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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ~ MARCH 6TH, 2022

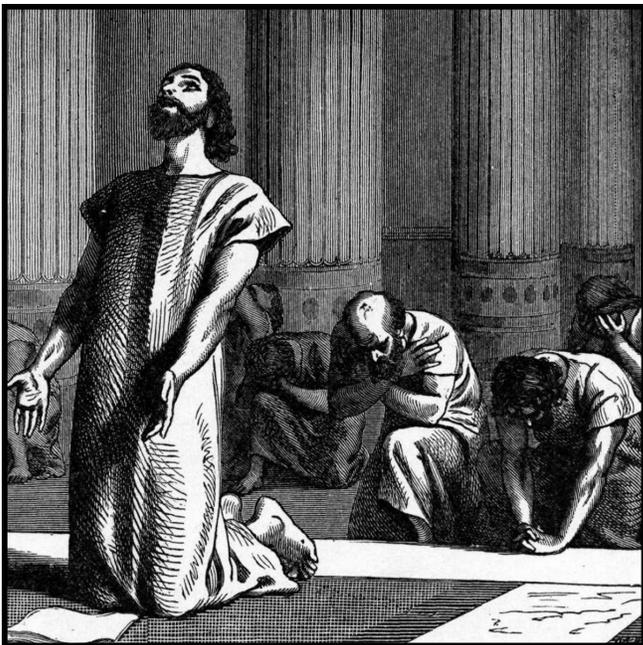
As we enter the Lenten season, we will begin an examination of penance in our lives. Oftentimes, we associate penance with punishment, or with suffering. This could not be further from the truth. Penance is in fact one of the greatest gifts given to us by our Lord, who desires our salvation to a degree impossible in our limited natures.

Interior Penance

Jesus calls us to conversion. The beginning of this conversion takes place in baptism, in which the guilt of original sin is expiated, and the baptized enters into the Church. However, Christ's call to conversion continues throughout our lives. This *Second Conversion* is the uninterrupted task of our entire lives, as we succumb to concupiscence and continuously fall into sin, recognize our errors, and confess our faults. Each moment that we are moved by a contrite heart is an example of this second conversion.

Jesus's call for conversion and penance, like those of the prophets before him, does not aim principally for outward works, such as "sackcloth and ashes", fasting, or mortification. Rather, Christ's call for conversion aims at an interior conversion, a change of heart, an *interior penance*. Without this interior penance, external penances remain sterile and false, and are rather hypocritical gestures, reminiscent of the pharisees. If we simply "go through the motions" of confession, penance, fasting, etc., we fail to avail ourselves of the grace which is offered to us.

Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of life, a returning to God with all our heart, a desire for an end to sin, a turning away from evil, and a revulsion toward the evil actions which we have committed. At the same time, it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the efficacy of grace. This conversion is accompanied by a genuine pain and sadness, which the fathers referred to as *animi cruciatis* (affliction of spirit) or *compunctio cordis* (remorse of heart).



The human heart is heavy and hardened. God gives man a new heart. In fact, conversion and interior penance is first of all a work of God's grace, who makes our hearts return to Him. God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in reflecting on God's great love for us that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin, and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from Him.

The human heart is best converted by looking upon him who our sins have pierced: "Let us fix our eyes on Christ's blood and understand how precious it is to the Father, for, poured out for our salvation, it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance." These words from St. Clement's epistle to the Corinthians, one of the earliest works not included in the New Testament canon, demonstrate the importance of this salvific repentance.



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

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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**)

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

On Most Sundays, Confessions are heard during the 11am Holy Mass

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www.stpatrickspokane.org

For sacramental emergencies please call our emergency line at 509-866-6098

For scheduling baptisms, marriages, or funerals please contact St. Francis Xavier Parish at 509-487-6363 or by email at "office@sfxspokane.org"

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mass for the Chesterton Academy is celebrated at noon Monday through Friday,

Mass is celebrated in the Convent Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Weekly youth group ministry is back on for the school year.

High School meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm at the St. Charles Youth Room. Middle School on meets on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm at the St. Thomas More gym.

Visit “ncymspokane.com” for more details, or contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator, JJ Nazzaro, at “jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org”

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

If you desire consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

Every Friday evening at St. Patrick’s from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., the sisters pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith Please join us.

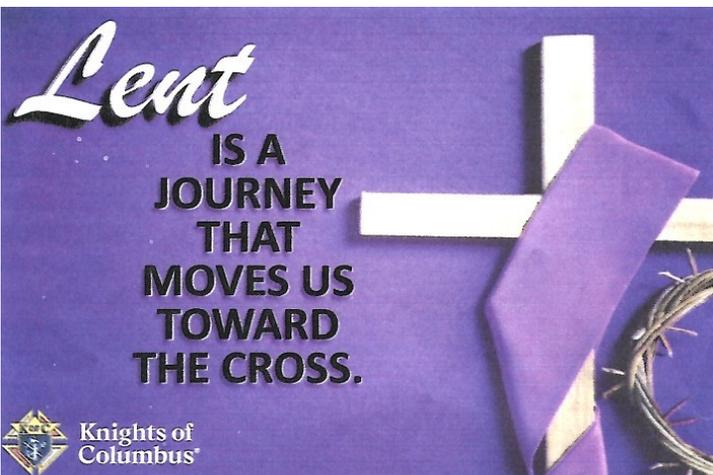
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Missionaries of Charity have begun the catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 for ages 3 to 6 years old, and the children of our Lady of Fatima for ages 7 and up. Meetings take place on Mondays, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please see the sisters to complete an application for each child. Both groups will meet in the convent. We can only take about 10 children for the catechesis of the Good Shepard, but there is no limit on the number of Children for Our Lady of Fatima.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels needs drivers county wide, this need is particularly desperate in the north and central areas of the City of Spokane. As a Meals on Wheels volunteer, you are delivering much more than a hot meal - you are providing a human connection. A typical volunteer route takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete. For many of our home-bound neighbors, A MOW volunteer will be the only person they will see or speak with all day. If you have an hour or two a week, month, or something in between to spare, please consider being a volunteer. Please contact Donna Ennis, our Volunteer Coordinator at 509-924-6976 for more information or apply on our website at <https://gscmealsonwheels.org/volunteer/>



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Saturday, March 12 • 8:30am – Noon

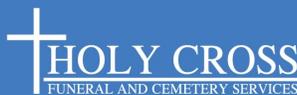
St. Peter Catholic Parish

(3520 E 18th Avenue, Spokane)

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Join us for Mass with Rev. Lucas Tomson at 8:30, followed by this informative workshop at 9:15 on preplanning for the end of life. Refreshments provided.

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