

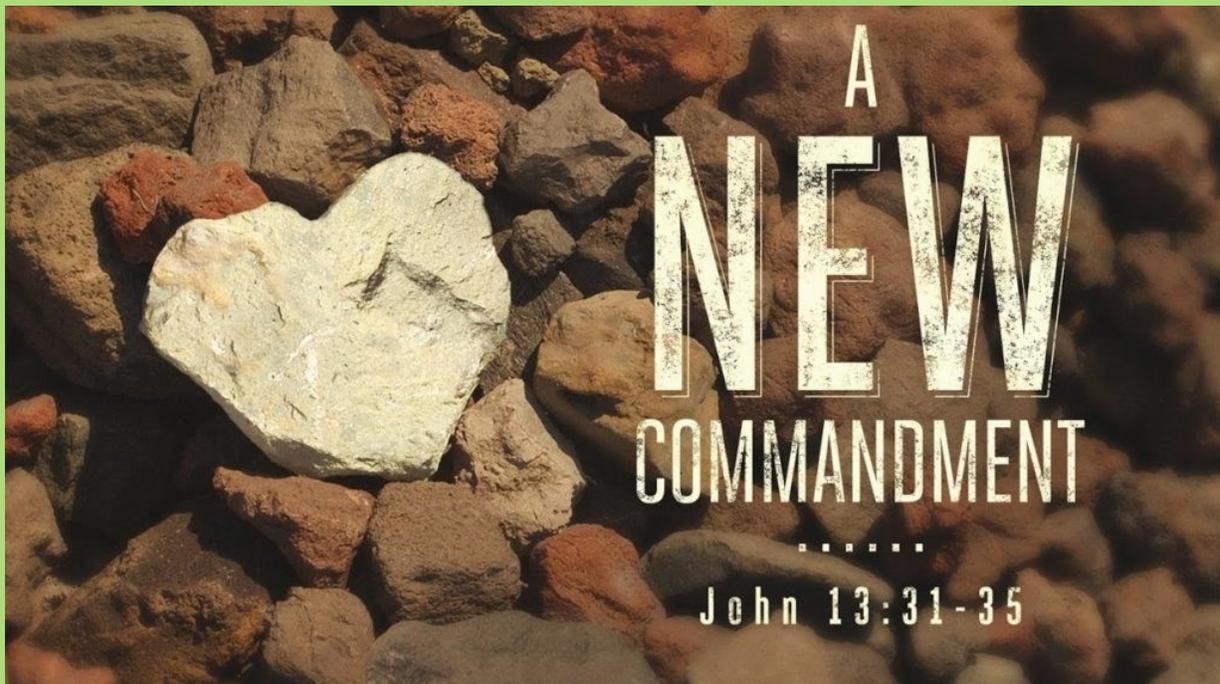
# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish

1104 W. Heroy Spokane, WA. 99205

Parish Phone (509) 325-1321 Friary Phone 509-326-0421 ext 201

Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm

## May 15th 2022



### Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Fr. Michael Blackburn, OFM

### Parish Staff

Office Manager: Anitra Turney  
Rel. Ed. Director: Tammie Fabien  
Maintenance: Brian Sandner

### Choir Directors

Saturday: Mary Lou Bentley  
Sunday: Betty Ross

### Parish Councils

Pastoral Council: Frank Taylor  
Finance Council: Wendy Sandner

### Parish Committees and Organizations

Liturgy Committee: Rotating chair  
Women's Club: Renee Lewis & Geri Wasson

### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am(8:00am Poor Clares)  
M,T,Th,F: 8:00am in the church  
Wednesday: 8:00am at the Poor Clares  
Holy Days: 8:00am and 7:00pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thurs. 8:30am till 4:30pm

### Reconciliation

Saturdays-3:30-4:30 or by appt.

### Anointing of the Sick

Masses with anointing 2 or 3 times a year

### Baptism

This sacrament is usually administered during mass.  
Parental preparation is required.

### Marriage

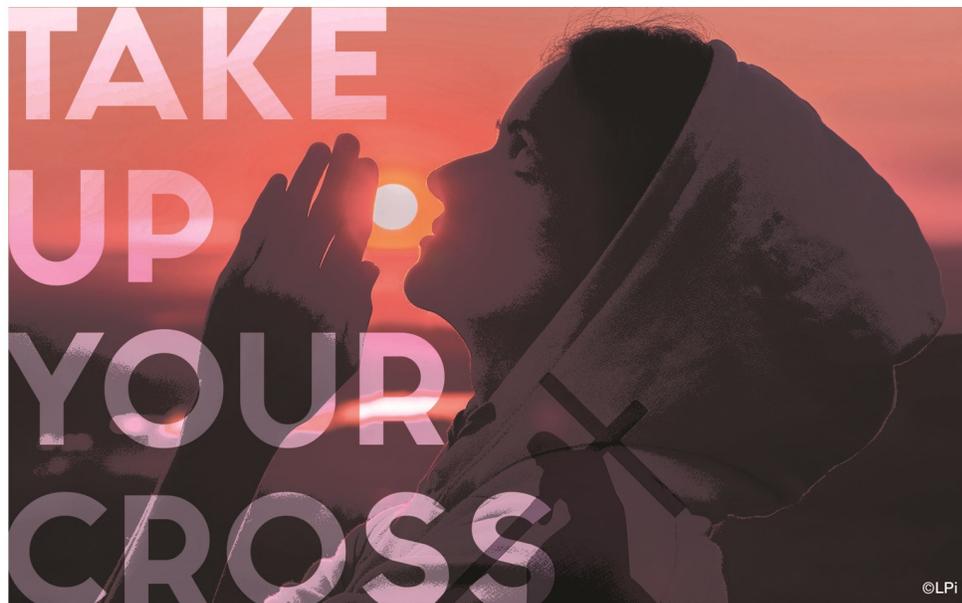
The Parish requires couples planning to be Married to contact the parish at least 6 months in advance.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything



is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.



### The Peace & Justice Group

Offers this Intention from Pope Francis for the month of May

### For faith- filled young people...

"When I think of a model with whom young people can identify, our Mother, Mary, always comes to mind: her courage, the way she knew how to listen, & her dedication to service. She was courageous & determined to say "yes" to the Lord. You young people, who want to build something new, a better world, follow her example, take risks! Don't forget that in order to follow Mary you need to discern & discover what Jesus wants from you, not what you think you might do. And in this discernment, it's a great help to listen to the words of grandparents. In those words of grandparents, you will find a wisdom that will take you beyond the issues of the moment. They will provide an overview of your concerns."

—Pope Francis

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore
- Wednesday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually LOVING each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

You are invited to join our  
**Centering Prayer /  
Contemplative Prayer group**

for

## *Following the Mystics Through the Narrow Gate*

Richard Rohr and James Finley lead us on a journey through the "narrow gate" into God's presence. They follow the path of mystics from ancient times to modern — ever in pursuit of union with God and all that is. They describe the mystical experience of knowing and being known by God as a mutual dance of awakening desire and love.

starting Monday, May 16th @ 4 PM

Available meeting times are

Monday's @ 4 PM

Wednesday's @ 6:30 AM and

Friday's at 7 PM.

Most of these conferences will be

1 hour in length via Zoom

If you would like to join these meetings or find out more, please email Mike at

waltersmichaelh@gmail.com

← **CHECK THIS OUT!**

Here a just a few more of the auction items that are being added daily!

- \* Silver
- \* a GhostBed queen mattress
- \* chiropractic care
- \* M&M collectible figurines
- \* more dining gift certificates

**Check out over 150 items**

go to:

[www.32auctions.com/StFrancis](http://www.32auctions.com/StFrancis)

**OR scan the QR Code**

**below**

**Auction Dates:**

**May 27th**

**through**

**June 5th**



# THANK YOU!!

to all who helped make the Confirmation Mass and dinner reception special for the families and to all who attended!

Congratulations and many blessings to

Janette

Hailey

Betty

Takoda

Tehya

Kieran and Mark!



## SIGN UP & GET READY TO BID UP !!!



# SILENT Auction

To register for the auction:

If you have a computer handy, that's a bit easier, but a smartphone works fine too.

- \* Go to the website: [32auctions.com/StFrancis](http://32auctions.com/StFrancis)
- \* (If using your smartphone, in the top right corner are 3 horizontal bars, click there.)
- \* On all devices, click Login.
- \* Near the big Login button is a line saying: "Don't have an account? Create an account now." Click that.
- \* Fill in your Name and Email and make a Password (write your password down!) Check the 3 boxes and the "I'm not a robot" box. It may or may not have you verify by clicking items on a picture.
- \* Then click the Create Account button.
- \* An email will be sent to your email address. Open that email and click the big button in it that says "Yes, finish creating my account" or something similar. It should send you back to the auction site: [32auctions.com/StFrancis](http://32auctions.com/StFrancis). You are now ready to bid come May 27. Look at all the items to bid on!

If you need help,  
call Jean at  
509-939-4333 OR  
bribe your grand-  
kids with cookies  
and get them to  
register you ;-)



# it's back!

## COOKIES- IN-A-CAN!!

**Love to eat cookies?**

Purchase one of the cans full of cookies after the Masses this weekend!



## OLD TREASURES NEED NEW HOME

The Women's Club is emptying the closet of past rummage sale items. Come get what you'd like and give a small donation in return. Items will be on tables in the hall. We bring out new stuff every week, so keep checking back. Help us Spring Clean!



## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Our 2021-2022 envelope budget is \$104,000

**As of May 3rd, 2022**

Year to date budget is \$87,505.37

Year to date collected is \$85,255.50

Year to date **-\$2,249.87**

PRAY  
FOR  
SOMEONE  
NEW  
EVERY  
DAY!



Frank Rose, Florence Himelspach, Kathy Bromley, Rita Loft, Ramona Jones, Marilyn Connolly-Overbey, Kathy

White, Ellen Turnbull, Mike Arcondizy, MaryAnn Forcier, Gary Turnbull, Brian Chandler, Marlene Weller, Joyce Johnson, Helen Arzen, Tom Bienemann, Jan Martin, Lindsey Fry, Sharon Stillwell, Stan Mundell, Mike Wojohowski, Fran Hattenburg, Anita Smith & Marty Greco



Betty Rogers  
Fran Wells  
William Verry

Marv & Kathie Feist—57 years!

