

St. John Vianney Catholic Parish

St. Paschal Catholic Parish

**Fourth Sunday in Lent - Laetare Sunday
March 15, 2026**

Welcome!

To make St. John Vianney or St. Paschal your parish home, register with the office or online!

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Principal: Janelle Turcotte
Secretary: Joan Olson
Website: www.st.johnvianney.com

SP Educare 509-922-7616
Director: Mary Jo Paschall

Prayer Chains
SJV: Jayne Seaboldt 509-921-0945
If unavailable: Mary McLeslie 509-926-0460
SP: Rosalie Thompson 509-443-7268

Assistance Program
If you need assistance with food, utilities, or prescriptions, please call the SJV office Tues.—Thurs., 9 a.m. to noon

Catholic Family Service Counseling
Call the Diocesan Office 509-242-2308

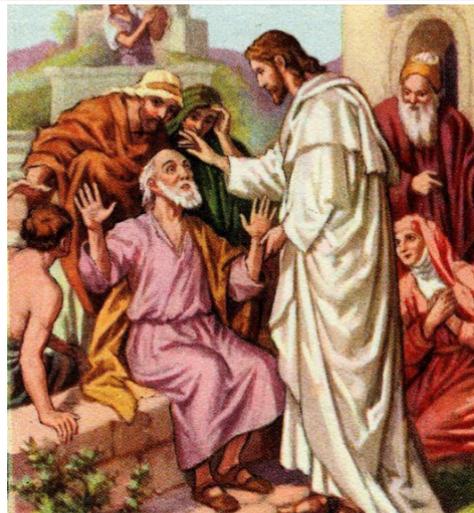
SJV & SP Parish & Finance Council Members

SJV Parish Council:
Ric Wesselman (Chair), Greg Takisaki, Angie Nordhus, Ruth Ann Pfeifer, Sue Kappen, Mark Sullivan

SJV Finance Council:
Erik Wakeling (Chair), Barbara Ewers, Nick Durgan, Cathy Suda, Greg Takisaki

SP Parish Council:
Kathy Foreman, Fred Meyer, Joan Dunn, Emily Klein, Lori Sullivan, Tom Lutyens

SP Finance Council:
Bill Trudeau (Chair), Fred Meyer, Carmen Ballard



Mass Times:

SJV: Daily Mass Tuesday - Friday at 8:15 a.m.
Sat. Vigil 4 p.m.
Sun., 10 a.m.

SP: Sun. 8 a.m.

Eucharistic Home Visits

If you are homebound or ill, and want to receive Holy Communion, please call the office.

Eucharistic Exposition for Adoration

SJV: Wed. 9a.m. - 5p.m.
2:30 p.m. —3:30 pm Every First Saturday is
Holy Hour for Vocations
2:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Every Last Saturday is
Holy Hour for SJV School

SP: Tuesdays 5-6 p.m.

Confessions By appointment, and regularly at:

SJV: Sat. 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

SP: Tuesdays 5-6 p.m.

Sacraments of Baptism & Holy Matrimony

Parents seeking baptism for their child should fill out a baptism request form on our website 3 months before intended baptism date. Engaged couples should contact the office 6 months before the intended wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Interested in becoming Catholic, or want to ask about our OCIA program? Please call Mike Heywood, 509-999-8374 or Sue Manfred, 509-230-2695.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The St. John Vianney Catholic Church Family:

- Seeks to grow in our faith,
- to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
- and to serve the people of God.

Office: (509) 926-5428 SJV / SP

Mailing Address: P.O.Box 141125, Spokane Valley, WA 99214

SJV Location: 503 North Walnut Road / SP Location: 2521 North Park Road

Website: www.sjvchurch.org / Email:sjv@dioceseofspokane.org / Facebook: StJohnVianneyCatholic

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday Mar. 21		SJV	
Lectors	S. Earnest	G. Takisaki	
EMs	D. Ewers	J. Kappen	S. Marsh
Sunday Mar. 22		SJV	
Lectors	B. Borgias	S. Golden	
EMs	B. Haugen	R. Wesselman	M. Sullivan
Sunday Mar. 22		SP	
Lector	S. Lee		

Stewardship Report - SJV

3/8/26	Collected	Budgeted	YTD Collected	YTD Budget	Difference
Offertory:	\$ 9,660	\$ 7,692	\$ 298,833	\$ 276,923	\$ 21,910
Assistance	\$ 410		\$ 30,522		
Building	\$ 577		\$ 51,606		
School:	\$ 260		\$ 30,617		

Stewardship Report - SP

3/8/26	Collected	Budgeted	YTD Collected	YTD Budget	Difference
Offertory:	\$ 1,237	\$ 1,481	\$ 55,925	\$ 53,308	\$ 2,617
Assistance	\$ 130		\$ 3,730		
Building	\$ 130		\$ 3,300		
Fuel	\$ 15		\$ 1,470		
School:	\$ -		\$ 50		

MASS INTENTIONS

	Offered For	Requested By
Tue	+ Joe Adamson AD	Gerry & Sue Manfred
Wed	+ Hazel Clark	J. Williams
Thu	Vocations	
Fri	Persecuted Christians	the Swenson Family
Sat	+ Felicito Aure AD	Carmen Ballard
Sun	8 am People of SP	
	10 am People of SJV	

If Mass is ever canceled, please know that the intention will be offered in the next available Mass.

ATTN SJV High School Seniors

SJV Knights of Columbus Council is offering \$500 scholarships to 2 worthy graduating high school seniors who are registered members of SJV. Applications are available at the parish office M-F 9 a.m. - noon, online at

<https://sjvchurch.org/2026-k-of-c-scholarship-application>

or text 509-879-8024 with your email address and one will be emailed to you. Paper applications must be received in the parish office by noon Friday, April 10. Contact Dan Ewers at 509-879-8024 with questions.

Guatemala Commission Quilt Raffle

Win one of two beautiful handmade quilts. Tickets will be sold after Masses on March 28 & 29. Tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Proceeds support the educational radio station in the Highlands of Guatemala.

2nd collection for ASSISTANCE FUND - NEXT WEEK



STATIONS of the CROSS at SJV

March 20 2:15 p.m.
6 p.m. followed by fish fry

March 27 2:15 p.m.
6 p.m. followed by fish fry

April 3 11 a.m. LIVE by SJV 8th Graders



K of C Lenten Fish Fry



Join us every Friday during Lent (Feb. 20-Mar. 27) at SJV for our Lenten Fish Fry after Stations of the Cross. \$13 for fish (baked or fried), potatoes, clam chowder and salad. Proceeds benefit K of C College Scholarships.

Easter Egg Hunt at SJV

We need your support to make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a success. We will have separate areas for youngsters and those up to age 18! If you are able to contribute candy or volunteer to set-up, monitor or clean up for the event at SJV on April 5, please reach out Shelly in the parish office - shumbert@dioceseofspokane.org or 509-926-5428. Thank you!

Lenten CAPA/PREPARES Support

You can assist many new parents this Lenten season through the donation of new infant clothing, diapers, strollers or other new infant items. Please place your donated items in the collection area in the SJV church vestibule. Thank you for prayerfully considering this way to serve new parents in need.

Catholic Daughters of America Court Madonna of the Valley

Invites ALL Catholic women to their Spring Retreat in the Kathy Reisenauer Parish Hall at SJV **March 28** from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Brunch will be provided.

Fr. Raymond Kalema will share an inspiring presentation about Mary & Martha, two sisters who differed greatly in their interpretations of serving Jesus. His message is especially fitting during our Lenten observance. We hope to see you there.

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Sunday Reflection

Friends, our readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent are centered on the theme of blindness and the truth that Blindness is not just a physical condition but rather a spiritual one, which can affect every one of us. In the first reading, Samuel is sent to anoint the next king of Israel. He sees Eliab the eldest son of Jesse, tall, handsome, strong, impressive and thinks, "Surely this is the one." But God stops him: "Not as man sees does God see. Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." The other seven sons of Jesse also had the physical appearances and characteristics of potentially being good leaders too. But none of these were God's choice, for God wanted the youngest, "the shepherd boy" David. This is the first warning about spiritual blindness: We judge by appearances. God judges by truth from the heart. Samuel almost missed God's chosen one because David didn't look anywhere close to his brothers. How often do we do the same? We judge people by their mistakes, not their potential. We judge situations by fear, not by faith. We judge ourselves by our failures, not by God's mercy. This incidence illustrates how blind we can also be in our judgments and how much we need God's help to see things clearly. It reminds us to avoid jumping to conclusions or judgement especially when the whole story is not known or unclear to us.

The Gospel too, exposes the spiritual blindness of the Jewish leaders in failing to see God's wonderful work done through Jesus. The man who was physically born blind gradually came to believe that Jesus was truly the son of God, worshiped Him and his sight was restored. While the Pharisees (those who should see) because their sight was clouded by self-centeredness, greed, deep seated hatred, prejudice, and jealousy towards Jesus, could not see the hand of God, failed to believe, and remained in their blindness. Because of that, they were also ready to do whatever it takes to silence the truth about this miracle.

Even for us, we can remain spiritually blind especially when we fail to see God's goodness in our lives. That is, if all we see is our misfortunes and not how God has blessed us, or what is going wrong instead of what has been done right even if it is on a smaller degree. Such individuals always see half-empty glass instead of half-full glass or see a dark spot on a white cloth instead of seeing a white cloth with dark spot. Spiritual blindness can also be expressed in our failure to see any good (gifts), or the needs of those around us. When we excuse our anger, our impatience, our grudges, but are very quick at seeing others' faults. When we fail to see Christ in the poor, the annoying, the difficult, the different or like the parents in the Gospel, when fear keeps us from speaking the truth or standing for what is right.

Lent is therefore our wake-up call and here's how Christ restores our sight in this season: in Prayer we are called to slow down enough to notice God again. It clears the fog of distraction. Fasting reveals to us what controls us and thus exposes the attachments that keep us from seeing clearly. Almsgiving opens our eyes to the needs of others. It shifts our focus from self to neighbor. And regular confession of our sins in this season is taking the moment to admit that we have been blind. Let us pray to have the courage of the man born blind, and to let Jesus touch our eyes so we may see again.

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Family Night

Wednesday, March 18.



Come for a FREE evening of food, childcare and wonderful parent conversations on a variety of topics. This event is open to all families in Catholic schools and parishes and is a great opportunity to have fun and build community.

AUCTION HELP

If you enjoy baking, please consider donating a dessert (or two) for this year's Auction Desert Dash. Contact Betsy Sawyers at betsysawyers@outlook.com

Also, if you gift baskets you aren't using, please consider bringing them to the school for the auction. Thank you for helping make the auction a success!



YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Join us at noon on **Thursday, March 19** for our potluck lunch! The SJV Kindergarten class will be joining us for food and fun. Everyone is welcome!



DEACON DON

You may have noticed someone new assisting at Mass this weekend. Please welcome DEACON DON REMER, to our parish. This is his first weekend serving and we are excited to have him! We will have a photo printed in next week's bulletin and put it online so everyone can become familiar with Deacon Don. Welcome!



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

5 p.m. on March 26 at SJV





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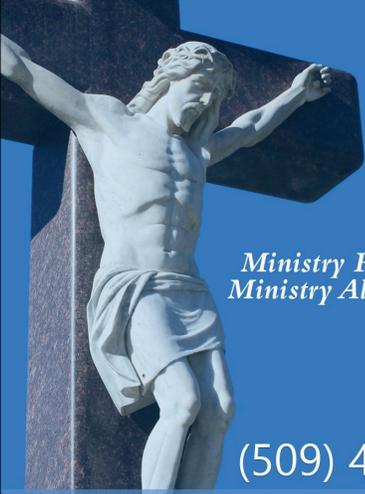

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