

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.

www.Facebook.com/sasvdpokane

Contact Jan Russell to add a name to the prayer chain

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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 15 & 16

4:30 Mass: \$696

9:30 Mass: \$361

11:30 Mass: \$514

Total: \$1,571

August 8 & 9

4:30 Mass: \$311

9:30 Mass: \$596

11:30 Mass: \$793

Total: \$1,700

August 22 & 23

4:30 Mass: \$594

9:30 Mass: \$732

11:30 Mass: \$966

Total: \$2,292

Parish Mass Intentions & Events †

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

4:30PM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

Sunday, 8/30 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

11:30AM Mass in Vietnamese

Monday, 8/31

9AM-9:30AM: Trinity All School Prayer

1-4PM Mahjong

TUESDAY, 9/1 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

8AM Mass: Tierney & Thomas McNeiece

8:30AM Adoration & Confession

Noon-3PM: Trinity Band in Wilson Hall

6PM-7PM Confession

WEDNESDAY, 9/2

8AM MASS: Rosemary Simpson †

9AM-3PM: Sr. Consuela in Wilson Hall

THURSDAY, 9/3 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

8AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

Noon-2PM: Trinity Strings in Wilson Hall

FRIDAY, 9/4

8AM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †

9AM Mass: Trinity School Mass

10AM-11:30AM: Trinity Music Class

Saturday, 9/5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

4:30PM Mass: Rosemary Simpson †



AUGUST 30, 2026

TWENTY SECOND 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 final days of August wane and the gentle approach of September hints at a new season, we often find ourselves clinging to comfort. We like things to be predictable, safe, and smooth. Yet, true love and true discipleship rarely follow the path of least resistance. This Sunday, the liturgy pulls back the curtain on what it really means to follow Jesus, moving us from the mountaintop of last week's glorious confession of faith straight into the valley of the Cross.

In the Gospel for this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 16:21-27), Jesus begins to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, suffer greatly, be killed, and on the third day be raised. Fresh off his declaration that Jesus is the Messiah, Peter pulls Jesus aside and rebukes Him: "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

Peter loves Jesus, but he wants a victory without a battle, a crown without a cross. Jesus' response to Peter is sharp and immediate: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then, Jesus turns to all His disciples—and to us at St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's today—with the paradox that lies at the very heart of the Christian life:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

To "deny oneself" does not mean to erase our personality; it means to remove our ego from the throne of our hearts and let Christ sit there instead. The crosses we bear are not punishments from God. They are the friction that occurs when our desire to love like Jesus clashes with a world that prefers selfishness, comfort, and pride.

This interior struggle is vividly captured in our first reading from the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah feels worn out by his mission, crying out to God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" He resolves to stop speaking in God's name to avoid mockery and pain. But then he experiences something undeniable: "It becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it."

True faith is an unquenchable fire. When we truly encounter Jesus, we cannot just slip back into a comfortable, passive existence. St. Paul echoes this in Romans, pleading with us to offer our very bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. He tells us: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."

Brothers and sisters, following Jesus in Spokane today means resisting the urge to conform to a culture of comfort. ➡

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****2026 Annual Catholic Appeal: "A Heart that Never Fails"****

Our parish is joining the diocese in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Through every season of life, the Sacred Heart of Jesus has never let go of us — and your gift to the Appeal helps carry that same faithful love to others across our diocese, supporting Catholic schools, seminary formation, evangelization for our youth, and the Inland Catholic newspaper and Flocknote. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year. Response cards are available at the entrances of church, or you may give online at www.dioceseofspokane.org/aca. Thank you for your generosity!

Women of St Anthony's —

We would like for you to join us on September 14th at 6:30 pm, downstairs in Wilson Hall. If you've been looking for a community of Catholic women, we would love to meet you. Come learn what our ministry is about and how we can support you and our parish community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alyssa Richards.

BUSY BAGS —

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and don't try to stop them! People who are like these children belong to God's kingdom." As we hear in the Gospels, Jesus is thrilled with children coming to him. For this reason, we have created busy bags to help your little ones better understand the mass. We are in need of more bags and supplies for them. If you would like to donate to them, please see Alyssa Richards or Michelle Thorn, otherwise, please feel free to make a donation and leave it in the collection basket or the parish office stating it is for the busy bags.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY — In the first three quarters of our fiscal year we helped 71 households with rent and utilities payments: \$12117 for rent, \$6126 for City of Spokane utilities, \$3124 for Avista. Some funds came from grants from Avista, St Vincent de Paul National, The Catholic Foundation, and from another parish's donations. The remaining assistance was provided by our St Anthony parishioners — thank you so much! We cannot do this without you!

It means having the courage to love when it hurts, to forgive when it is unfair, and to stand up for the vulnerable when it is inconvenient. When we carry our crosses in union with Christ, they cease to be instruments of defeat and become the very soil where our resurrection begins. Let us step forward this week, not in fear of the cross, but in love with the One who bore it for us.

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

God bless you!

Fr. Gus Ruiz

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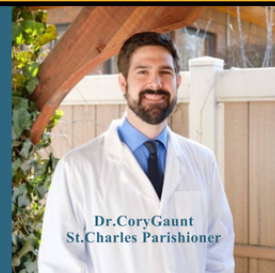
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