St. Mary Catholic Parish

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday, Thursday 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

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 8:00 - 12noon
Friday Closed
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
General Voicemail Box	**x 150**
Marie Bricher, DRE & Faith Formation	**x 111**
Sharon Greany, Business Manager	**x 107**
Mark VanDriel	**x 7**

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	924-4300
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Sharon Greany, Business Manager	**x 204**

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Prayer Requests

All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill,
Ella M, Matt C, Alma B., Traci P., Jerry D. Sr., Steve N., 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.

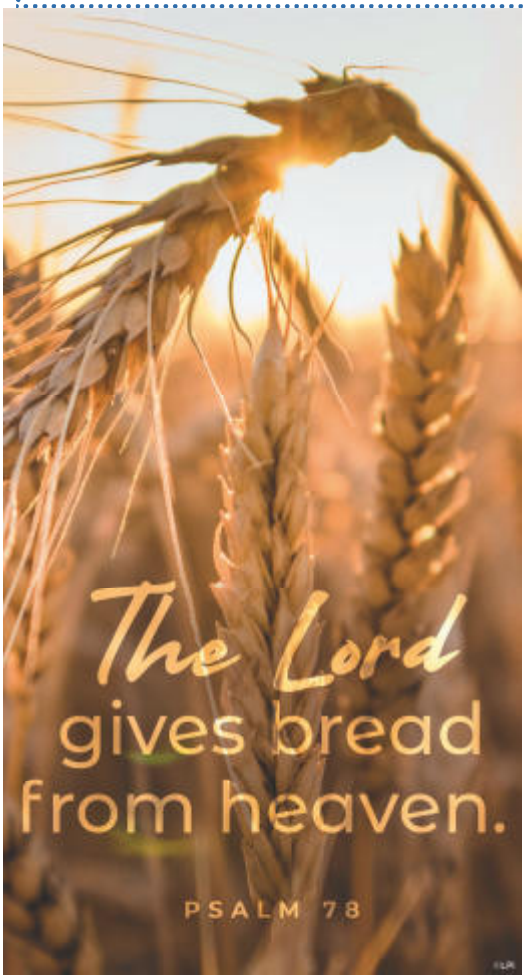
- If a member of your family is admitted to a local hospital, please call the parish office at 928-3210 if you would like a priest
- To add someone to the prayer chain or to be part of the prayer chain ministry please join the *Prayer Chain* group in Flocknote or call the parish office.
- For those not "on-line" call Bobbie Bailey at 928-9584.

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.

Disciples in Mission

Christ calls us to be in the world, but not of it. If you are looking for fellowship through which you can navigate and respond to the complexities of our post-Christian culture in a manner that pleases Christ and strengthens our witness to the world, please consider joining Father Lewis and new parishioners, Todd and Susan Howard, for an exploratory meet and greet potluck dinner where we will discuss the formation, structure and goals of the "Disciples in Mission" group at St. Mary's parish. The exact date will be determined, but we are looking toward the end of the summer so keep your eye on future bulletins for more details!



Guatemala Mission Update: We will be holding a Used Book & Guatemala Weavings Sale on Saturday, August 14th – during the Parish Festival – and on Sunday August 15th with profits to go to the medical clinics in the mission. If you would like to donate used books, please leave them in the marked tub in the Gathering Space of the church. Than k you for your continued prayers!

Parish Collection Report

July Income Week Ending July 11: $12,415.66

Income Month of July $ 26,440.54

Yearly Income (Jan - July): $ 364,300.33

Can you help? A parishioner living in the Revel complex is seeking someone to pick them up for 9:00 Mass on Sundays. Please call the office if you are available.

PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

8/1	**MONDAY**	***Myrna Schimmels +***
8/2	**TUESDAY**	***Anthony Merlitti +***
8/3	**WEDNESDAY**	***Maria Luisa Mattera +***
8/4	**THURSDAY**	***Patrick Kaczmarek +***
8/5	**FRIDAY**	***Mary Ilgen +***
8/6	**SATURDAY**	***Annie Mc Cabe +***
8/7	**SUNDAY**	
	7:30am	***Dr. Gerald Mueller +***
	9am	*Pro Populo*
	11:30am	***Bob & Bunny Dwyer +***
	7:00pm	***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

August 1 2021 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We continue our Pastor Column series "Saint of the Week," and our Saint of the Week this week is Saint Cajetan. He was born in Vicenza, in modern-day northern Italy, in the year 1480. He was living and ministering, therefore, during the Reformation era, one of the most contentious and troublesome times in the history of Christendom.

In 1523, the Church was in sad shape. People could not get the spiritual nourishment they needed from the large numbers of uneducated and even immoral priests who took their money but returned nothing. When good priests and laity turned to the hierarchy for help, they found leaders who were, at best, apathetic and indifferent to their concerns.

The response to such widespread corruption and worldliness on the part of the people was variable; for example, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and others rebelled against the Church, splitting away from the Church when their pleas for correction and reform went unheard. Eventually, they would form their own churches – hence, the Protestant Reformation.

Saint Cajetan responded differently; though he was just as concerned as Martin Luther about the state of the Church, the difference of his response to the situation was that he went to Rome in 1523 – not to talk to the pope or the hierarchy but to consult with members of a confraternity called the Oratory of the Divine Love. When he had first come to Rome many years before, he felt called to some unknown great work there. He studied for the priesthood and was ordained, and as priest, he helped to reestablish a faded confraternity whose fundamental aims were promoting the glory of God for the salvation of souls.

Returning from Rome as a priest, he founded another Oratory in his home town and also in Verona, where he had promoted the spiritual life and care for the poor and sick not only with words but with his heroic example. He told his brothers, "In this oratory, we try to serve God by worship; in our hospital, we may say that we actually find Him." But none of the horrors that he saw in the hospitals of the incurables saddened him as much as the wickedness that he encountered wherever he looked.

In his confraternity, he found other clergy who felt the same way that he did about the evil situation of Christendom society. But they did not want to split off from the Church; they wanted to restore it. Thus, they decided to form an order based on the lives of the Apostles themselves in the hope that the apostolic life would inspire them and others to live holy lives devoted to Jesus.

In order to accomplish this, they would focus on the moral life, sacred studies, preaching and pastoral care, helping the sick, and other foundations of the pastoral life. The new order was known as the Theatines Clerks Regular, an order of the regular clergy whose first superior general was a bishop named Theatensis (although Saint Cajetan is considered the founder).

While they did not experience thousands of formerly greedy and licentious priests flocking to their door, Saint Cajetan and the others in the order nonetheless persevered even in the face of open opposition from laity and clergy who did not want to reform. It was his holy example that converted many, as well as his preaching.

Worn out by the troubles he saw in his Church and his home, Saint Cajetan grew weak and soon became sick. When doctors tried to get him to rest on a bed that was softer than the boards on which he was accustomed to sleep, he answered, "My Savior died on a cross. Let me died on wood at least." He died in 1547, on August 7, and his Memorial is August 7.

Saint Cajetan…pray for us.

~ Fr. Lewis

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

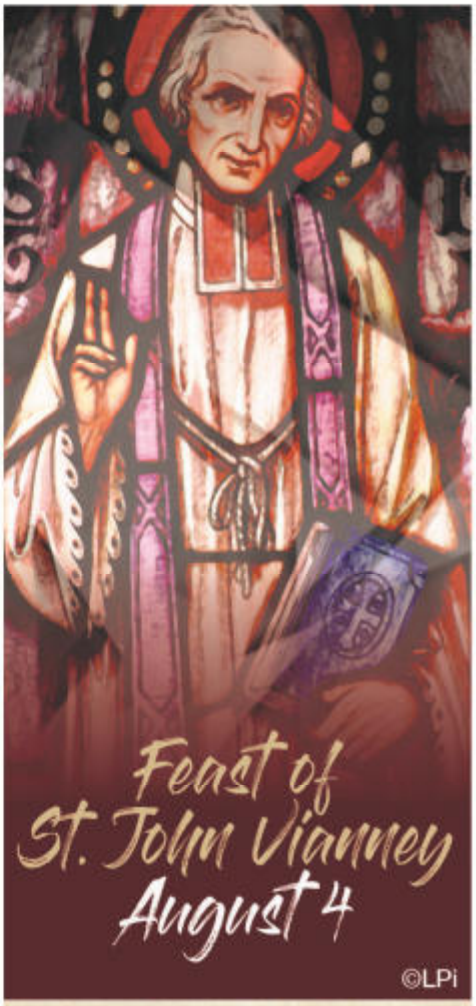
Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

Then the LORD said to Moses,
"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.
Each day the people are to go out
and gather their daily portion;
thus I will test them,
to see whether they follow
my instructions or not." (Ex 16:4)

PSALM

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

SECOND READING

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
and put on the new self,
created in God's way in righteousness and
holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

GOSPEL

"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst."
(Jn 6:35)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Save the Date!

Valley Catholic Kidz Camp

August 2-6, 9:00-12:30

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)

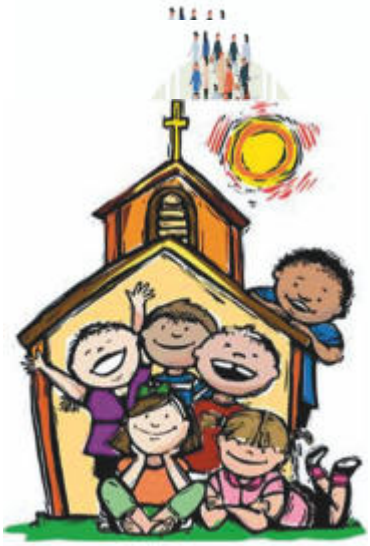
Marie Bricher at St. Mary (509-928-3210)

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

PARISH FESTIVAL

First Annual St. Mary Parish Festival!

When: **Saturday August 14**
Mass at 5 PM
Potluck BBQ, Ministry Fair, games/activities from 6 to 8 PM
Luminaria lighting at 8 PM



READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.

PRAYER

God, fill me up with love for Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

~~FOOD~~	MANNA	LIFE
THIRSTY	FAITH	HUNGRY
MIRACLE	BREAD	COMES

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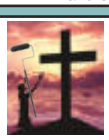
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