

August

8-9
2026

St. Joseph

Catholic Church



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8 – St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, August 9 – Mike and Tess Evans (Anniversary)

Tuesday, August 11 – Bonnie Betts (healing)

Wednesday, August 12 – Eleanor and Frederick Sears+

Welcome!

MISSION STATEMENT

“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.

Preach the gospel to all people.”

MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BAPTISM

Parents seeking Baptism for their child should contact the Pastor. It is expected that you are a registered parishioner taking part in the liturgical life of the Church - which includes attendance at Mass.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Registration forms are in the lobby, or online:

stjosephcolbert.org/registration

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This Sunday's Readings

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a

Responsorial Psalm 85:9-14

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

SAVE the DATE

St. Joseph's Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 PM

Stay tuned for details.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, August 11

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Wednesday, August 12

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Thursday, August 13

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Friday, August 14

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Share the Word 9:00 AM

Holy Rosary for Farol Stroyan 10:30 AM

Funeral Mass for Farol Stroyan 11:00 AM

Saturday, August 15

Women's Health and Wellness 8:30 AM

Sacristans/Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee & Donut Hosts

Saturday, August 15

Sacristans - Patrick and Rebecca

Lector - Marilee

Eucharistic Ministers - Valerie and Renee

Sunday, August 16

Sacristans - Dave and Cathy

Lector - Rosalie

Eucharistic Ministers - Sandra, Parker,
Anita, Cindy M.

Sunday, August 16

No Coffee and Donuts

BINGO

Join us for Senior Bingo and a potluck lunch the second Tuesday of each month in the parish hall. Our first Tuesday back after the summer months is Tuesday, September 8. We begin at 12:00 PM.

Nazareth Guild Celebration of Light

Saturday, October 17 at 5:30 PM
Hemmingson Center, Gonzaga University
Info: debbie@nazarethguild.org

Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat

Friday, October 2–Sunday, October 4
Join the Knights of Columbus for the 2026 Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat, "Living Catholic Life to the Fullest," featuring Jesse Romero and Fr. John Mosier.

The retreat will be held at Camp Lutherhaven and includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, inspiring talks, bonfires, fellowship, and meals. Cost: \$175–\$260. For more information, or to register visit www.inwmensretreat.org.

Prayer for Vocations

LORD JESUS CHRIST, MODEL OF EVERY VOCATION. INSPIRE OUR MEN AND WOMEN WITH A DESIRE TO SEEK AND SERVE YOU IN THE PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE, BROTHERHOOD, SISTERHOOD. FILL THEM WITH A FIRM DETERMINATION TO GIVE THEMSELVES ENTIRELY, COOPERATING WITH THE GRACE OF YOUR HIGH CALLING.

ENLIGHTEN THEM WITH THE BURNING LOVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND AID THEM THROUGH THE INTERSESSION OF MARY, OUR MOST LOVING MOTHER, TO KNOW AND FOLLOW YOUR WILL. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

In case you haven't heard...

Fr. Tom is now celebrating 8:30 AM morning Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Parishioners are also welcome to submit Mass intentions for any of these days as well as Sunday Mass. The Mass intention calendar is available in the parish office if you'd like to schedule one.

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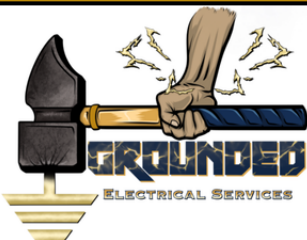
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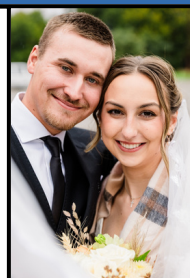
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