



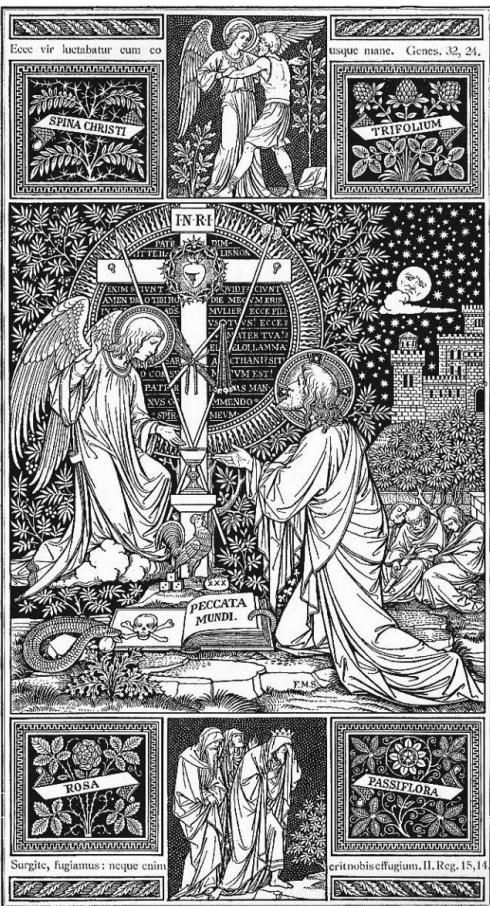
May 1st, 2022

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

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

The practice for this holy Season mainly consists in the spiritual joy, which it should produce in every soul that is risen with Jesus. This joy is a foretaste of eternal happiness, and the Christian ought to consider it a duty to keep it up within him, by ardently seeking after that life which is in our divine Head, and by carefully shunning sin which causes death. During the last nine weeks, we have mourned for our sins and done penance for them; we have followed Jesus to Calvary; but now, our holy Mother the Church is urgent in bidding us rejoice. She herself has laid aside all sorrow; the voice of her weeping is changed into the song of a delighted Spouse.

In order that she might impart this joy to all her children, she has taken their weakness into account. After reminding them of the necessity of expiation, she gave them forty days wherein to do penance; and then, taking off all the taint of Lenten mortification, she brings us to Easter as to a land where there is nothing but gladness, light, life, joy, calm, and the sweet hope of immortality. Thus does she produce, in those of her children who have no elevation of soul, sentiments in harmony with the great Feast, such as the most perfect feel; and by this means, all, both fervent and tepid, unite their voices in one same hymn of praise to our risen Jesus.



The great Liturgist of the 12th century, Rupert, Abbot of Deutz, thus speaks of the pious artifice used by the Church to infuse the spirit of Easter into all: "There are certain carnal minds, that seem unable to open their eyes to spiritual things, unless roused by some unusual excitement; and for this reason, the Church makes use of such means. Thus, the Lenten Fast, which we offer up to God as our yearly tithe, goes on till the most sacred night of Easter; then follow fifty days without so much as one single Fast.. Hence it happens, that while the body is being mortified, and is to continue to be so till Easter Night, that holy night is eagerly looked forward to even by the carnal minded; they long for it to come; and, meanwhile, they carefully count each of the forty days, as a wearied traveler does the miles. Thus, the sacred Solemnity is sweet to all, and dear to all, and desired by all, as light is to them that walk in darkness, as a fount of living water is to them that thirst, and as "a tent which the Lord hath pitched" for wearied wayfarers."

*The above is taken from an essay "Practice on Paschal Time" by Dom Prosper Gueranger, Abbot of Solesmes.*

*In these times, always recall that until the Feast of the Ascension in the last week of May, we are engaged in the most joyous period of the liturgical year, the Easter tide, the forty days of the Resurrected Lord.*

## A COMMENTARY FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRE OF LOVE

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a “charcoal fire” is mentioned.

One is in today’s Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire.

The other is in the scene in the High Priest’s courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside (see John 18:18).

At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted (see John 13:38; 18:15-18, 25-27).

Today’s charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter’s repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus’ thrice repeated command “feed My sheep” shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord’s entire flock, the head of His Church (see also Luke 22:32).

Jesus’ question: “Do you love me more than these?” is a pointed reminder of Peter’s pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken (see John 13:37; Matthew 26:33; Luke 22:33).

Jesus then explains just what Peter’s love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter’s death by crucifixion (“you will stretch out your hands”).



Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered (see Matthew 10:16-19,22; John 15:18-20; 16:2).

We see the beginnings of that persecution in today’s First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave “rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer.”

Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their “mourning into dancing,” as we sing in today’s Psalm. By their sufferings, they know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before “the Lamb that was slain,” a scene glimpsed in today’s Second Reading (see also Revelation 6:9-11).

- 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. during the school year.

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE DIOCESAN PRIEST'S RETREAT**

### SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

Confessions, 3:00 p.m.

English Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m., Kopczynski Family

### SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER &

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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

Latin Low Mass, 9:00 a.m. *Private Intention*

Latin Sung Mass, 11:00 a.m. *Poor Souls*



## 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.

### 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](mailto:jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org)"

### SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509)993-2864.

### 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](mailto:beatriceacademy@gmail.com) or 509-903-3315

### 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.

### 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 home-bound 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/>

### REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

During the pandemic, we continue to distribute food through the Missionaries of Charity and Caritas services. Please leave your donations of nonperishable items by the doors of the church.

### 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](mailto:emschmittgen@gmail.com) or 614-598-4378

## **LESSER ALLELUIA FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Alleluia

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Cognoverunt discipuli Dominum Iesum  
In fractione panis

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the  
breaking of bread.

Alleluia

Alleluia

### **A PRAYER FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

TRUSTING in Your goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I come as one sick to the Healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the Fountain of life, as one in need to the King of heaven, a servant to his Lord, a creature to his Creator, a soul in desolation to my gentle Comforter.

But whence is this to me, that You should come to me? Who am I that You should offer Yourself to me? How dares the sinner to appear in Your presence, and You, how do You condescend to come to the sinner? You know Your servant, and You know that he has nothing good in him that You should grant him this.

I confess, therefore, my unworthiness. I acknowledge Your goodness. I praise Your mercy, and give thanks for Your immense love. For it is because of Yourself that You do it, not for any merit of mine; so that Your goodness may be better known to me, that greater love may be aroused and more perfect humility born in me. Since, then, this pleases You and You have so willed it, Your graciousness pleases me also. Oh, that my sinfulness may not stand in the way!

O most sweet and merciful Jesus, what great reverence, thanks, and never ending praise are due to You for our taking of Your sacred body, whose dignity no man can express!

But on what shall I think in this Communion, this approach to my Lord, Whom I can never reverence as I ought, and yet Whom I desire devoutly to receive? What thought better, more helpful to me than to humble myself entirely in Your presence and exalt Your infinite goodness above myself? I praise You, my God, and extol You forever! I despise myself and cast myself before You in the depths of my unworthiness.

# Are You Prepared?

*Planning for Your Spiritual & Corporal Needs*

## End of Life Workshop

Saturday, May 14  
10:30am – 2:00pm

**St. Thomas More Parish**

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

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

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

#### **Catholic Perspective on Death & Dying**

Rev. Darrin Connall, Vicar General of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes

#### **Catholic Bioethics & End of Life Care**

Rev. Kyle Ratuiste, Catholic Diocese of Spokane

Kellie Durgan, Mission Leader, Providence Holy Family Hospital & Providence St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute

#### **Will Preparation & Estate Planning**

Pete Moye, Attorney at Law

#### **Leaving a Legacy**

Chris Kreslins, Executive Director of Stewardship & Development, Catholic Diocese of Spokane

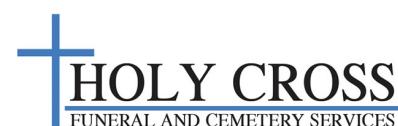
#### **What Do We Do When Loved Ones Die? & Finding God's Mercy in Death**

Rick McLean, Executive Director, Holy Cross Funeral and Cemetery Services

#### **Question & Answer Session**

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