November
7-8
2026

St. Joseph
CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7 – St. Joseph Parishioners
Sunday, November 8 – Chuck Loran+
Thursday, November 12 - Martha Haagman (strength)
Friday, November 13 - Lori Bowman+

No Daily Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday next week. The church is closed Wednesday in observance of Veteran's Day.

Welcome

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.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

This Week

Tuesday, November 10
No Daily Mass
Tree of Sharing meeting 9:00 AM
Bible Study: Gospel of Luke 10:00 AM
Bingo and potluck 12:00 PM
Musicians meet to discuss Christmas music 4:00 PM
Bible Study: Gospel of Luke 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 11
Office Closed - Happy Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 12
Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Friday, November 13
Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Share the Word 9:00 AM

Saturday, November 14
Women's Health & Fitness 8:30 AM

Sunday, November 15
Religous Education Classes 9:00 AM
OCIA 11:00 AM
Nativity Scene set up
Youth Group 6:00 PM



Sacristans/Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee & Donut Hosts

Saturday, November 14

Sacristans - Meg and Ed
Lector - Pete
Eucharistic Ministers - Ellen and Valerie

Sunday, November 15

Sacristans - Charles and Maureen
Lector - Jean
Eucharistic Ministers - Lynne, Bob, Parker, Linda H.

Sunday, November 15

Coffee and donut hosts - Brigitta and Sharon

Hello RE Families!

Thank you for an excellent All Saint's Day last weekend. It was such a joy to watch your students learn about a new saint and reflect on how they can be more saint like in their own lives! We are back to regularly scheduled programming, with a focus on the following:

K/1st Grade - We look at and care for God's world (Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:31)

2nd Grade - Baptism is the beginning of a new way of life of service to others (Mark 7:31-37, John 15:5)

3rd Grade - Mary said yes to God (Luke 1:26-38)

4/5 Grades - In Confirmation, we celebrate the Holy Spirit within us and renew our baptismal commitment to witness to Jesus (Acts of the Apostles 1:6-8 and 2:1-41)

Thank you so much for your trust and support in our Religious Education program. We are blessed to have a community with you!

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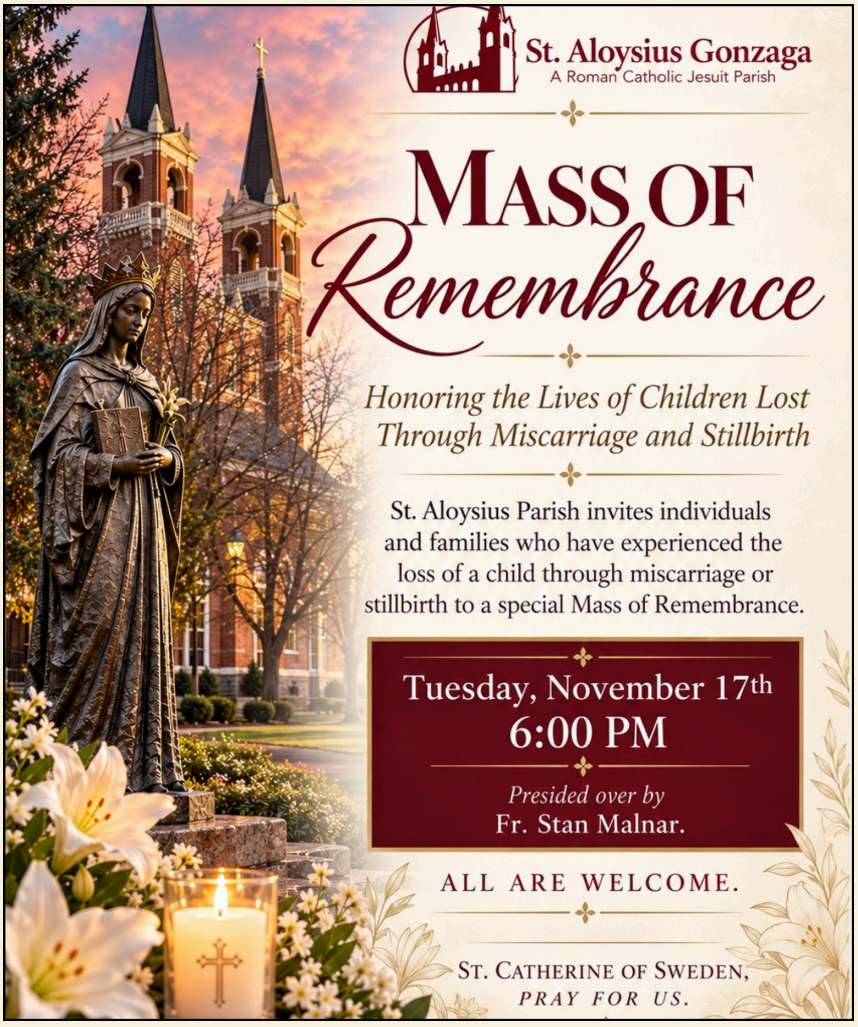
Emily Busch

Director of Religious Education



The Nativity Scenes are coming!

Setup begins on Sunday, November 15.
The display opens on Friday, November 27.

The dining room and the gathering space will be taken over by over 2,200 nativity scenes. The regularly scheduled groups will meet in classrooms during that time. Donuts will be served after Mass, but no coffee or lemondade.

If you can volunteer to host the display, there is a sign up sheet in the lobby today.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

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Join the Adult Choir!



This year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, which means it is time to start planning the music for Christmas. If you would like to sing in the adult choir on Christmas Eve at 8:00 PM or Christmas Day at 10:00 AM. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 4:00 PM in the church to plan.

If interested, please text Marie at 206-915-9231 or Ric at 509-891-3588.

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End of Life Workshop
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Saturday, Nov. 7 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Mass at 8:30 (optional)
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