

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY,  
APRIL 5, 2026  
EASTER SUNDAY

**WEEKENDS:** SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

**WEEKDAYS:** 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS

### THE CROSS- A PRIVILEGE AND GIFT

BY JOANNE MC CANN  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISHONER

Sometime after our 50th wedding anniversary, my husband, Al, was diagnosed with dementia. What we had suspected for years was affirmed. We were now on an eight-year journey, an adventure that would transform me from sadness and anger to a time of peaceful acceptance and grace.

His care fell primarily to me. At first, it wasn't too hard, but as it progressed, Al became ever more dependent on me. At the end of an especially stressful weekend, I was both exhausted and stretched.

We had spent time at Loon Lake. On Sunday, late in the afternoon, we headed home. First, we would attend Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. However, I changed the destination. A voice or idea crept into my head that the parking and stairs would be too hard for Al. Mary Queen would be a better choice. It was. As it turned out, it wasn't just the level ground that made the difference, it was also the place where I would hear a much-needed message.

An acquaintance had watched me helping during Mass, on the walk to our car, and assisting Al into the car, a task he was finding more difficult to do each day.

She approached me. "He has dementia," she said. "Yes, I knew. My mother did too. Her care fell to me. I came to realize that it was a privilege—a gift." A privilege, a gift? I thought. Some gift! I mulled these words over all the way home.

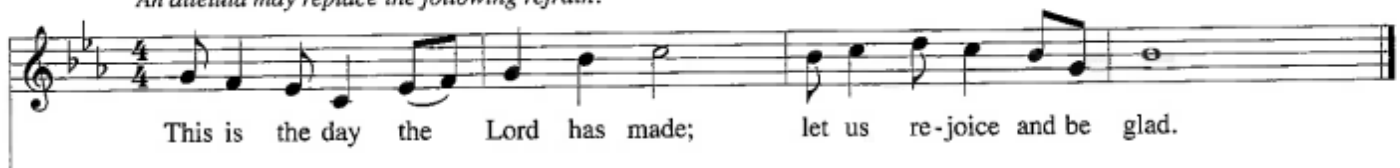
After helping Al to bed, I collapsed onto the couch. A privilege, a gift? No—a cross, yes. How could she have said that? Then I thought, maybe a privilege—maybe so. I had been asked by God to make sure Al was comfortable, had good care, and to prepare him, as best I could, for his entry into eternal life. Maybe a privilege, but certainly not a gift. Discovering that it was indeed a gift would soon come.

Sometime later, while reading a self-help book, I discovered a prayer. Copying it from the book, I said it daily until Al's death. I would like to share it now, especially for those caring for a loved one, no matter the illness. I hope it will be for you what it was for me: a prayer that turned bearing a cross into a source of healing, a source of grace, a time of privilege—and a gift.

"MY GOD,  
I HAVE NEVER THANKED YOU FOR MY  
THORNS,  
I HAVE THANKED THEE A THOUSAND TIMES  
FOR MY ROSES,  
BUT NEVER ONCE FOR MY THORNS.  
TEACH ME THE GLORY OF MY CROSS.  
TEACH ME THE VALUE OF MY THORNS.  
SHOW ME THAT I HAVE CLIMBED TO THEE BY  
THE PATH OF MY PAIN.  
SHOW ME THAT MY TEARS HAVE MADE MY  
RAINBOWS."  
~ GEORGE MATHESON

### Responsorial Psalm

An alleluia may replace the following refrain.



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## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS!

Lil' Ones to 9 year old in the field  
10yr and up in the Garden for the Poor

All Easter Egg Hunters!

Please gather in the parking lot behind the gym under the basketball hoops for a group start before the hunt begins. Get ready for the fun!

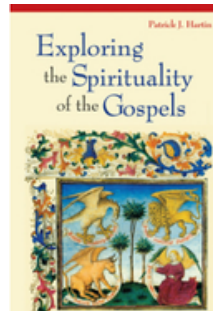
*With grateful hearts, we extend our sincere thanks to our Choir Director, Joel Cummings, and to all of our dedicated choir members who so generously share their voices and talents. Your music beautifully lifts our hearts and enhances our worship, especially during this sacred Lenten and Easter Season.*

*Through your gift of song, you help lead our parish more deeply into prayer and draw us closer to God. May the Lord abundantly bless each of you for your generosity and devotion.*



We will see you all at 6pm on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> for dinner with Fr. Haritn.

**Food Theme: Pasta Bar**  
(Fr. Hartin's Favorite Food)



## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, APR 6**  
NO MASS

**TUESDAY, APR 7**  
NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, APR 8**  
9am, Fr. Hartin

**THURSDAY, APR 9**  
9am, Fr. John

**FRIDAY, APR 10**  
2:30pm- Fr. John

**SATURDAY, APR 11**  
(4:15 Confession)  
5pm, Fr. John

**SUNDAY, APR 12**  
8 am, Fr. Vincent  
10:30 am, Fr. Hartin (Incense)

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## **Special Announcement!!**

Office **CLOSED** on Easter Monday,  
April 6th

There is **NO MASS** on Easter Tuesday  
April 7th

**Thank you!!!**

**If you are looking for baptism,  
marriage, Holy Eucharist for  
the homebound, or funeral  
services, please contact the  
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## PARISH STAFF

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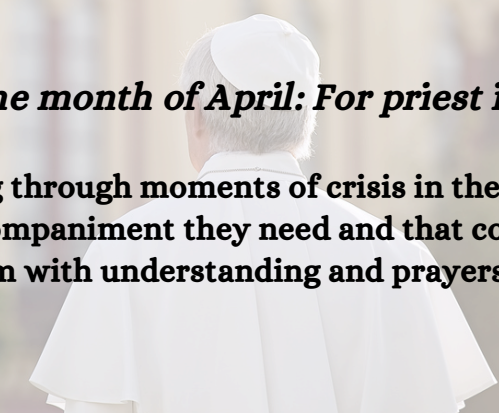
Tithe: \$7593.95

Poor: \$35

Guatemala Fund: \$0

***Papal Intentions for the month of April: For priest in crisis.***

**Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayers.**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**ALL ARE INVITED NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> TO ST. PETER'S, 3520 E 18<sup>TH</sup>, FOR A CELEBRATION.**

- 2:00PM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
- 2:15PM GOSPEL READING & HOMILY**
- 2:30PM ROSARY**
- 2:45PM SILENT REFLECTION & PRAYER**
- 3:00PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**
- 3:20PM BENEDICTION**

**CONFESSION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON.**



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH MEMBERS!**

**BEVERLY GREER**

**ROBERT DEAN & BETTY DOERSCHLAG**

**JAYARANI "JAY" ZACHARIAH AND BIJOMON "BIJO" AUGUSTINE & THEIR SON JOSH**

**ANNA & WYATT GAMBRELL AND THEIR CHILDREN PHOEBE, JESSE, AND #3 ARRIVING IN OCTOBER!**

**WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE!**



**NO COFFEE AND DONUTS TODAY**

**FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**



Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

"He is not here; for He has risen." (Matthew 28:6)

Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations, Fr. Ratuiste 509-313-7100 or contact; <https://spokanevocations.org/contact/>.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, Apr 7**

Thomas Weiler  
Req. by Yvonne Weiler  
(Transferred to Wednesday)

**Wednesday, Apr 8**

Souls in Purgatory  
Req. by Anon

**Thursday, Apr 9**

Thomas Weiler  
Req. by Yvonne Weiler

**Friday, Apr 10**

(Evan Minnich +  
Req. by Carolyn & Michael Widhalm)

**DAILY READINGS**

**2026 APRIL 6 MONDAY**

Reading 1, Acts 2:14, 22-32  
Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Gospel, Matthew 28:8-15

**2026 APRIL 7 TUESDAY**

Reading 1, Acts 2:36-41  
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
Gospel, John 20:11-18

**2026 APRIL 8 WEDNESDAY**

Reading 1, Acts 3:1-10  
Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9  
Gospel, Luke 24:13-35

**2026 APRIL 9 THURSDAY**

Reading 1, Acts 3:11-26  
Psalms 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9  
Gospel, Luke 24:35-48

**2026 APRIL 10 FRIDAY**

Reading 1, Acts 4:1-12  
Psalms 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27  
Gospel, John 21:1-14

**2026 APRIL 11 SATURDAY**

Reading 1, Acts 4:13-21  
Psalms 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21  
Gospel, Mark 16:9-15

**2026 APRIL 12 SUNDAY**

Reading 1, Acts 2:42-47  
Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
Gospel, John 20:19-31  
Reading 2, Peter 1:3-9



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Colossians 3:23



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Apr. 10, 6 pm - Apr. 12, 1 pm

**Weekend Retreat:**  
Sin, Conversion, and the  
Call to Holiness:  
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Fr. Wade L.J. Menezes, CPM



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