October

17-18

2026

St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION STATEMENT

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples. Preach the gospel to all people. "

MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Wed., Thursday, Friday, 8:30 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 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 life of the Church - which includes attendance at Mass.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Registration forms are in the lobby, or online: Registration Form

OFFICE CONTACTS

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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

The diocese is committed to helping victims and survivors of child abuse, protecting children and vulnerable adults. Contact: Diocese of Spokane at (509) 353-0442.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17 – St. Joseph Parishioners
Sunday, October 18 – Farol Stroyan+
Tuesday, October 20 – Sister Mary
Wednesday, October 21 – Robert Plue+
Thursday, October 22 - Jodi & Rob Buxton and Family
Friday, October 23 - Terri Czapinski (bday)

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Responsorial Psalm 96:1,3-10
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-21

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

St. Joseph's ACA goal for 2026 is 74,955.00. We are now at 70.4% of goal. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, October 20
Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Bible Study: Gospel of Luke 10:00 AM
Women's Book Club 1:30 PM
Bible Study: Gospel of Luke 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 21
Daily Mass 8:30 AM
The life prayer group 2:30 PM

Thursday, October 22
Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Friday, October 23
Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Share the Word 9:00 AM
Region 12 Cursillo Meeting

Saturday, October 24
Pajama Drive
Women's Health & Fitness 8:30 AM
Mass 4:00 PM
Region 12 Cursillo Meeting

Sunday, October 25
Pajama Drive
Religous Ed Classes 9:00 AM
OCIA Class 11:00 AM

Sacristans/Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee & Donut Hosts

Saturday, October 24

Sacristans - Patrick and Rebecca
Lector - Terry C.
Eucharistic Ministers - Mary M. and Leslie

Sunday, October 25

Sacristans - Dave and Cathy
Lector - Mike K.
Eucharistic Ministers - Sandra, Anita, Parker, Linda

Sunday, October 25

Coffee and donut hosts - Dennis and Ro

Religious Ed Corner



Hello RE Families!

Thank you for a wonderful 4th week of classes. This week and next week, our classes will be completing their preparation for All Saints Day, which will happen during Mass on November 1st!

Our theme this year is "Families of Saints." All students have been assigned a saint that they will learn about in preparation to dress up as that saint on November 1st. We encourage you to ask your student about their saint and what they have learned about them!

Have a blessed week!

– Emily Busch, Religious Ed Director

Thank You for a Wonderful Oktoberfest!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Oktoberfest! We were delighted to welcome more than 110 parishioners for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun.

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the event such a success, especially those who assisted with setup, brought delicious dishes to share, grilled the hot dogs and brats, stocked and staffed the beer and wine bar, and helped with the food service.

Some of the highlights included Father's decorations, the pumpkin-carving, and the pretzel and ribbon races. Thank you as well to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the six baskets, and congratulations to all of our winners!

Finally, a special thank you to those who stayed to help with cleanup. Your generosity and hard work was greatly appreciated.

We look forward to celebrating with you again next year!

September 2026	Budget	Actual
Envelopes	13,540.00	17,476.00
Plate	3,000.00	3,529.00
Online giving	7,460.00	8,902.00
Building Fund		410.00
Total	24,000.00	30,316.00

Life Prayer

Everyone is welcome. Sessions are one hour and begin at 2:30 PM on Wednesdays. Sessions are led by Connie Sullivan at no cost.

We use a booklet authored by Connie. The booklet is composed of short phrases as prayers dedicated to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Each booklet has three sections: Remorse, Love, and Thanksgiving. We will pray and meditate as the Holy Spirit moves us.

INNOVIA FOUNDATION

September 28, 2026

Rev. Thomas Connolly
St. Joseph Parish New
3720 E. Colbert Rd.
Colbert, WA 99005

Gift Number: 448486
Gift Amount: $10,722.05
Fund Name: Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund

Dear Rev. Connolly,

Thank you for the recent gift in the amount of $10,722.05 to Innovia Foundation for the Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund, which was received on September 14, 2026.

Your thoughtful gift will support emergency response efforts and community recovery for families and communities negatively impacted by the recent devastating wildfires in our region. We appreciate your contribution to this vitally important cause.

The mission of Innovia Foundation is to ignite generosity that transforms lives and communities. Thanks to our caring donors, and funds like the Spokane Complex Wildfire Response Fund, we awarded nearly $10 million in grants and scholarships last fiscal year, infusing resources into our 20-county service region and beyond.

If you have any questions about this gift, please feel free to contact us. We are always happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Shelly O'Quinn
CEO

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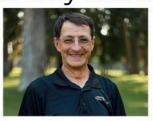
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