

SAINTS FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

The following selection is taken from the mystical writings of St. Catherine



I have said that this body of his is a sun. Therefore you could not be given the body without being given the blood as well nor either the body or the blood without the soul of this Word; nor the soul or body without the divinity of me, God eternal. For the one cannot be separated from the other - just as the divine nature can nevermore be separated from the human nature, not by death or by any other being that you receive in that most gracious sacrament under that whiteness of bread.

And just as the sun cannot be divided, so neither can my wholeness as God and as human in this white host. Even if the host is divided, even if you could break it into thousands and thousands of tiny bits, in each one I would be there, wholly God and wholly human. It is just as when a mirror is broken, and yet the image one sees reflected in it remains unbroken. So when this host is divided, I am not divided but remain completely in each piece, wholly God, wholly human.

Nor is the sacrament itself diminished by being divided, any more than fire, to take an example. If you had a burning lamp and all the world came to you for light, the light of your lamp would not be diminished by the sharing, yet each person who shared it would have the whole light. True, each one's light would be more or less intense depending on what sort of material each brought to receive the fire. I give you this example so that you may better understand me. Imagine that many people brought candles, and one person's candle weighed one ounce, another's more than that, and they all came to your lamp to light their candles. Each candle, the smallest as well as the largest, would have the whole light with all its heat and color and brightness. Still, you would think that the person who carried the one-ounce candle would have less than the one whose candle weighed a pound. Well, this is how it goes with those who receive this sacrament. Each one of you brings your own candle, that is, the holy desire with which you receive and eat this sacrament. Your candle by itself is unlit, and it is lighted when you receive this sacrament. I say it is unlit because by yourselves you are nothing at all. It is I who have given you the candle with which you can receive this light and nourish it within you. And your candle is love, because it is for love that I created you, so without love you cannot have life.

It is with this love that you come to receive my gracious light, the light I have given you as food, to be administered to you by my ministers. But even though all of you receive the light, each of you receives it in proportion to the love and burning desire you bring with you. Each of you carries the light whole and undivided, for it cannot be divided by any imperfection in you who receive it or in those who administer it. You share as much of the light (that is, the grace you receive in this sacrament) as your holy desire disposes you to receive.

WELCOME TO

St. Patrick

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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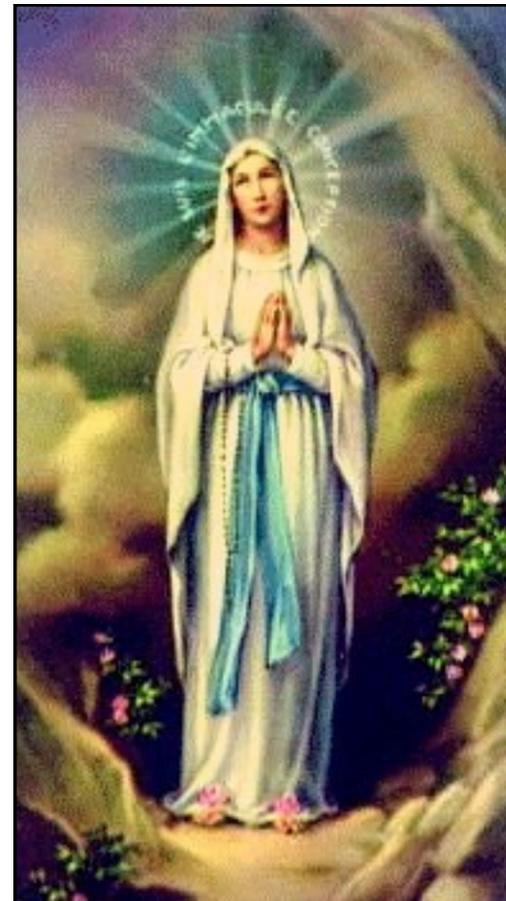
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— FEBRUARY 7TH, 2021

Musings from your Parish Priest:

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin didst prepare a worthy habitation for Thy Son; we humbly beseech Thee, that we who celebrate the feast of the Apparition of the same holy Virgin, may obtain health both of soul and body.

This coming Thursday, the 11th, we will celebrate the Apparition of the Immaculate Virgin Mary at Lourdes. As Patroness of our diocese, Our Lady of Lourdes holds a special place in our hearts.

The Blessed Virgin saw fit to reveal herself to a modest and faithful child, Bernadette Soubirous, at a grotto outside Lourdes on the 11th of February, 1858. Growing up in a small village in a marginal part of the French Pyrenees, Bernadette suffered from ill health and extreme poverty, and never had the benefits of a formal education. Yet she was a child of immeasurable faith. Over the course of 18 appearances throughout the year, the Blessed Virgin instructed Bernadette to visit the grotto and build a small chapel for her.



Many in the village were concerned about Bernadette's visions. Though not a formal part of doctrine, the concept of a revenant was deeply rooted in Pyrenean folklore, and many wondered if perhaps the visions were of a spirit returned from the dead.

Soon, the Virgin instructed Bernadette to dig a small hole, out of which began to flow the springs we know today. Multitudes from the village came to see this wonder, and before long the waters of the spring were being used to treat illness. After deliberations by the government authorities and church leaders lasting six months, it was decided to commence construction of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Bernadette eventually entered a convent, and maintained her modesty and humility. Though something of a celebrity, she turned away from all recognition to live a life of service. She once said: "The Virgin used me as a broom to remove the dust. When the work is done, the broom is put behind the door again." Unfortunately, afflicted by tuberculosis, Sr. Bernadette died in 1879 at the age of 35, after refusing to partake of the water of Lourdes. This spirit of humility is one from which we can all benefit. Led by God to fulfill her mission, she lived out His will with great faith, knowing that it was not this life she was destined for, but the next.

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

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.



Go to www.parishesonline.com to view your church bulletin and stay up to date.

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

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

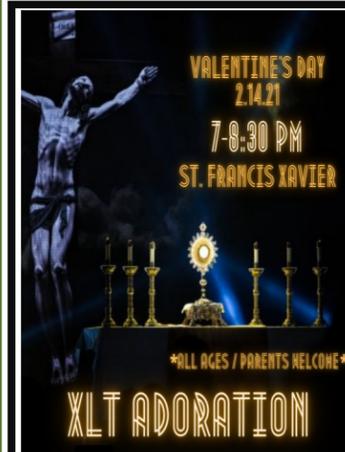


Religious Education

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.



This Valentine's Day, the Spokane Youth Ministry team is hosting Adoration night (second Sundays of the month) for all Spokane youth. We call this Exalt (XLT). It includes exposition, a message from a speaker, intermittent music and silence, and benediction. Confession will be available during Adoration.

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, 6-7:30 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



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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*).

Holy Hour and Rosary

The Missionaries of Charity 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.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Any one, families, or singles, who would like to consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

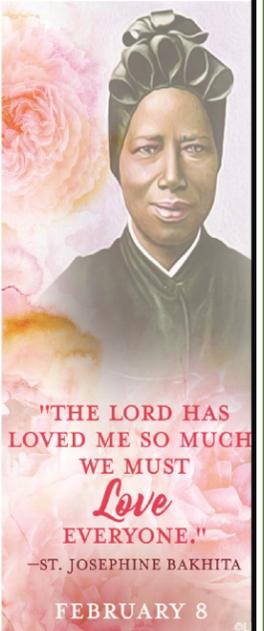
SUN 2/7 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
MON 2/8 Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
TUE 2/9 Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
WED 2/10 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
THUR 2/11 Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
FRI 2/12 Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
SAT 2/13 Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
SUN 2/14 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.



All you need is Grace



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