

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.  
Preach the gospel to all people.”*

March 21-22, 2026 | **Fifth Sunday of Lent**



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM  
Tuesday 8:30 AM  
Wednesday 8:30 AM

## ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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**Wednesday, April 1**  
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

**Wednesday, March 25**  
**@ 6:00 PM**

Hosted by the  
Parish Youth Group

## This Sunday's Reading

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Responsorial Psalm 130:1-8  
Second Reading Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

## Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 22

KOC Food Sunday

OCIA Class 11:15 AM

RE Class 11:15 AM

Faith in Action Ministry Meeting 11:15 AM

Tuesday, March 24

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

The Kingdom Yet to Come 10:00 AM

The Kingdom Yet to Come 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 25

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Quilting & Needlework group 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 26

KOC Officer's & Directors meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, March 27

Share the Word 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 28

Men's Breakfast & Fellowship 7:00 AM

Confirmation Retreat 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Please donate to the candy supply for the easter egg hunt on Easter. There is a box in the lobby.

Thank You!



### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21 - St. Joseph

Parishioners

Sunday, March 22 - Eleanor & Frederick

Sears+

Tuesday, March 24 - Sue Kerschen+

Wednesday, March 25 - David Rothrock+

Saturday, March 28 - St. Joseph

Parishioners

**Sacristans/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee and Donut Hosts**

**Saturday, March 28**

Sacristans – Patrick & Rebecca C.

Lector – Pete T.

Eucharistic Ministers – Doug Y., Melinda Y., Ellen S, Renee M, Deacon Joe

**Sunday, March 29**

Sacristans – Dave & Cathy G.

Lector – Mike K.

Eucharistic Ministers – Deirdre G., Lynne L, Natalie S., Parker W., Deacon Joe

**Palm Sunday – No coffee & donuts**

**Catholic Daughters Luncheon & Fashion Show**

Catholic Daughters invite you to their annual luncheon and fashion show on Sat, April 25 at St. Thomas More Parish. Doors open at 10:00 AM. There will be lovely silent auction baskets to bid on, raffle items, a delicious luncheon and fashion show. For tickets and more information call 509-466-3392; tickets are \$40 each to purchase.

**New Hope** is in very short supply of ladies and men’s underwear as well as small household items such as dishes, pots & pans, etc, bedding & towels. You can leave items in the container at St. Joe’s or take items to New Hope on Tuesday or Thursdays 9:30-1:30.

Thank you

**HOPE FOR THE HARVEST**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18 at St. Peter Parish**  
**Mass at 8:00 am (optional)**  
**Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am (optional)**  
**Event is from 9:00 am to Noon**

**Humanity & Holiness: Portraits of the Popes**  
 Be inspired and entertained by Matthew Sewell, creator and host of the podcast, Popecast. Matthew will share insightful and relatable stories about how the popes grew in their relationship with God and found themselves - against their expectations - living out the high call of being successors of Peter. Fr. Kyle Ratuiste, Director of Vocations, will unpack how the stories and lessons of the popes can help us and the next generation live out our own God-given purpose.

For more information and to register by April 15, go to <https://spokanevocations.org/events-page/HFTH/>

*Prayer Intentions*

*Mary Beth Schafer  
 Anita Ascolese  
 Margaret Beloit  
 Taffy Cochran  
 Carole Austin  
 Farol & Bill Stroyan*



**Parish Offerings**

Income	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3,385.00	4,721.00
Plate	\$ 750.00	952.75
Online gifts	\$ 1750.00	2,112.65
Building fund		50.00
Kid's Fund		26.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,616.00</b>	<b>7,836.40</b>

**2026 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Knights of Columbus are conducting weekly food collections during the five weekends of Lent. **There will be no collection on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.**

The food and cash donations received will, as always, be donated to the North County Food Bank in Elk.

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**IDA & NORMA'S**  
CUSTOM WINDOW FASHIONS

**March 25, 9 am - 3 pm**  
**Silent Day of Prayer on the Annunciation:**  
Preparing for the Unknown:  
Mary's Interior Prayer and Peace  
Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC



\$47 per person,  
\$57 with use of room  
for the day



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