

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 Abbi Spilker Rene Heidt

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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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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

President — Kathy Loe

Monthly meeting:

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

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Contact Jan Russell to add a name to the prayer chain

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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 — Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Meetings are usually the second Saturday of the month, at 8:00 a.m. in Wilson Hall — all are welcome!

Parish Mass Intentions & Events †

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

4:30PM Mass: Patricia Mandy—Hoff †

Sunday, 8/23 Twenty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

11:30AM Mass in Vietnamese

Monday, 8/24 St. Bartholomew

Parish ACA Letter

1-4PM Mahjong

TUESDAY, 8/25 STS. LOUIS & JOSEPH CALASANZ

8AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

8:30AM Adoration & Confession

6PM-7PM Confession

WEDNESDAY, 8/26

8AM MASS: Rosemary Simpson †

6PM Parish Council Meeting in Wilson Hall

THURSDAY, 8/27 ST. MONICA

8AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

FRIDAY, 8/28 ST. AUGUSTINE

8AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

9AM Mass: Trinity School Mass

Saturday, 8/29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

4:30PM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †



AUGUST 23, 2026

TWENTY—FIRST 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 late August sun bathes Spokane in its golden light, our thoughts naturally begin to drift toward the coming autumn, changing seasons, and the return to routines. It is a time of transition, a moment when we naturally pause to take stock of our lives and ask ourselves what truly defines us. In the midst of life's constant movement, the liturgy today presents us with the ultimate question of identity—not just Christ's, but our own.

In the Gospel for this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 16:13-20), Jesus takes His disciples to the region of Caesarea Philippi. Against the backdrop of massive rock formations and pagan temples dedicated to worldly gods, He asks a penetrating question: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They give the popular opinions of the day—John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah. But Jesus bypasses the gossip and looks them directly in the eye:

"But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter, propelled by a grace he doesn't fully understand, steps forward and declares: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus' response changes Peter's life forever. He tells him that flesh and blood did not reveal this, but the Heavenly Father. And then Jesus gives him a new name and a destiny: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

Notice the profound pattern here: the moment Peter discovers and proclaims who Jesus is, Peter discovers who he is. The same reality applies to every one of us sitting in the pews at St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's today. Jesus is not interested in what the culture says about Him. He doesn't want us to rely on a second-hand faith or a dusty textbook definition. He looks into your heart today and asks, "Who am I to you?" Is He just a historical figure, a good moral teacher, or a Sunday obligation? Or is He the living center of your life, your Savior, and your friend?

When you find the courage to echo Peter's confession—to make Jesus the rock of your life—He hands you your true identity. You are no longer defined by your past mistakes, your career, your financial status, or the anxieties that keep you awake at night. You are a child of God, built on solid rock, given a purpose that the world cannot take away. Our first reading from Isaiah reminds us that God places authority and keys in the hands of those He chooses, and St. Paul reminds us in Romans of the sheer depth of God's wisdom:

"How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" God knows what He is doing with your life, even when the foundations feel shaky.



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August 8 & 9

4:30 Mass: \$311
9:30 Mass: \$596
11:30 Mass: \$793
Total: \$1,700

August 22 & 23

4:30 Mass: \$
9:30 Mass: \$
11:30 Mass: \$
Total: \$

This week, let us pray for the grace of a personal encounter with Jesus. Let us step away from the noise of the world and allow His voice to reshape our hearts. May we boldly proclaim Him as our King, confident that the rock of His Church stands firm, and that His love will always prevail.

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

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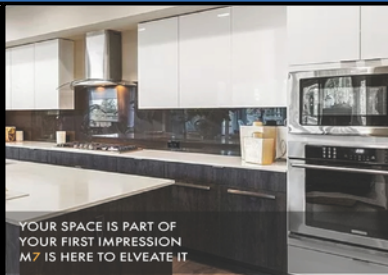
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