

## SAINTS FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

### ST. IRANEUS OF LYONS

St. Irenaeus of Lyon wrote the following passage in his work *Against Heresies*, drawing attention to the real and physical nature of Christ in the Eucharist. When we receive the Eucharist, we must remember that we are not partaking of a purely spiritual exercise— it is the Flesh and Blood of our salvation.

There can be no blood without veins, flesh and the rest of the human substance, and this the Word of God actually became: it was with his own blood that he redeemed us. As the Apostle says: In him, through his blood, we have been redeemed, our sins have been forgiven.

We are his members and we are nourished by creatures, which is his gift to us, for it is he who causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall. He declared that the chalice, which comes from his creation, was his blood, and he makes it the nourishment of our blood. He affirmed that the bread, which comes from his creation, was his body, and he makes it the nourishment of our body.

When the chalice we mix and the bread we bake receive the word of God, the eucharistic elements become the body and blood of Christ, by which our bodies live and grow. How then can it be said that flesh belonging to the Lord's own body and nourished by his body and blood is incapable of receiving God's gift of eternal life? Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that we are members of his body, of his flesh and bones. He is not speaking of some spiritual and incorporeal kind of man, for spirits do not have flesh and bones. He is speaking of a real human body composed of flesh, sinews and bones, nourished by the chalice of Christ's blood and receiving growth from the bread which is his body.

The slip of a vine planted in the ground bears fruit at the proper time. The grain of wheat falls into the ground and decays only to be raised up again and multiplied by the Spirit of God who sustains all things. The Wisdom of God places these things at the service of man and when they receive God's word they become the eucharist, which is the body and blood of Christ. In the same way our bodies, which have been nourished by the eucharist, will be buried in the earth and will decay, but they will rise again at the appointed time, for the Word of God will raise them up to the glory of God the Father. Then the Father will clothe our mortal nature in immortality and freely endow our corruptible nature with incorruptibility, for God's power is shown most perfectly in weakness.



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# St. Patrick

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Church serving Jesus Christ, Located in the Heart of Hillyard, Diocese of Spokane



### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JANUARY 24TH, 2021

#### *Musings from your Parish Priest:*

This coming Thursday we will be celebrating the Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest philosophers in the western tradition, and the preeminent jurist and theologian of the scholastic tradition. His work in synthesizing the teaching of the Church with the Aristotelian philosophical heritage being rediscovered in the middle ages laid the foundation for the renaissance— in many ways, our world today is a world made possible by this great teacher and intellectual.

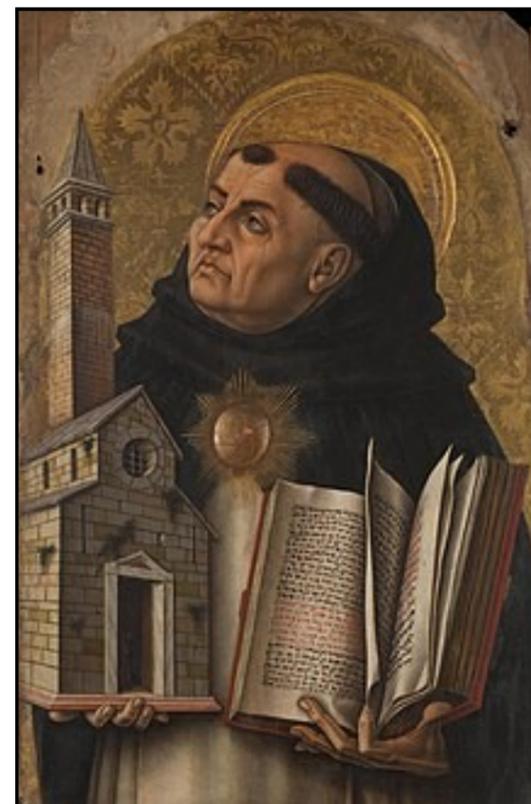
While most known for his extremely influential *Summa Theologiae*, a systematic explanation of theology, his body of work encompasses many other publications. In particular, his commentaries on scripture are a valuable resource which are frequently forgotten.

One of his most valuable commentaries for our world today is the commentary on the Book of Job. Many people today are worried about the state of our world, and openly question how we can live in a world ruled by divine justice when so much strife exists around us. This is not a new problem. There is no sure order apparent in human events, as good things and bad things happen to both the righteous and the sinful, with an indifference which is almost jarring. Our Jewish forefathers confronted this problem of divine justice in a fallen world with the Book of Job, one of the greatest pieces of post-exile literature. Both the Book of Job, and Aquinas' commentary on this great book, can be of great aid to us today.

When God appears to Job and his friends in order to correct the deficiencies of their arguments, He speaks the following line: "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding, who determined its measurements, if you know it? Or who stretched the measuring line upon the earth?" (Job 38:4-5). God is chastising Job for his presumptions, as the Almighty does not answer to humankind. God does not conform to our ideas of what is just, and as the creator, can be guilty of no injustice. We were not created to know the whole of the divine order, which is beyond our limited comprehension. It is not possible for us to know the plans of the Lord, for, as Aquinas states: "You cannot know the plan of the foundation of the earth, because when the earth was laid on its foundation you did not yet exist in the nature of things."

For our lives today, we must remember to trust in our loving Father. His intentions are beyond us, but his providence is constantly at work to ensure that we move closer to his son, and thus to our salvation. Have faith in the Almighty and trust that his will shall be done on Earth, in his own time. Do not give in to resentments over the state of creation— for God is calling us to trust in his unknowable providence.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,





**St. Patrick our Patron Pray for us and our families!**

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart of every person who may think of me, Christ in the mouth of every person who may speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me!- St Patrick's Breastplate



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[www.stpatrickspokane.org](http://www.stpatrickspokane.org)

The schedule for Holy Mass and Confessions this weekend is the following:

**Saturday**

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions (St. Patrick)

3pm – Confessions (St. Francis Xavier)

4pm – Vigil Mass (St. Francis Xavier)

**Sunday**

7:30am – Holy Mass (St. Francis Xavier)

9:00am – Holy Mass (St. Patrick)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form (St. Francis Xavier) – Fr. Gaines

\*\*12:30pm – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form (St. Francis Xavier) – Fr. Gaines

\*\*We have temporarily added this Mass to help with diocesan occupancy requirements because the 11am Latin Mass is often very full.

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**3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!**



**WASH YOUR HANDS**



**DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE**



**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

Stay Connected While You're Away.



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Go to [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com) to view your church bulletin and stay up to date.



Jesus,

We believe that you are Lord and Christ.

We believe that you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

We believe that you have the words of everlasting life.

Give us the courage to follow you, To live out our faith with conviction, And to serve others with boldness. May our faith be a source of healing

**St. Patrick's Prayer Line**

Have a certain need that prayer can help? St. Patrick's Prayer Line is available. Call Jackie Silvey (483-3109).

The diocese is committed to helping victims/survivors of sexual abuse and to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults are required to report any suspected abuse by others they supervise. Contact: Roberta Smith, Victims Assistance Coordinator (509) 353-0442 Office Phone or (509) 998-18340 Cell. You may also go to the Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofspokane.org](http://www.dioceseofspokane.org)

For spiritual emergencies, scheduling sacraments or funerals please contact Fr Gaines at 487-6363

To request a certificate, bulletin ad or to speak to someone about your charitable contributions please contact the office and say you are calling for St. Patrick Parish. 509-466-7738



**Religious Education**

The Catechism of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-6) and the Fatima Club (ages 7-12) meets on Mondays (Except Holidays) from 3:30 PM-5:00 PM.

The Fatima Club will be in the sisters' convent and the Good Shepherd classes will be held in the Chesterton Classical High School.

Contact the Missionaries of Charity at 487-3963 or Mrs. Casey at 280-4402 for more information.



**January Pro-Life Activities**

As we remember the anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision on January 22, there are a number of pro-life activities in January:

- **Jan 21-29: 9 Days for Life Novena:** Visit [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com) to receive daily novena prayers and learn more about the protection of life.
- **Jan. 28: National Prayer Vigil for Life:** This prayer vigil is held on the eve of the March for Life every year. Due to the pandemic, the vigil will be closed to the public but will be televised on EWTN.
- **Jan. 29: National March for Life in Washington, D. C. (Virtual)**



**Hearts on Fire Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, January 30**

"What do you hunger for?" Our conference may look different this year, however the goal remains the same to connect men to Jesus. Join this "Small Group" conference at a parish, at home with friends, or virtually. Dr. John Bergsma will be streamed live from the St. Paul Center Studio to our chosen location. Register at [www.dioceseofspokane.org](http://www.dioceseofspokane.org). Cost is \$20

**Northside Catholic Youth (6th-12th Grade)**

We will meet Sunday afternoons with ladies and guys meeting on different nights of the week for small groups. We will stay socially distant while still building community for our young people.



**Youth Group:** Sundays, 2:00 to 4:00 PM, St. Charles  
**Ladies Connect Group:** Mondays, 6-730 PM St. Charles  
**Zoom Youth Group:** Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM, link on website  
**Guys Connect Group:** Thursdays 4-5:30 PM, St. Charles  
**Saturday Adventures:** Watch bulletin for upcoming events

**Stewardship:**  
Mail your contributions to St. Thomas More Parish, 505 W. St. Thomas More Way, Spokane, 99208  
or  
Online Giving available at [www.stpatrickspokane.org](http://www.stpatrickspokane.org)

**Clause for a Christian Will:** I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Patrick Catholic Parish — Spokane for the benefit of (*insert St. Patrick Catholic Church*), a Washington nonprofit corporation, (*description of gift*).

**Missionaries of Charity**

The sisters invite you to pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith and for their growth in holiness every Friday evening at St. Patrick's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Please join us.

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021**

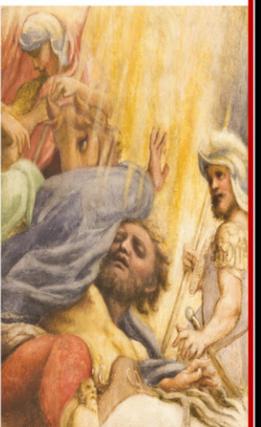
- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- MON 1/25** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- TUE 1/26** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tl 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- WED 1/27** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- THR 1/28** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- FRI 1/29** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- SAT 1/30** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
- SUN 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021**

- Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Tuesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Wednesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** BVM
- Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
Inspiration for the week

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

Teach me your ways.

- PSALM 25 -