

St. Anthony Parish

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Worship Schedule

Masses: Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:30AM

11:30AM in Vietnamese

Tuesday — Friday 8:00 AM

Holy Hour: Tuesdays 8:30AM-9:30AM

Confessions: Tuesdays at 8:30-9:30AM and 6-7pm

Baptism & Holy Marriage: Parents seeking Baptism for their child and couples seeking marriage should contact the parish office at least six months before desired dates for preparation. It is expected that

you are registered and have been active in the parish for at least six months, be a regular contributor financially to the parish, and be taking part in the liturgical life of the Church—which includes attendance at Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.

Parish Pastoral Council: President—Cindy Ecklund
The (parish council) mission is to provide consultation and support to the Pastor concerning pastoral activity and initiatives.

Janet Murphy

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The Parish Council meets Third Wednesday of the month at 6pm in Wilson Hall, except July & August

Finance Council:

President—Luke Anderson

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Patti Landreth

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

President — Kathy Loe

Monthly meeting:

Second Saturday, 8am in Wilson Hall 509-216-1093.

www.Facebook.com/sasvdpokane

Contact Jan Russell to add a name to the prayer chain

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Betty Lease, Kerry Williston, Janice Stripes, Patrick Byrnes, Christopher, Beth, Van Doughty, Sr. Madonna, Cindy, Angela Morbeck, Tina Lesser, Ashley & Family, Shaw & Family, Marc Stokes & Family



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY — Back-to-school is nearly here!

Such a tough time, financially, for many families. One way to minimize expenses is to utilize free resources — we post many local events on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sasvdpokane. Please Follow us, then Like and Share our posts!

OUR GIFT TO GOD

We thank God for you! Your gifts throughout the year are gratefully acknowledged.

August 1 & 2

4:30 Mass: \$95

9:30 Mass: \$285

11:30 Mass: \$435

Total: \$815

August 8 & 9

4:30 Mass: \$311

9:30 Mass: \$596

11:30 Mass: \$793

Total: \$1,700

Parish Mass Intentions & Events †

Saturday, 8/15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30PM Mass: Tierney McNeiece

Sunday, 8/16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

11:30AM Mass in Vietnamese

Monday, 8/17

1-4PM Mahjong

TUESDAY, 8/18

8AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

8:30AM Adoration & Confession

6PM-7PM Confession

WEDNESDAY, 8/19 ST. JOHN EUDES

8AM MASS: Rosemary Simpson †

THURSDAY, 8/20 ST. BERNARD

8AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

FRIDAY, 8/21 ST. PIUS X

8AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

Saturday, 8/22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30PM Mass: Patricia Mandy—Hoff †

Ordination Celebration for Fr. Robert Nyeko 25 years



AUGUST 16, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Corner — My brothers and sisters in Christ, May the Lord continue to bless our families and our parish community!

As the beautiful, warm days of mid-August continue to unfold across Spokane, our parish schedules are naturally busy, and our personal lives are full of competing demands. Sometimes, amidst all this noise, we can find ourselves praying for something—a family situation, a health concern, a heavy burden—and encountering what feels like total silence from God. It is easy to feel discouraged, or worse, to feel like an outsider looking in, wondering if our prayers even matter. In the Gospel for this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 15:21-28), we meet someone who understood that feeling perfectly. Jesus enters the region of Tyre and Sidon, and a Canaanite woman—a foreigner, an outsider by every societal and religious definition—comes to Him. She is desperate, crying out for her daughter who is tormented by a demon.

At first, Jesus' reaction is deeply unsettling: He does not say a word to her. When the disciples beg Him to send her away because she keeps shouting after them, Jesus explains that His immediate mission is to the lost sheep of Israel. He even uses a harsh cultural analogy of the time, noting that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.

Most people would have walked away hurt, offended, or broken-spirited. But this mother refuses to let silence or boundaries deter her. With profound humility and sharp wit, she replies:

"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

She doesn't argue for her rights; she throws herself entirely on His mercy. She knows that even a "scrap" of Jesus' power and love is more than enough to heal her daughter. Moved by her fierce, unshakeable persistence, Jesus marvels: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This woman teaches us a vital lesson about prayer: persistence is not about changing God's mind; it is about stretching our hearts to receive Him. It is an act of radical trust that refuses to give up when the answer doesn't come on our timeline.

Our first reading from Isaiah beautifully echoes this expanding boundary of grace. God declares that the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, loving His name and keeping His covenant, will be brought to His holy mountain. He promises: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Here at St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's, we are called to embody this expansive, boundary-breaking love.



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No matter who walks through our church doors, no matter their past, their background, or how far they feel from God, they belong here.

If you are praying through a storm of silence right now, do not lose heart. Bring your raw, persistent faith to the altar this Sunday. Cry out like the Canaanite woman, knowing that our Lord sees your fierce love, hears your voice, and welcomes you fully to His table.

May God bless our Parish! May the Lord continue to provide us with deeper faith and love in the Eucharist!

God bless you!

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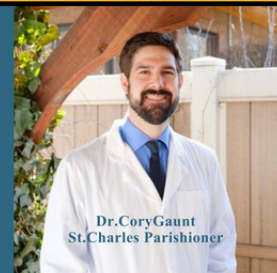
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