



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

March 27th, 2022

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded.
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ LAETARE

Indulgences

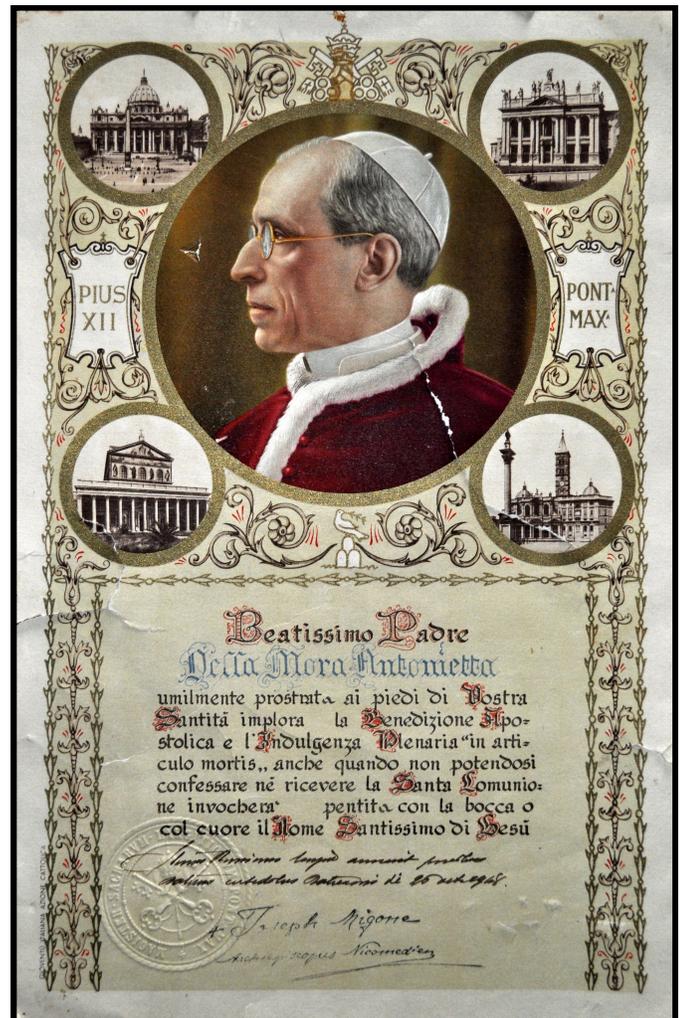
"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God, who is perfect justice, but as following from the very nature of sin.

The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man."

An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity.

Next week, we will examine the indulgences provided in the *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, so that we may all work toward a greater spiritual communion. In fact, many of the indulgences provided for are acts which faithful Catholics take in their daily lives.



A COMMENTARY FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

FRUITS OF THE FIG

In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's firstborn son (see Joshua 5:6–7; Exodus 4:22; 12:12–13).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

- Dr. Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Carl Burrell, Rose Zinkgraf, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Peggy Cloke, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, Wayne Anderson, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions
(**St. Patrick**)

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

9:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

*On most Sundays, Confessions are heard during the
9am & 11am Holy Masses*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Convent at
St. Patrick's Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

School Mass for Chesterton Academy is open to the
public, and is celebrated at St. Patrick's Monday
through Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Please contact the parish office by email to
arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral,
or to request a certificate

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your
intention, please email the office or leave your
intention in the Sunday collection basket.

Please contact Jackie Silvey for prayer requests.
She can be reached at (509) 483-3109

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at
sfxspokane.org or at
facebook.com/sfxspokane

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 7179, Spokane, WA, 99207

SFX DIRECTORY

Office Telephone: (509) 487-6363

Sacramental Emergencies: (509) 866-6098

Father Semple: pastor@sfxspokane.org

Office Email: office@sfxspokane.org

**Our office is open on Saturdays
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, MAR. 28TH

Latin Mass, 5:30 p.m. *Larry Pitner*

TUESDAY, MAR. 29TH

Latin Mass, 8:00 a.m., *Christopher Pitner +*

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 30TH

Confessions, 4:30 p.m.

English Mass, 5:30 p.m. *Sandy Huth*

THURSDAY, MAR. 31ST

English Mass, 8:00 a.m. *Mark DeForrest ++*

FRIDAY, APR. 1ST

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Latin Mass & Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APR. 2ND

Confessions, 3:00 p.m.

English Mass, 4:00 p.m. *Vina Ward +*

SUNDAY, MAR. 27TH

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT &

PASSION SUNDAY

English Mass, 7:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*

Latin Low Mass, 9:00 a.m. *Poor Souls*

Latin Low Mass, 11:00 a.m. *Private Intention*



PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

SINGERS AND SERVERS NEEDED

As we look to expand liturgical practice in our Extraordinary Form Masses, the parish is in need of singers for our schola, as well as young men willing to train as acolytes. Some Latin comprehension, moral discipline, and a well-kempt appearance are required. Please email the office.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

If you desire consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

Every Friday evening at St. Patrick's from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., the sisters pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith. Please join us.

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Weekly youth group ministry is back on for the school year.

High School meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm at the St. Charles Youth Room. Middle School on meets on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm at the St. Thomas More gym.

Visit "ncymspokane.com" for more details, or contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator, JJ Nazzaro, at "jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org"

MEALS ON WHEELS

Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels needs drivers county wide, this need is particularly desperate in the north and central areas of the City of Spokane. As a Meals on Wheels volunteer, you are delivering much more than a hot meal - you are providing a human connection. A typical volunteer route takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete. For many of our homebound neighbors, A MOW volunteer will be the only person they will see or speak with all day. If you have an hour or two a week, month, or something in between to spare, please consider being a volunteer. Please contact Donna Ennis, our Volunteer Coordinator at 509-924-6976 for more information or apply on our website at <https://gscmealsonwheels.org/volunteer/>

LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcomed to join a reading group on St. John Paul II's 'Love and Responsibility'. Weekly discussions will explore the Catholic understanding of human sexuality through the words of St. John Paul II. To join and receive updates, please contact Evan Schmittgen: emschmittgen@gmail.com or 614-598-4378

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Francis Xavier and St Patrick parishes are signed up to pray outside of the Spokane Planned Parenthood at 123 E Indiana Ave every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. during the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign. Those days are March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for part of the time. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your rosary.

BEATRICE CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMY

Beatrice Co-Operative Academy is a home education community looking for amateurs (lovers of arts) and students wanting to develop via Classical Studies. We have a weekly Mass emphasizing the Source and Summit of our Faith, followed by a study of the Great Souls of the Saints; with a community, brown-bag lunch.

We are ready to expand to other activities of enrichment in classic arts and handicrafts. Let us know if you would like to serve by sharing your talent and passion, or if you are a family looking for such a community. Please contact Michael d'Esterre, at beatriceacademy@gmail.com or 509-903-3315

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP uses the physical signs placed by God within each woman's body to identify when pregnancy can occur. Monthly classes for three months. Tuition \$95.00 for the series. Classes are currently conducted virtually. Contact the Women's Health Center: 509-474-2400

GRADUALE ROMANUM, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi
in domum Domini fiat
pax in virtute tua
et abundantia in turibus tuis

I was glad when they said to me
“Let us go to the house of the Lord”
Peace be within your walls
And prosperity within your places



Lent
IS A
JOURNEY
THAT
MOVES US
TOWARD
THE CROSS.

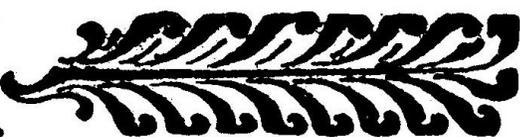


 Knights of
Columbus

Experience this Journey with other
Catholic Men by Joining the
Knights of Columbus Today!
FREE MEMBERSHIP*
For new online membership applications
Submitted the entire month of March
*for 1-year of online membership, regular online dues are \$30/year thereafter.

Visit kofc.org/joinus
Enter code
MCGIVNEY2020



 PAX 



Are You Prepared? End of Life Workshop

Planning for Your Spiritual & Corporal Needs

Saturday, May 14 • 10:30am – 2:00pm

St. Thomas More Parish

(515 W. St. Thomas More Way, Spokane, WA 99208)

NO CHARGE

**Air Conditioning
Gas Conversions
Plumbing/Heating
Furnaces & Boilers
509-489-3860**

Larry Andrews - President
Catholic Owned
& Operated

www.andrewsmechanical.com

Join us for this informative workshop and learn how to preplan for the end of life. Refreshments provided.

Sponsored by:



A NON-PROFIT MINISTRY OF THE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
SPOKANE

Please RSVP to (509)467-5496 or bernadettep@holycrossofspokane.org



**Ice Cream
Cakes For Any
Occasion**

487-4391

917 E. Wellesley Store

RAHN WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC



SCOTT RAHN

Luke 19:11-28



Which servant are you?
Today's coins are digital &
may be held in an IRA.



Bitcoin

509-998-1001

Ethereum

www.rahnwealthmanagement.com



Windermere
REAL ESTATE

Terry McKanna

509-991-9237

tmckanna.com

Trusted & Proactive Agent Advisor 15+ years.

Space Available
Please Text or Call
509.362.15569



Portable Restroom Trailers For
Events & Weddings
Book Now 253-229-0032



10208 N Division Suite 109

509-464-2294

www.northspokaneautolicensing.com

Is it time for you to
incorporate?
Call Dan.
The answer is may
be easier than you
might think.

**Income Tax
Services**

Dan Stadtmueller

216-0900

Space Available
Please Text or Call
509.362.15569



**Mikes Mobile
Computer Repair**

Guaranteed Virus Removal
Computer Lessons For
All Skill Levels

Call Mike Today!

509-999-0014

Listing Your
Business Here is
Easy! Call:

509-362-1556

Discounts for
Parishioners



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF NOTRE DAME

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April 24 || 12-2 PM

2706 E Queen Ave, Spokane



PERRIER CONSTRUCTION

HOME IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR SPECIALIST

SMALL JOBS WELCOME FREE ESTIMATES

LICENSED, BONDED, INSURED

ROGER PERRIER OWNER

710.8346

CCPERRIC1876M



Roofing & Construction

509.489.3552

HRCSPokane.COM

#HERITRC951MR



**DYNAMIC
PRINT SOLUTIONS**

Designing, Printing & Promoting You!

www.dynamicprintit.com Tel: 509-474-9510



Affordable, Local & Catholic



Please let these advertisers know we support them! (Call 362-1556 to Sponsor)