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SACRAMENT AND PRAYER IN OUR FAMILY
OF FAITH



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command
me to come to you on the
water." He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the
water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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August 9, 2020

Parish Office Hours

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

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Jeffrey R. Lewis Pastor	928-3210 ext. 109
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MASS SCHEDULE

LIVE STREAMED or SIGN-UP ON WEBSITE

Saturday Mass:	5:00pm
Sunday Masses:	7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am
Sunday Mass:	7:00pm from Memorial Day-Labor Day
Daily Mass:	7:30am Monday through Friday

Confessions

Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm
Friday 6:00-7:00pm
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

Web page: 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.

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**.

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Parish Office Summer Hours



Monday - Thursday from
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Please be reminded we will
NOT have any ministries
meeting in campus facilities
except the church until further
notice.

GriefShare

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment & will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief.

GriefShare is a network of 15,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support programs. Learn what to expect at www.griefshare.org.

This group is sponsored by St. Peter Catholic Church and the meetings are held at Hennessey Valley Funeral Home. They meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am. For more information and to register contact Arlette Popiel (509)979-2255/arpop22@gmail.com or Sue Tarmann (509)294-1664/iamsues@gmail.com



The Year of the Eucharist

Diocese of Spokane

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St. Mary Catholic Parish

† "Let there be light."

† "I am the Bread of Life.... You are the light of the world."

† Be the light!

The Society Of St. Vincent de Paul

Your St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul conference members continue to deliver food, paper and hygiene products to the doors of our neighbors in need. We are preparing for an anticipated flow of rental assistance requests after August 1st.

To donate online, please go to:
<http://stmaryspokane.org> and click on "Give", then "Donation Designation" and scroll down to "St. Vincent de Paul."

Thank you for your continued support. Our emergency request line is (509) 703-7867; a member will return the call.

www.oursvdp.com



Prayer Requests

All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill,
Mindy H., Emma Claire, Donna H.



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" please call Bobbie Bailey at 928-9584

Everyone is still dispensed from Mass - please see the Act of Spiritual Communion prayer on our back page.

Gather to say the Rosary on Saturdays at 9:00am in the Marian courtyard beside the gym. Bring a chair and your Rosary.

Saturday Morning Rosary

All are welcome to come and participate in saying the Rosary on Saturday mornings at St. Mary from 7:30 to 8:00 am in the Church. We meet every Saturday, no matter weather or liturgical time of the year.

Please join us!

PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

8/10	MONDAY	Bob Yalch +
8/11	TUESDAY	Bob & Bunny Dwyer +
8/12	WEDNESDAY	Lillian Aza +
8/13	THURSDAY	Laurel Orr +
8/14	FRIDAY	Mary Ilgen +
8/15	SATURDAY	Mary Ilgen +
8/16	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	Ron Van Tassel +
	9am	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Nora E. Cusher +

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

August 9, 2020 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint of the Week: St. Anthony of Padua

Our Saint of the Week this week, in celebration of the diocesan Year of the Eucharist, is one who is not necessarily known specifically for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, but there is a powerful Eucharistic miracle attributed to him that enshrines him in the hearts of many as a Eucharistic saint: the Franciscan priest, Saint Anthony of Padua.

Saint Anthony was born in 1195 (thirteen years after Saint Francis was born in Assisi). He was born in Lisbon, Portugal, and at his Baptism was given the name Fernando. His parents belonged to one of the prominent families of the city, and so he was raised in an environment of wealth and comfort. At the age of fifteen, he entered the religious order of Saint Augustine. But sadly, monastery life was hardly peaceful for young Fernando, nor conducive to prayer and study, because of old friends who would visit frequently and engage in vehement political discussions. After two years, he was sent to Coimbra. There, he began nine years of intense study, learning the Augustinian theology that he would later combine with the Franciscan vision. He was probably ordained a priest during this time.

The life of this young priest took a crucial turn when the bodies of the first five Franciscan martyrs were returned from Morocco. Previously, they had preached in the mosque in Seville, almost being martyred at the outset, but the sultan allowed them to pass on to Morocco, where, after continuing to preach Christ despite repeated warnings, they were tortured and beheaded. Now in the presence of the queen and a huge crowd, their remains were carried in solemn procession to the monastery.

Fernando was overjoyed and inspired to a momentous decision. He went to the little friary in that city and said, "Brother, I would gladly put on the habit of your Order if you would promise to send me as soon as possible to the land of the Saracens, that I may gain the crown of the holy martyrs."

After some challenges from the prior of the Augustinians, he was allowed to leave that priory and receive the Franciscan habit, and it was at this time that he took the name Anthony. True to their promise, the Franciscans allowed Saint Anthony to go to Morocco to be a witness for Jesus and a martyr as well. But he became seriously ill, and after several months realized he had to go home; yet he never arrived. His ship ran into storms and was blown east across the Mediterranean. Months later, he arrived on the east coast of Sicily. The friars at nearby Messina welcomed him and began nursing him back to health.

It was during his convalescence in Sicily that Saint Anthony was fully instructed in Franciscan life and spirituality, and also where he began to be renowned for his preaching, for which he would be famous for the rest of his and through the centuries even unto our own day and age; it is primarily because of his preaching that he was named a Doctor of the Church. He spent the rest of his short life (he died in 1231 at the young age of thirty-six) preaching all over northern Italy, traveling many thousands of miles in that time.

There is a legendary incident in those years of his preaching that culminates in the aforementioned Eucharistic miracle. When Saint Anthony was preaching in a town called Rimini, there was a man there who did not believe in the Real Presence and, in fact, openly mocked anybody who did have that belief. Saint Anthony tried very hard to convince him with proofs in Sacred Scripture and by philosophical argument, but to no avail; the man was "as stubborn as a mule" as they say.

Then Saint Anthony was given an inspiration. He challenged the man, "If the mule you ride adored the Body of Christ in the Eucharist, would you believe in the truth of the Blessed Sacrament?" The man agreed but decided to raise the stakes; he would starve his mule for three days and then bring it to the town square. Saint Anthony would bring the Blessed Sacrament to that same square, and the whole town would be invited to observe what would happen. The mule then would be put in front of a pile of hay and Saint Anthony would stand a few yards away with the Blessed Sacrament. What happened next would decide the victor.

To prepare for the event, Saint Anthony fasted for three days, and of course the man was convinced that the mule would think nothing of the Eucharist and ravenously eat the pile of hay.

On the day of the test, the mule was led in, and hay was held under its nose. Saint Anthony came and stood a distance away with the Holy Eucharist. Defying all odds, the mule turned his head and walked over to Saint Anthony. When the mule was close, the animal bent his front legs and knelt in adoration! When the man saw this miraculous change of events, he too immediately fell on bended knee and professed his belief in the truth of the Real Presence.

What this short story tells us is that the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is something miraculous and supernatural. It is a gift which the Lord gave to His Church, one that reason alone cannot explain. Faith is required to hold to such a fantastic belief, and this story should remind us that what we witness each Sunday (and every single day) is beyond our understanding.

Saint Anthony of Padua...pray for us.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life. (Is 55:3a)

PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
(Ps 145)

SECOND READING:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Rom 8:38-39)

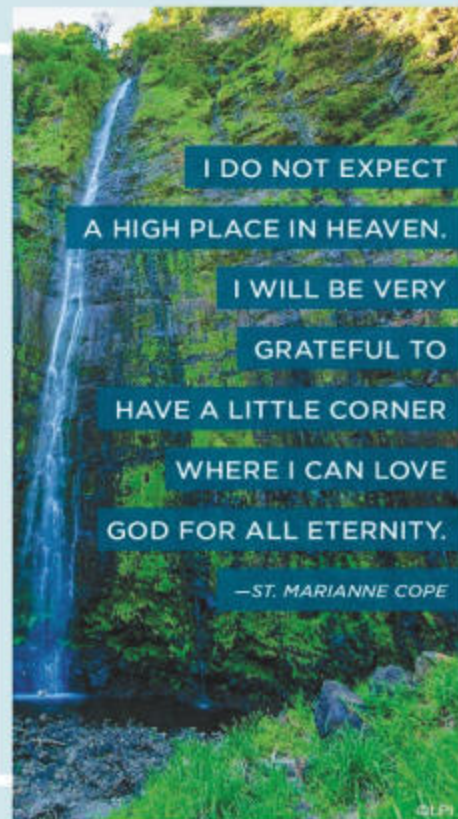
GOSPEL:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. (Mt 14:19-20a)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Near the end of Israel's captivity in Babylon (597-538 BC), the prophet Isaiah spoke of the Lord's desire to be unimaginably generous and life-giving to his people. How has the Lord been generous in gifts to you and your family?

SECOND READING

In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul speaks of God's inseparable bond of love for us through Jesus Christ. In what ways does this sense of God's love for us help you in times of stress and anxiety?

GOSPEL READING

In the immediate aftermath of the news of the death of John the Baptist, Matthew reports that Jesus, "moved with pity," cured those who were sick in the crowds and fed the entire crowd of 5,000. How do you react toward others for whom you feel "pity"?

Sacred Story Community



SSC Candidacy Application Process Information

Candidates should feel drawn to be part of an intentional small faith community that calls one to a daily relationship with Christ that also reaches out to serve those most in need.

A candidate will know she/he is right for this commitment by having a desire to fulfill the obligations of both a candidate and a full member once received into the SSC following the initiation period.

Follow the application process chosen by your pastor. He will make the final determination on the candidates chosen for the SSC beta-project once individuals apply.

We are encouraging SSC communities to organize by male and female gender for this initial test. Our research indicates this is the most effective way to create the strongest bonds and to have sustained success with group retention.^[1]

The end goal and purpose for joining a Sacred Story Community is to join with others who, like you, desire to live your Catholic and Christian faith to the fullest extent and to be supported and to support others who desire the same goal.

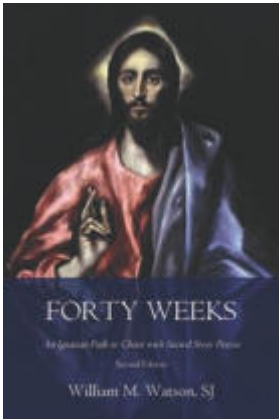
[1] Our conclusions from the research I have done on gender-segregated small groups are as follows:

1. Ministry leaders perceive gender segregation as helpful, especially in young adults.
2. It provides opportunity for the cultivation of identity in terms of gender.
3. It provides opportunity for role models and understanding mentors.
4. Gender segregation is helpful in situations where participants are asked to be vulnerable.
5. Removes the distraction of attraction.

Boosts overall participation.

For more information please see <https://sacredstory.net/candidatetoolkit/>

SSC Spiritual Disciplines for Candidates



—Candidates who apply will be selected by the Pastor for the beta-project

High School SSC
Young Adult SSC
Adult SSC

—All Adult Candidates must take the ***Forty Weeks—An Ignatian Path to Christ*** journey: completing it and the *Whole-Life Confession* in the first part of the journey plus Consecration to the Immaculate Heart and Sacred Heart.

—All Young Adult Candidates must take the ***TRUE HEART—A Way to Selflessness*** journey: completing it with the final 8-hour all night Eucharistic Adoration and Consecration.

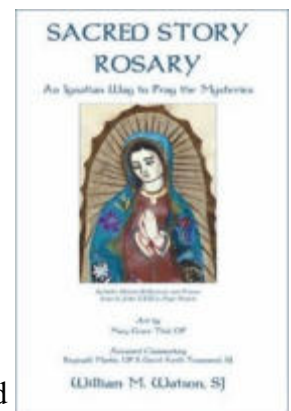


- All Candidates have a regular sacramental life of weekly Sunday Mass and Monthly Confession
- Adult Candidates begin the daily practice of the Examination of Conscience in part two of ***Forty Weeks*** and Young Adult candidates at the end of ***TRUE HEART***.

- All Candidates agree to pray daily by name for all their fellow candidates
- All Candidates are asked to pray a Rosary once a week
- All Candidates attend a 60-minute meeting with their SCC group weekly

SSC Spiritual Disciplines for Full Members

- Weekly Sunday Mass
- Weekly One-Hour Meeting (Limit to one hour)
- Daily Examination of Conscience
- Daily Mass & Communion as is possible
- Monthly Confession
- Monthly one-hour Eucharistic Adoration (more is optimal)
- Weekly Personal and/or Sacred Story Community Rosary
- Individual Consecration to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart
- SCC APOSTOLATE--Monthly Service to Those in Need



Each SSC should select an apostolate to which they commit themselves and do a minimum of one-hour (individual or group) service.

The apostolate could be to the materially or spiritually poor

A Priority Spiritual Apostolate is out-reach to non-practicing adult and young-adult Catholics to invite them to Sunday Church with you.

Corporal Works of Mercy (visiting the sick, shut-ins, prisoners)

- Invite Fallen-Away Catholics to the *Whole-Life Confession* Journey or Eucharistic Adoration
- Commit to guide new SCC candidates through the ***Forty Weeks*** and/or ***TRUE HEART***

August 15, 2020



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Blessed Virgin Mary

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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