



May 10th, 2026

Watch over me, Father, so
that everything I do may
be with the intention of
pleasing Jesus.
~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

“Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.”

The holy apostle, whose instructions these are, had received them from our risen Jesus: hence the authoritative tone with which he speaks. Our Savior, as we have already seen, honored him with a special visit. This proves that he was particularly dear to his divine master, to whom he was related by the tie of consanguinity on his mother’s side, whose name was Mary. This holy woman went on Easter morning to the sepulchre, in company with her sister Salome, and St. Mary Magdalene. St. James the Less is indeed the apostle of Paschal Time, wherein everything speaks to us of the new life we should lead with our risen Lord. He is the apostle of good works, for it is from him that we have received this fundamental maxim of Christianity, that although faith be the first essential of a Christian, yet without works it is a dead faith, and will not save us.

He also lays great stress on our being attentive to the truths we have been taught, and on our guarding against that culpable forgetfulness, which plays such havoc with thoughtless souls. Many of those who have received the grace of the Easter mystery this year will not persevere; and the reason is that they will allow the world to take up all their time and thoughts, whereas they should use the world as though they did not use it (cf. I Cor. 7:31). Let us never forget that we must now walk in newness of life, in imitation of our risen Jesus, who dieth now no more.

Commentary from The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger O.S.B. (1805-187

Painting by Nicolò Bambini; St. James the Less 1722-23



“Alive in the Spirit” : Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us “orphans,” He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14–17).

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father.

We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our Sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5–6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And, strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle.

This is the reason for our hope the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: “Because I live, . . . you will live.”

Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions

4pm – Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass

9:00am – Holy Mass

11:00am – Holy Mass

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

St. Bernadette can be found online at sfxspokane.org or at [facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://www.facebook.com/sfxspokane)

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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

MONDAY, MAY 11TH

5:30pm Mass *Gary Lindstrand*

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

8:00am Mass *Mark McKay (Conversion)*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Anne Marie*

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

8:00am Mass *Colleen English*

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

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9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*





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Activities and volunteer possibilities include:

- Contributing to food prep for after mass socials during the warm months
- Organizing parish picnics + potlucks
- Organizing + providing food for catechesis nights for children and adults
- Formation of Bible studies + small groups
- Corporal works of mercy for the sick and elderly
- Other misc. needs of the parish

If you are interested in taking an active role in creating a vibrant parish community, please email st.bernadette.women@gmail.com

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St. Andrew Hubert Fournet, Priest May 13th

Born into a devout and wealthy family near Poitiers, France, in 1752, St. Andrew was bored by religion and life in general throughout his early years. Undisciplined and frivolous, he got into one scrape after another as a child. Later, he ran away from school and still later dallied with the idea of becoming a soldier while he was in the process of studying law! However, with the help of a country uncle who happened to be a priest, Andrew threw off the yoke of his devilment and discovered that a vocation to the priesthood lay underneath.

After his ordination, the Saint returned to his native village as the local curate but was still infected with a worldliness that was recognized and mocked by his parishioners in their form of address to him. Once again Divine Providence intervened through the causal criticism of a beggar to whom Andrew had refused alms. Suddenly, he came to the realization that his way of life was not at all in accordance with the spirit of the Gospel. He sold all his possessions, did away with all his petty pretensions, and lived an extremely simple life even his manner of speech became simple.

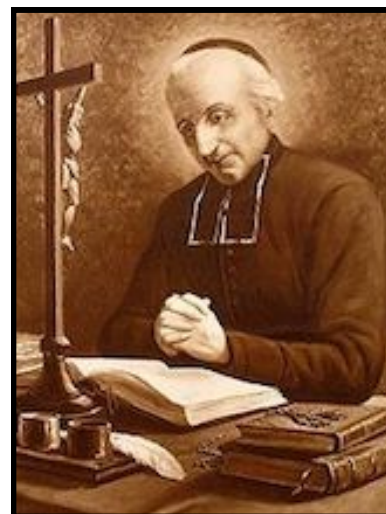
During the French Revolution, Andrew refused to swear allegiance to the revolutionary government and ministered to the people in secret. In 1792, he was prevailed upon by his Bishop to leave for Spain, but he returned five years later and tended in secret to the people's spiritual needs. With the coming of Napoleon to power, peace was restored and strove to rekindle the people's faith through mission, preaching, and confessions.

In 1806, with the aid of St. Elizabeth Bichier the holy priest founded the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross, whose rule he formulated. Aimed directly

at the care of the sick and the education of the young, this Congregation played a large part in the renewal of religion in France after the Revolution. Although retiring from his parish in 1820, St. Andrew continued to direct the sisters until his death on May 13, 1834. More than once he miraculously multiplied food for the sisters and those in their care.

PRAYER: God, You taught Your Church to observe all the heavenly commandments in the love of God. Help us to practice works of charity in imitation of Your Priest, St. Andrew, and deserve to be numbered among the blessed in Your Kingdom.

Amen.



Questions:

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Sunday, June 7th

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