



St. Mary Catholic Parish

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SACRAMENT AND PRAYER IN OUR FAMILY
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

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(afterhours)

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January 16, 2022 : 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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

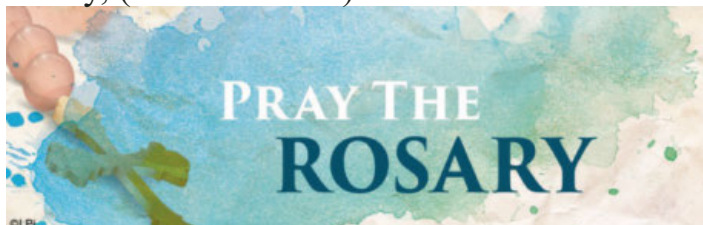
St. Mary **St. Vincent de Paul** conference members continue to assist our neighbors with rent & utility requests as well as food, hygiene & paper products. We are collecting gloves and new white socks to deliver to the homeless. The emergency assistance message line is **(509) 703-7867**, a member will return your call.

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

We wish you all a blessed New Year!!

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, 2nd and 4th 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)



Parish Collection Report

Weekly income Jan 2 : \$27,500.36
Jan. total monthly income : \$27,500.36
Yearly Income (Jan - Dec) : \$27,500.36



PRIESTS MASS INTENTIONS

01/17	MONDAY	<i>For Joe Biden & all Catholic elected politicians to grow in holiness</i>
01/18	TUESDAY	<i>Theresa Ponce +</i>
01/19	WEDNESDAY	<i>Michel Brown +</i>
01/20	THURSDAY	<i>Mary Ilgen +</i>
01/21	FRIDAY	<i>Sue Curalli +</i>
01/22	SATURDAY	<i>John Connors +</i>
01/23	SUNDAY	
	7:30am	<i>Laurel Orr +</i>
	9am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11:30am	<i>Christina Mitchell +</i>

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



Pastor's Column

St. Mary Catholic Parish

January 16, 2022 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Journey Through the Bible, Part 8

Our Sunday bulletin Pastor Column series on the Bible continues. Last week, we reflected upon the Letters of Saint Paul. Today, we consider those Letters called the “Catholic Epistles,” as well as the Book of Revelation.

In addition to the thirteen letters attributed to Saint Paul and the Letter to the Hebrews, the New Testament contains seven other Letters. Three of these are attributed to Saint John, two to Saint Peter, and one each to Saint James and Saint Jude, all of these writers, of course, being some of the very first Apostles of Jesus Christ. The term “Catholic Epistle” first appears, with reference only to 1 John, in the writings of Apollonius of Ephesus, a 2nd-Century apologist – who himself is known only from a citation in Eusebius’s *Ecclesiastical History*. Eusebius himself (+340 AD) used the term in reference to all seven of these writings.

The reason for the term “catholic,” which means “universal,” was the perception that these letters, unlike those of Saint Paul (whose letters were directed to a particular local church or else to a particular person) were apparently addressed more generally to the universal Church. However, this designation is not entirely accurate. On the one hand, Hebrews (which, as we learned last week, has historically been included in the Pauline Corpus) has no specifically identified addressee; and on the other hand, 3 John is addressed to a named individual (Gaius), 2 John to a specific albeit unnamed, community, and 1 Peter to a number of churches that are specified as being located in Asia Minor.

While all seven of these writings begin with an epistolary formula, several of them do not appear to be real letters in the modern sense of the term. In the ancient world, it was not unusual to cast an exhortation in the form of a letter for literary effect, a phenomenon comparable to the “open letter” that is sometimes used in our own day and age.

With the exception of 1 Peter and 1 John, the ancient Church showed reluctance to include the Catholic Epistles in the New Testament canon. The reason for this was widespread doubt whether they had actually been written by the apostolic figures to whom they are attributed. The early Christians saw the New Testament as the depository of apostolic faith; therefore, they wished to include only the testimony of apostles. Today, we are able to distinguish more clearly between the authorship of a work and its canonicity; even if some of them were directly written by a scribe but in the name of a given Apostle, these writings nevertheless testify to the apostolic faith and constitute canonical scripture. By the late 4th and early 5th Centuries, most objections had been overcome in both the Greek and Latin churches (though not in the Syriac), and all seven of the Catholic Epistles have since been acknowledged as canonical.

The Book of Revelation (known also as the Apocalypse of the Apostle John), the last book of the Bible, is one of the most difficult to read and understand because it is replete with unfamiliar and extravagant symbolism, which at best appears unusual to the modern reader and frequently can come across as outright horrifying. However, symbolic language is one of the chief characteristics of apocalyptic literature, of which this book is an outstanding example. Such literature enjoyed wide popularity in both Jewish and Christian circles from the 2nd Century BC to the 2nd Century AD.

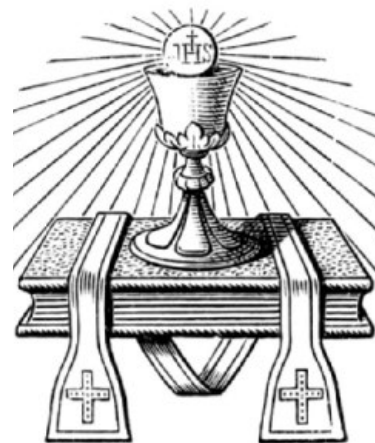
Revelation portrays visions in symbolic and allegorical language that is borrowed extensively from the Old Testament, especially the Prophets Ezekiel, Zechariah, and Daniel. Debate continues as to what everything means or how they should be interpreted, but this much is certain however: symbolic descriptions are not to be taken as literal descriptions nor is the symbolism meant to be pictured realistically. The Book of Revelation cannot be adequately understood except against the historical background that occasioned its writing. Like the Prophet Daniel and other apocalypses, Revelation was composed as resistance literature to meet a crisis; the book itself suggests that the crisis was ruthless persecution of the early Church by the Roman Empire.

Revelation had its origin in a time of crisis, but it remains valid and meaningful for Christians of all time. Amid the presence evil, either from within or from without, Christians are called to trust in the Lord’s promise, “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” ([Mt 28:20](#)) All of us who remain steadfast in faith and trust in the risen Lord need have no fear. Suffering, persecution, and even death by martyrdom, though remaining impenetrable mysteries of evil, do not comprise an absurd dead end. No matter what adversity or sacrifice Christians may endure, they will in the end triumph over Satan and his forces because of their fidelity to Christ the victor. This is the enduring message of Revelation – a message of hope, consolation, challenge for all who dare to believe.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

St. Patrick's Seminary Discernment Retreat

FEBRUARY 25 - 27, 2022
Must be a single man 21 years or older.
All meals and lodging provided.



To register contact : Rev. Kyle Ratuiste (509) 313-7100 kratuiste@dioceseofspokane.org

PREPARES / Lambs Closet December Report

New Families helped : 4 / Total Families : 5
10 bags + snow pants, coats, & a stroller

Through the generous support of the St Mary Parish Community we have been able to assist local families as well as help PREPAREs programs in the Northern counties with items we have in surplus.

Guatemala Mission News

Thank you for your tremendous support of the quilt raffle ticket sales and SERRV chocolates in December. We had a profit of \$1006 with \$713 from ticket sales and \$293 for the medical clinics. All will benefit the people in the Guatemala mission! In addition, we have made \$411.80 from SERRV catalog/online sales, which will be sent to the medical clinics. Thank you for your generosity!

Please continue to pray for the people of the mission. Dr. Jose Miguel reported recently that a dentist is now taking patients in the Novillero clinic two or three times a week, and there is now a laboratory at both Novillero and Nahuala clinics.

Dr. Miguel and the people send their prayers and gratitude!

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!



St Mary Knights of Columbus : 4196



Pancake breakfast TODAY!!!!!!

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

Suggested Donation—\$7/person (Children under 10 Free)
Cash, Credit/Debt Cards accepted

St. Mary Knights of Columbus



**2022 Scholarship Application Packets
are now available for
St. Mary High School Seniors
on the St. Mary Parish Web Site:**

<https://stmaryspokane.org>

**St. Mary Parish
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Council # 4196**

2022 Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications

Applications are now available for the 2022 Knights of Columbus scholarships to be awarded to St. Mary high school seniors. The 1st place winner will be awarded \$3,000, 2nd place will receive \$2,000 and 3rd place \$1,000. Please visit the St. Mary parish web site at <https://stmaryspokane.org> and under the "Serve" tab click on "Knights of Columbus" to locate and download the application. **Completed applications must be received or postmarked no later than February 25, 2022.**



WALK FOR LIFE NORTHWEST

JANUARY 23, 2022

11 AM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral

Walk starts at 12 Noon from the Red Wagon in Riverfront Park

There will be an information area and some speeches before we walk.

PLEASE dress for the weather!

More information available at: www.walkforlifenorthwest.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry Mondays from 10 am to 12 noon in the Adult Center.

Crochet or knit shawls for those who are ill or in hospice. If you know someone who is ill and may be comforted by a shawl handmade with love and a prayer, shawls are available at the Parish Office.

Griefshare opportunities:

- * Loss of Spouse : Monday Jan 31 or Tuesday Feb 1
- * 13 Week Griefshare cycle starting Feb 7 & 8
- * Griefshare Session starting in May at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

For information call

Arlette Popiel 509-979-2255 or Rita McNeilly 509-944-1991

Griefshare.org

"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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