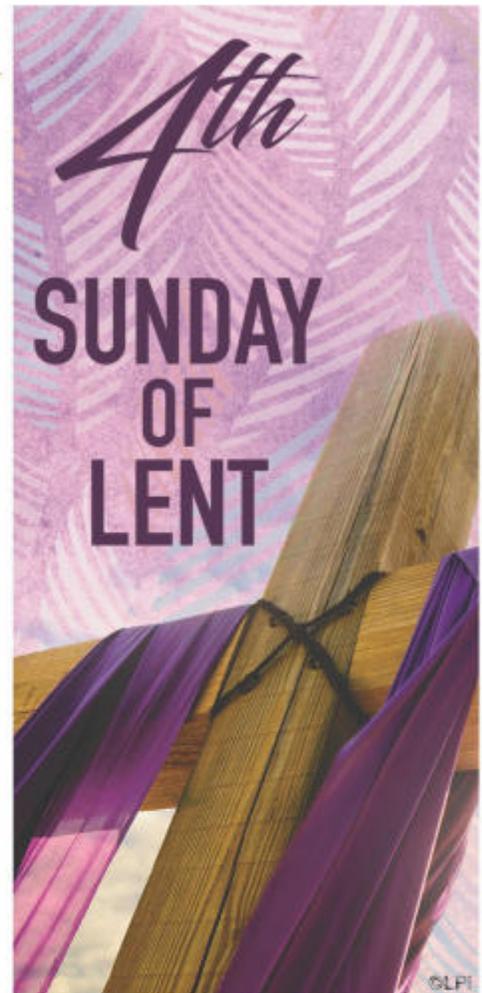
- SUN 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- MON 3/15** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- TUE 3/16** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
- WED 3/17** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
- THR 3/18** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
- FRI 3/19** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- SAT 3/20** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- SUN 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



*"We need to find
God and He
cannot be found in
noise and restlessness.
God is a friend of
silence."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Guatemala Mission Update: Our SERRV and EARN custom link is reactivated for the spring so that we can order online at SERRV, purchase spring and Easter items, and support both the mission and the impoverished artists around the world who create the handmade items for SERRV. We will receive 20% of each order for the medical clinics in the mission. There are some beautiful new items for sale. Thank you to everyone who supported our fall sale: **we made \$609!**

When you order, be sure to use this custom link:

www.serrv.org/?a=StMaryGuatemala

(There will be an orange banner across the top of the screen that states that 20% of your order today will be donated to St. Mary Catholic Church.)

Also you can receive FREE SHIPPING if you order \$50+ between March 3 – 17 (chocolate excluded).
The promo code is SESPRING21.



Get involved in **YOUTH GROUP!**
Every Thursday in the Mary/Martha Room
Middle School meets 5:00-6:30pm
High School meets 7:00-8:30pm
XLT at 7:00pm every 2nd Sunday of the month
Interested in joining or volunteering?
Contact Kelsie Kent at
kkent@dioceseofspokane.org



The Year of the Eucharist
Diocese of Spokane

FIAT LUX

St. Mary Catholic Parish

† "Let there be light."
† "I am the Bread of Life.... You are the light of the world."
† *Be the light!*

Morning Day of Prayer - Wednesday, April 7, 9:00am - 12:00pm - Sister Mary Eucharista, SMMC
Easter Reflections on Bishop Daly's Pastoral Letter on the Year of the Holy Eucharist
St. Mary Catholic Parish



Easter is a time bursting with life, blessings and grace. Enrich your Easter observance with special practices for our diocesan Year of the Holy Eucharist. The morning consists of two conferences, Adoration of the Holy Eucharist & sacrament of Reconciliation. There is no cost to attend. Donations for this event are welcome. Please register in advance by calling (509) 448-1224 or www.ihrc.net.

Spring
FORWARD



CRS Rice Bowls 2021 - TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE



Paulino da Costa Ximenes, 53, pictured in Libagua village, Timor Leste, with his wife, Eliza da Costa Martins, 34, and their 7 children: Leila da Costa Magno, 12, Sandra Salleta da Costa Magno, 7, Celcio da Costa Magno, 5, Celcia da Costa Magno, 3, Laurenfina da Costa Magno, 2, Luciano da Costa Magno, 2, and Cidalria da Costa Magno, 1. Eliza has been part of the CRS TOMAK nutrition project for 2.5 years.

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia with almost half of children under five stunted (low height for age). Research shows that rates of exclusive breastfeeding vary widely across the country (28-75%) and there is a lack of dietary diversity with only 13% of children under two years consuming a minimum acceptable diet. On a national level, widespread poor growth is attributed to limited availability of nutritional foods and high child illness burden. In Timor-Leste, subsistence agriculture is the main livelihood strategy for the majority of the rural

population. Subsistence in Timor-Leste is predominantly plant-based, with staple crops including rice, cassava, maize and beans. The country is food insecure, thus household nutritional security is difficult to achieve.

St. Francis of Assisi Women's Club Quilt Raffle March 24, 2021

Tickets are \$1 each - First Place winner gets to choose from 3 quilts (full size, baby crib or Christmas), Second Prize chooses between the remaining two and Third Place gets the remaining quilt.

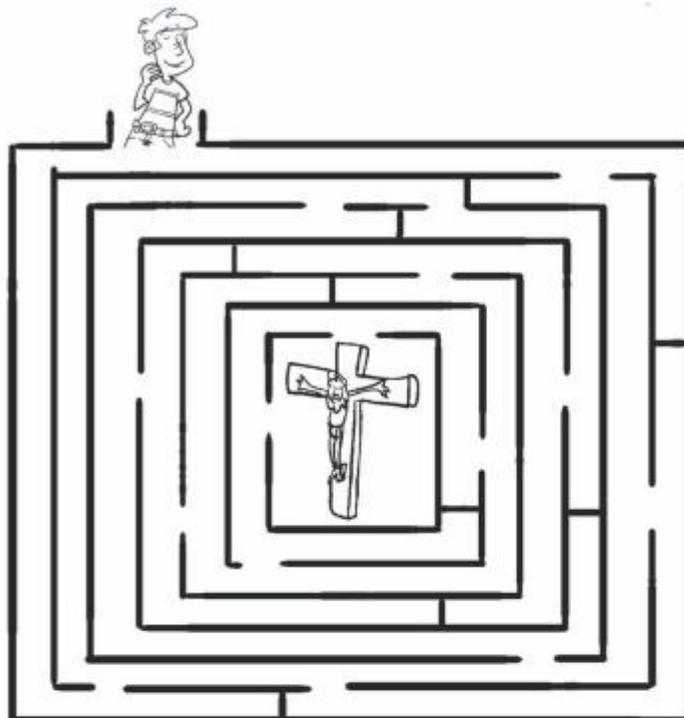
For more information or to purchase tickets, call Jean (509) 939-4333 or Renee (509) 995-3898.

Please call by March 19th, Money and ticket stubs must be returned by March 23, 2021.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Help the boy find Jesus:



SHARING THE GOSPEL

When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, he washed our sins away. Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness. We don't need to die from our sins. We can believe in Jesus, follow God with our whole hearts, and live forever.

PRAYER

God, thank you for sending Jesus to wash away my sins.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Help your parents wash dishes. As you take dirty dishes and wash them clean, talk about how Jesus washed our sins away on the cross.



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