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OF FAITH

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30  
Friday - 7:30—Noon  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

### PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

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### PARISH CLERGY

Parish Office Number 509-928-3210  
Rev. Jeffrey R. Lewis, Pastor x 109  
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### PARISH OFFICE 509-928-3210

Suzie Frei, Office Manager x 150  
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## January 9, 2022 : The Baptism of the Lord

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am  
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday 5:30pm  
Wednesday, Thursday 7:00am  
Friday 7:00am & 5:30pm  
First Saturday 9:00 am  
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 509-928-3210 ext. 111 or Nathan Loe at 208-771-3745 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**.

### Prayer Requests

All those feeling lonely and isolated, those who are ill

Doug C, Larry M., Irene Z., Susan Curalli., Matt C, Ella Miller, Ann G., Derek D., Mary L. Joe S., Caitlyn Levernier Graves

To have a name listed in the bulletin call Suzie in the office at 928-3210. Names will be listed for 3 weeks, then removed unless requested again.

- ◆ If a family member 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.

## Homebound Ministry Appreciation Lunch

Tuesday, January 18th at 12:30pm in the Adult Center

Thank you to all of the volunteers in our Homebound Ministry! You are a vital part of our outreach. We want to celebrate your commitment to our parishioners at home and dis-

St. Mary **St. Vincent de Paul** conference members send greetings for a Blessed Christmas season as we continue to assist our neighbors with food, hygiene products, utility & rental assistance. Our pantry is in particular need of hygiene items (hand soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes), paper products (toilet paper/paper towels), and cooking oil. The emergency assistance message line is **(509) 703-7867**, a member will return your call.

Monetary contributions can be dropped in the 3rd Sunday Basket or online at [www.stmaryspokane.org](http://www.stmaryspokane.org) : 1. tap on "Give", 2. then "Donation Designation", and 3. scroll down to "St Vincent de Paul"

We sincerely thank you for your generosity during 2021!!

### The Spokane Valley Catholic parishes have joined forces to form a Catholic Young Adults ministry

Young adults, married or single, ages 21 to 39, are invited to check us out and join us twice a month, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, from 4 PM to about 6 PM at St. Paschal for fellowship, formation, and of course food. Please call Fr. Kevin Oiland, pastor of St. Paschal & St. John Vi-  
anney, (509-496-3608)

## Phoenix Club Potluck

Please join us Friday, January 14 at Noon  
in the Adult Center

### Parish Collection Report

Weekly income Dec 26 : \$ 5,861.07  
 Christmas Collection: \$11,955.42  
 Dec. total monthly income : \$76,339.27  
 Yearly Income (Jan - Dec) : \$ 745,465.86



### PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

01/10	MONDAY	<i>George Bozzo +</i>
01/11	TUESDAY	<i>John Benson +</i>
01/12	WEDNESDAY	<i>Mary Ilgen +</i>
01/13	THURSDAY	<i>Harold Shafer +</i>
01/14	FRIDAY	<i>Ted Rivas +</i>
01/15	SATURDAY	<i>Mary Ilgen +</i>
01/16	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	<i>Ron Riel +</i>
	9am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:30am	<i>Mary Ellen Klepinger +</i>

To have a Mass offered by the priest please call the parish at (509) 928-3210 or email [stmary@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:stmary@dioceseofspokane.org)



## *Pastor's Column*

*St. Mary Catholic Parish*

*January 09, 2022 - The Baptism of Our Lord*

### **Journey Through the Bible, Part 7**

Our Sunday bulletin Pastor Column series on the Bible continues. Last week, we began the New Testament, starting with the four Gospel accounts as well as the Acts of the Apostles. Today, we consider the Letters of Saint Paul.

In the New Testament canon, between the Acts of the Apostles and the Book of Revelation, there are twenty-one documents that take the form of letters (or epistles). Most of these writings are actual letters, but some of them are more like theological or pastoral treatises (maybe to be regarded as sermons) presented in the likeness of letters. Some of these treatises (or sermons) lack obvious indications of a true letter, such as a formal introduction (for example: the Letter to the Hebrews and the First Letter of Saint John).

What is essentially the standard form of these documents, though with some variation, is a dependence upon the conventions of letter-writing that was common in the ancient world. But it is a form that was modified to suit the purposes of the Christian writers. The New Testament letters usually begin with a greeting that includes an identification of the sender (or senders) as well as that of the recipients. Next comes a prayer, usually in the form of thanksgiving. The body of the letter provides an exposition of Christian teaching, usually provoked by concrete circumstances that are happening in the place or amongst the people who are receiving the given letter. The body of the letter also generally draws conclusions regarding ethical behavior. There often follows a discussion of practical matters (such as the writer's travel plans), and the letter usually concludes with further advice and a formula of farewell.

Fourteen of the twenty-one letters have been traditionally attributed to Saint Paul. But one of these writings, the Letter to the Hebrews, does not actually itself make any claim to be the work of Saint Paul himself, but when it was accepted into the canon, it was attached at the very end of the authentic letters of Saint Paul (what Scripture scholars call the "Pauline corpus"). The other thirteen letters of the Pauline Corpus do identify Saint Paul as their author, though some Scripture scholars contend that some of them actually were written by his disciples or partners in mission (for example, the Letters to the Ephesians and the Colossians, the Second Letter to the Thessalonians, and the First Letter to Saint Timothy).

Four letters of the Pauline Corpus (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon) are called the "Captivity Epistles" because in each of them the author speaks of being in prison at the time of their writing. Three other letters (First and Second Timothy, and Titus) are known as the "Pastoral Epistles" because, addressed to individuals rather than communities, they give advice to disciples about caring for the flock. The letters of the Pauline Corpus are arranged more or less in descending order of length from Romans to Philemon, with Hebrews added at the end.

Most of the letters of Saint Paul were written at an earlier date even than any of the four Gospel narratives. Some scholars contend that the First Letter to the Thessalonians actually is the very earliest New Testament writing.

Next week, our Pastor Column series "Journey Through the Bible" will conclude with the other Epistles of the New Testament and the Book of Revelation.

~ Fr. Lewis

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

### St. Patrick's Seminary Discernment Retreat

FEBRUARY 25 - 27, 2022

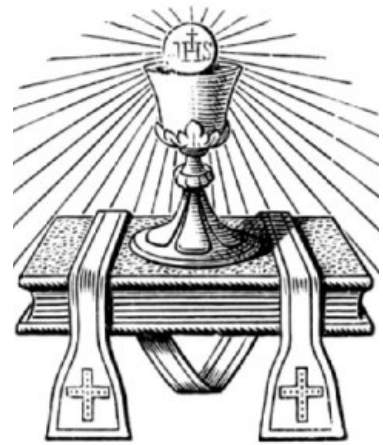
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All meals and lodging provided.

To register contact :

Rev. Kyle Ratuiste (509) 313-7100

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## Please join the 7 Sisters Apostolate in praying a weekly Holy Hour for our priests

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509-928-1639 or 509-481-0057

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### TODAY!!! JANUARY 9TH NEW-ISH PARISHIONER MEET & GREET!

Are you new to the parish? Let us welcome you with a light breakfast social hour!

If you have moved into our parish from a distance over the past one to two years, and are eager to develop Catholic community, join us for our New-ish Parishioner Meet and Greet!

**In the gym between the 9:30 and 11:00 AM masses.  
Come meet "the family"!**

### **New!! St Zelig's Village, A Mothers Group**

Motherhood is an essential vocation to God's great plan! At St. Zelig's Village, we will gather together in fellowship, learn together, support each other, and pray together as we strive like St. Zelig Martin to raise up saints in this crazy world. This group is for all mothers: those who aspire to motherhood, those in the thick of it, and those veterans with adult children. We need you all!! There will be childcare next door, goodies and hot tea. Starting Thursday, Jan 6th, 9-11 am in the Martha/Mary Rooms. Contact Jaymie Miner for further details or just show up!

[jminer@stmarysspokane.org](mailto:jminer@stmarysspokane.org) (509) 999-6631

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FAMILY DANCE



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February 13, 2022  
07.00 PM Dance Lesson  
07.30 PM Family Dance



**St Mary Knights of Columbus : 4196**

**Pancake breakfast to be held on  
January 16th. Save the Date!!**

**Pancakes - French Toast - Fruit - Scrambled Eggs - Ham - Sausage - Hashbrowns  
Biscuits & Gravy - Juice - Milk - Coffee - Tea**



**Suggested Donation—\$7/person  
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"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." St. Jerome

Who wrote the Bible and when?

# Biblepalooza

Where did the Bible come from?



"To read Sacred Scripture is to turn to Christ for advice."

St. Francis of Assisi

How should we use the Bible?



Why do we trust the Bible?

January 29, 2022  
6:00-8:00pm



## Family Faith Night

Our entire parish community is invited to come to the Parish Hall for our Family Faith Night.

Our topic? The Bible!

- *Interactive presentation and games for all ages*
- *Win prizes, make crafts*
- *Learn more about the Bible*
- *Laugh, pray and have fun with your parish family*

*Potluck Dinner at 6:00pm  
Bring Breakfast for Dinner!  
We'll have drinks and place settings for you.*

How can I understand the Bible?

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