

# St. Joseph Parish — Otis Orchards



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday, March 5**  
 5:30pm †Alicia Weber  
**Sunday, March 6**  
 8:00am †Alicia Weber  
 10:30am People of the Parish  
**Tuesday, March 8**  
 8:30am †Cheri Stensland  
**Wednesday, March 9**  
 8:30am †Mary Shepard  
**Thursday, March 10**  
 8:30am †Phillip Pastore  
**Friday, March 11**  
 8:30am †Jan Blondeau  
**Saturday, March 12**  
 5:30pm †Ed Inge  
**Sunday, March 13**  
 8:00am People of the Parish  
 10:30am †Annastia Calambe

Fourth  
Sunday  
in Lent



**Don't forget to  
"Spring"  
those clocks  
forward!**

## Scriptures for March 13

Isaiah 43:16-21  
 Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
 Philippians 3:8-14  
 John 8:1-11

## March 6—Fourth Sunday of Lent

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

*We are the  
Hands of Christ*

Consider foregoing a regular pleasure and donating that money to the poor. Adults, how much do you spend a week on coffee drinks, wine or beer, or chocolate? Adults and youth, how much do you spend on apps, or downloaded music, snack foods? Kids, how much could you give to the poor if you chose not to have Easter baskets this year? Prayerfully consider how the sacrifice you make could help the poor.

## WEEK AHEAD March 7-13

Monday	Women's Scripture Study	6:30pm
	Scouts	7pm
Tuesday	After Mass Social Group	9am
	Quilters	10am
	Eucharistic Adoration	12:30-2:30pm
	RCIA	7pm
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration	6-8am
	Mom's Group	9:30am
	Seniors on the Go	12 Noon
	John Fencik on "Holy Week"	7pm
	Eucharistic Adoration	7-10pm
Thursday	Bible Timeline Session	6:30pm
	Choir Practice	7pm
Friday	Soup & Stations	6pm/7pm
Sunday	Knight Pancake Breakfast & Blood Drive	9am
	RE-PreK-7th	9:15am
	Hour of Faith	9:20am
	RCIA 3rd Scrutiny	10:30 Mass
	Baptism Class	11:45am
	Confirmation/1st Eucharist Session	1pm
	Youth Meeting	6pm

## WEEKLY COLLECTION 2/28/2016

Envelopes	Plate	TOTAL
\$ 5,146.00	\$ 1,161.34	\$ 6,307.34
Total for February date:		\$ 25,554.63
Needed Monthly		\$ 31,200.00
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Building Fund Total for February		\$ 671.00
Our Parish Our Future Campaign		\$ 598,470.00

I am happy to announce that Deacon Chalo Martinez will join our parish staff on April 1! He comes to us from St Rose of Lima Parish in Cheney. He lives in Spokane Valley so it is closer to home for him. His wife is Laura. He was ordained a deacon in 1994.

He will serve approximately 15 hrs per wk. He will visit the sick, be on the Charity & Justice Committee as well as the Vocation Committee. He will also be on the Pastoral Council as a staff member. He will be available for pastoral counseling. He will preach one weekend / month as well as assist at the altar at other times. He can help with funeral vigils and burials, baptisms and weddings. He will likely become involved in other duties over time. I think he will be a great addition to our parish! *Fr Mike*

This week's 2nd collection is for Spokane Valley Partners



**Knight's of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**  
**9am-12:30pm, March 13th**

Plus the **Blood Mobile** will be here for our quarterly blood drive. You can make an appointment at [inbcaves.org](http://inbcaves.org), on the sheet in the foyer or with Cindy in the parish office.



## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR March 12th & 13th

Mass	GREETER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
<b>5:30pm</b>		T Klutz	H Shogren, D Lansford, K Boik		J Berg H Osborne
<b>8:00am</b>	D & G Carlsen	J Ukrainetz	P Irwin, J Irwin, M Duncan P Soderquist, B Blondeau	J Rosa D Carlsen	M Lunneborg M Lunneborg
<b>10:30am</b>	E Peterson & M Frey	J Roeber	S Stuber, T Stuber, I Lamb, M Lamb J Cannon, S Cannon, N Deering	L Shollenberger B Pearson	G Wehr A Nicholls

\*\*\***IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. THANK YOU**\*\*\*





### **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST**

will be celebrated here at St. Joseph on **Sat., May 14 at the 5:30pm Mass.**



**The next preparation session for students and parents is Sunday, March 13th, 1:00—3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Call Teresa in the parish office for more information.



### **Religious Education for 4 year olds—7th Grade**

**On Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am at Otis Orchards Elementary.** Please feel free to register anytime at Otis on Sunday mornings or by calling the parish office.

Classes on March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17, 24.

**A new Adult Faith study is happening on Sundays during the same time as the RE classes for students, 9:15-10:15am.** We meet in the teachers lounge at Otis. The study is **"The Mystery of God" with six DVD sessions presented by Bishop Robert Barron.** A Sample of the sessions: "Atheism and What We Mean by God", "The Paths to God", "Providence and the Problem of Evil". Attend the sessions when you are able. All are welcome!



### **Youth Ministry Supporting the Faith and Spirituality of Teens 8th-12th Grades**

Suns, Mar 13, 20, Apr 3, 10, 17, 24 at 6pm.

We still haven't made rosaries, yet, but we had a great lesson on Purgatory. I liked the point Fr. Mike made about how we should be thankful for Purgatory, for the opportunity to become sinless before we have our Beatific Vision. We will not have a meeting this week because of CYC. We are scheduled for two service projects in March: leading the Stations of the Cross on March 18 at 7pm (a soup dinner is held at 6) and helping serve dinner at the Union Gospel Mission on Wed, March 30 at 5pm. We hope that you can join us for these opportunities to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. God bless, Meta, Gene, & the Ministry Team. (509)928-6182 or [metaboik@hotmail.com](mailto:metaboik@hotmail.com).



*Please join us in prayer and a brief reflection on the Gospel.*

Hour of Faith is a great way to supplement Sunday Mass. Reflecting on the weekly Gospel can help you hear God's word more personally. Joining our prayers to yours is powerful. Please come for all or part, as time permits. Sundays Mar 6, 13, 20, Apr 17 & 24.

### **St. Joseph's Baptism Schedule**

**Class:** Mar 13 & 20 **Baptism:** Mar 27 (Easter) Please call the parish office to register or if you have any questions, 926-7133



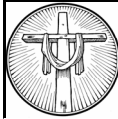
### **St. Gabriel's Group (Mom's Group)**

The group is reading and discussing "The Dolorous Passion." This is the vision for the movie "The Passion" by Mel Gibson. We'd love for you to join our Lenten journey! Meetings are Wed, 9:30-11:30am. Check out the parish website for a calendar and to see what the group represents. Any questions call or text Jessica Morgan, 638-8225. Childcare is provided.



### **Seniors on the Go**

Seniors on the Go will meet Wed, March 9th at 12 noon. Please bring something to share for the pot-luck lunch. Following lunch, Mark Schuller will be our guest, talking to us about the Community Garden. Please join us!



### **Adult faith study with John Fencik**

continues on the history and significance of "Holy Week". Holy Week and especially the Sacred Triduum are the most important liturgical days of the Catholic year. These days are rich in Scripture and Tradition as we celebrate our redemption in the Lord Jesus Christ. This two-part program will look at the history and the development of the rituals and liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please join us for the opportunity to see the ancient foundations of Holy Week. **Wed March 9, 7—8:30 pm** in the Parish Hall.



### **Soup & Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent—Soup begins at 6pm, Stations begin at 7pm. **Please sign up in the gathering area** to bring a meatless soup, bread or macaroni and cheese. Also let Fr Mike know or call the parish office if you would like to read for the Stations of the Cross. Donations go to **Operation Rice Bowl!**



### **Becoming Catholic**

**Andrea & Bill Clark, Christina Delp, Sandi & Jim Hawvermale, Annie & Rebecca Rimpler** are drawing closer to joining the Catholic faith at this year's Easter Vigil on March 26th. Please continue to pray for them. And get acquainted if you have the opportunity!



**WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY,** meets **Mondays, 6:30-8pm in the parish cry room.** The new 11 week study is on the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome to join or visit the group. Call or email Mary 509-475-6320, [mehduncan@gmail.com](mailto:mehduncan@gmail.com) for more info.

The **St Gabriel's Moms group** is **compiling a recipe and tradition cookbook** and we need **YOUR** help. We're looking for scrumptious recipes, family traditions, and accompanying photos surrounding Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Feast Days. We plan to sell the finished cookbook as a fundraiser for the Year of Mercy & the "Bite to Go" program at Otis Orchards Elementary. Please send submissions to Sevrina Ryan at [Sevrina.Ryan@gmail.com](mailto:Sevrina.Ryan@gmail.com) as soon as possible! If the recipe comes from a source other than you, please cite as appropriate. Thank you. Keep an eye out for our pre-order forms and more information.

**Families**—Looking for ways to get your children involved in the Jubilee Year of Mercy? We'd like their help. The mother's group is holding a cover competition for this liturgical cookbook. "Foods of Our Faith: Liturgical Recipes and Traditions" is set to be completed and available by mid October. The cover contest is open to all children grades K-8. 1st prize is a \$20 Amazon Gift Card; 5 runner ups will be chosen for the section covers and \$10 Amazon Cards. Get creative, personal, adventurous or channel your inner Michael Angelo. Submissions should be sent to Sevrina Ryan **by May 1st** to qualify for the contest.

☺ **Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers** ☺

I have sent the next Ministry Schedules via email to those that I have. Everyone else I have mailed you a copy. PLEASE—if you can not serve at your scheduled time, find a replacement!

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL**

**Hungering to Learn**

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

*We have a friendly competition going with St. Al's who overtook us the last 2 years as the largest contributing parish in the diocese. So pick up a Rice Bowl by the church doors and start filling it up!*

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2016**

At the present time the Annual Catholic Appeal 2016 is being conducted in all 82 parishes and missions in the Diocese of Spokane. The goal for our parish is \$81,888. The most recent report indicates that our current pledge total is \$36,210 or 44%. A most appreciative "Thank you!" to those who have contributed to this year's Appeal. May each of the remaining households respond as generously to Bishop Daly's appeal for participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal 2016. The success of this year's Appeal is critical to carrying out the mission of the Church. Please remember that the ACA supports several important ministries and administrative needs of our Diocese. Please make checks payable to: "Annual Catholic Appeal 2016."



**2015 St Josephs' Parish campout** is scheduled for **July 14-17**. What a great vacation idea at only \$92.38 for three days. Payment plans are available.

Registration forms are available on the table outside the Parish office. Questions, call the parish office 926-7133.



For those of you planning your summer vacation time **VBS this year will be June 27-30**.

Our parishioners who own Nectar of Life Coffee will be selling their coffee every **first Sunday of the month at Coffee and Donuts**. Nectar of Life Coffee is the only certified 100% organic, Fair Trade, Catholic Relief Services, and Koshier coffee roaster in the region. We serve this coffee at the parish. And a percentage of each bag sold will be donated back to our parish.



**St Francis of Assisi Women's Club Luncheon/Card Party** Pinochle, bridge or bring a board game. **Wed, March 16, noon to 3pm**, St. Francis of Assisi, 4420 N. Jefferson (chairlift available). If you wish, you may just come for lunch. \$8 per person, for reservations please call Mary Ann 466-4260 by March 12th for lunch and/or card party. **JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON!**

**Taizé Sunday Evening Prayer Service** held at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center on the **last Sunday of each month from 7-8 pm**. The **next dates are Mar 20**. For questions or more information call Andi at 448-9736.



**Year of Mercy Live Mercy Day by Day**

Visit [LiveMercy.org](http://LiveMercy.org) to sign up for daily inspiration. **Freed From the Cold Grip of the Past** "As we grow in friendship with the Lord there comes a time when the burdens of hurt and anger carried from the past need to be recognized, acknowledged and, by God's grace, put down in forgiveness. It is a law of life, hard but true, that when a deep injury has been done to us we do not find healing and peace until we forgive. Forgiveness is medicine for our hearts. With forgiveness we are freed from the cold grip of the past. Forgiving we regain our Souls." Today is a good day to free yourself from the past and forgive. Visit the [Irish Franciscans](http://IrishFranciscans) for more insights on justice, peace and creation.

Lent invites us to turn our minds and hearts back towards our God of mercy. Begin your daily encounter with mercy with **Lenten Moments of Mercy**. Our daily, Scripture-based series is delivered to you by e-mail. In this series, James Campbell, M.A., D. Min, shares beautiful reflections and the inspiring words of Pope Francis, and provides suggestions for Lenten actions and prayers. *Lenten Moments for Mercy* is free from Loyola Press. **Sign up** and connect with the Pope's message of mercy, and live it daily throughout Lent. [LoyolaPress.org](http://LoyolaPress.org), go to 'Liturgical Year', then 'Lent', then 'Living Lent Daily'.

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**Best Lent Ever** is a free email program that will lead toward a life-changing Lent. Receive daily emails with a short video to discover simple ways to bring Jesus into our everyday lives, leading to a more personal relationship with Jesus. Sign up today at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent).

**Ways to Navigate a Holier Lent (Growing in Faith)**

**Spend time in spontaneous prayer.** What better way to find the way to our final destination than to consult the one who is calling us? God doesn't necessarily speak in an audible voice, but during prayer time, you might experience feelings of joy, peace, and love. God also works through other people and situations, so keep your eyes and ears open, especially during this holy season and spiritual journey.

**Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.** Spend time in the Adoration Chapel, in front of the tabernacle where the Eucharist is kept. Jesus will give you strength for the journey. The candle above the tabernacle is always lit, signaling that the tabernacle is occupied and Jesus is waiting for you.

You may be wondering why there has been no ringing of the bells during Mass lately. During Lent the Church directs us to simplify the liturgical environment (flowers, decorations, bells). This is to remind us that we are to simplify our lives during Lent so as to make us more receptive to God's graces. By emptying out we make more room for God.

**Lenten Fish Fry**—each Friday during Lent Hosted by St Mary's Parish Knights of Columbus. Food will be served in the Parish Hall from 5:30-6:45pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. St Mary's Catholic School 7th graders will be the recipients of your donations to help raise funds for their 2017 trip to Nature Bridge.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### **Diocesan Demographic Study**

Bishop Daly is endorsing a qualitative and demographic study to be conducted in the Diocese of Spokane for our Catholic Schools. This will help us to establish a clear vision on how to strengthen the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Spokane. With your help we can gather valuable information. To take this short 8 question anonymous survey please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpokaneDiocese> today. Thank you for your assistance with this important diocesan study.

### **Chrism Mass**

The faithful of the Diocese of Spokane are invited to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at **5:30 pm on Tues, March 15 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

Bishop Daly will be joined by the priests of the diocese for this annual blessing of Holy Oils. The name of this Mass comes from the Sacred Chrism which is one of the oils to be blessed and then distributed throughout the diocese for celebrations of Baptism and Confirmation. The other oils to be blessed are the Oil of the Sick And the Oil of Catechumens. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

#### ***Deepening Personal Prayer in a Hectic World***

In Gonzaga University's Student Chapel (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, College Hall) – **Sat, March 12, 8a.m. - 5p.m.** Nationally known speaker, Fr Richard Hauser SJ will lead the day. He will address the practicalities of developing and exercising male spirituality placed under the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Vigil Mass will conclude the day. Registration fee by March 6 is \$30 or \$35 at the door. To register, mail check, name and contact information to: Catholic Men's Conference, Catholic Diocese of Spokane, PO Box 1453, Spokane, WA 99210. For more info: Matt Ries (509-998-2193)

### **St. Joseph Family Center—The Franciscan Place**

1016 N. Superior St., Spokane, WA 99202

For info or to register call 483-6495 or [www.sjfconline.org](http://www.sjfconline.org)  
**Grief Support Group.** If you have experienced loss and you wish to move beyond the pain within a safe environment, this program offers you the probability of a richer and more rewarding life. The dates for the eight week program are **April 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25, & 28.** Please RSVP by Mar 30th.

### **Cancer Survivor Retreats for Women, Apr 15-17, 2016.**

Open to any women who are currently, or who have ever been diagnosed with any form of cancer. Facilitated by Sr. Patricia Novak, OSF

**October 2-13, 2016 Bishop Daly will be leading a diocesan pilgrimage to the shrines of France** and include Paris, Orleans, Chartres, Mont St Michel, and Lyons. The highlight of the trip will be a 2-day visit to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Lady of Lourdes is the patroness of the Diocese of Spokane and so this pilgrimage will have special significance for our parishioners. For more information and registration instructions go to [dioceseofspokane.org/events/lourdes](http://dioceseofspokane.org/events/lourdes). Pilgrims will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and the trip is expected to fill up very fast.

### **Immaculate Heart Retreat Center**

6910 S Ben Burr Rd, Spokane

For more information or to register in advance:

(509) 448-1224 or visit [www.ihrc.net](http://www.ihrc.net)

**Coffee & Contemplation:** come & enjoy spirited discussion & prayer time, 9-11am. Cost of \$10 includes a roll & beverage. All are Welcome

**Mar 16,** "Spiritual Practices for the Sick and Tired"

**Holy Week Retreats:** "Living Holy Week in Jesus", Bishop Carlos Sevilla, SJ. Cost: \$211 or \$125 commuters

Women's—**March 21-23** Men's—**March 24-26**

Bring someone who has never been on a retreat at Immaculate Heart, and the cost to attend the retreat will be reduced to \$106 per each of you. Please register in advance

**Lenten Dinner/Study Program:** from Bishop Robert Barron Series "The Mystery of God: Who God is and Why He Matters" facilitated by Deacon Ruscheinsky. **March 9& 16, 5:30-8:30 pm.** Cost \$25/person per event.

Workbook available at Abba's Catholic Bookstore \$24.95

### **Mother Daughter Retreat "God's Lovely Daughter"**

Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, **April 8-10.** The first Mother/Daughter Retreat holds surprises; the Sacraments and Mass; crafts; conferences, and coffee! Some separate events for young ladies, and some separate for the adults. Included will be a candlelight outdoor rosary procession, crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, living rosary, hike and outdoor Stations, a special fancy dress dinner, games, along with visiting time and together time with the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church. Cost: \$294 (mother & daughter), \$64 more per additional daughter.

### **All are invited!**

### **Healing of Families**

*Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*

**Tuesdays 7:00 pm,** St Thomas More (in the chapel), 505 W St Thomas More Way, Spokane.

Prayers for you and your family, Eucharistic songs, Rosary, Scripture readings, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

*God, give me a faith that does not waiver.*

### **Beginning Experience Weekend**

Have you become widowed, separated or divorced and wondering how you cope now that you are alone? You do not have to suffer alone. The Beginning Experience programs founded by a Catholic nun and her divorced friend serve those of all faiths. Beginning Experience transforms lives. It's not a singles club. It makes a real difference. Participants become more effective parents, they develop healthier family relationships, and they begin to deal with the pain of their loss, their anger, and so much more. Independent research has shown that the impact of the Beginning Experience weekend is profound and long lasting. When you are ready, Beginning Experience wants to help. We offer a weekend twice year. Our spring weekend is **May 20-22 at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center** in Spokane. Please call Marlene (509) 534-1797 to register and/or visit [www.beginningexperienceofspokane.us](http://www.beginningexperienceofspokane.us).