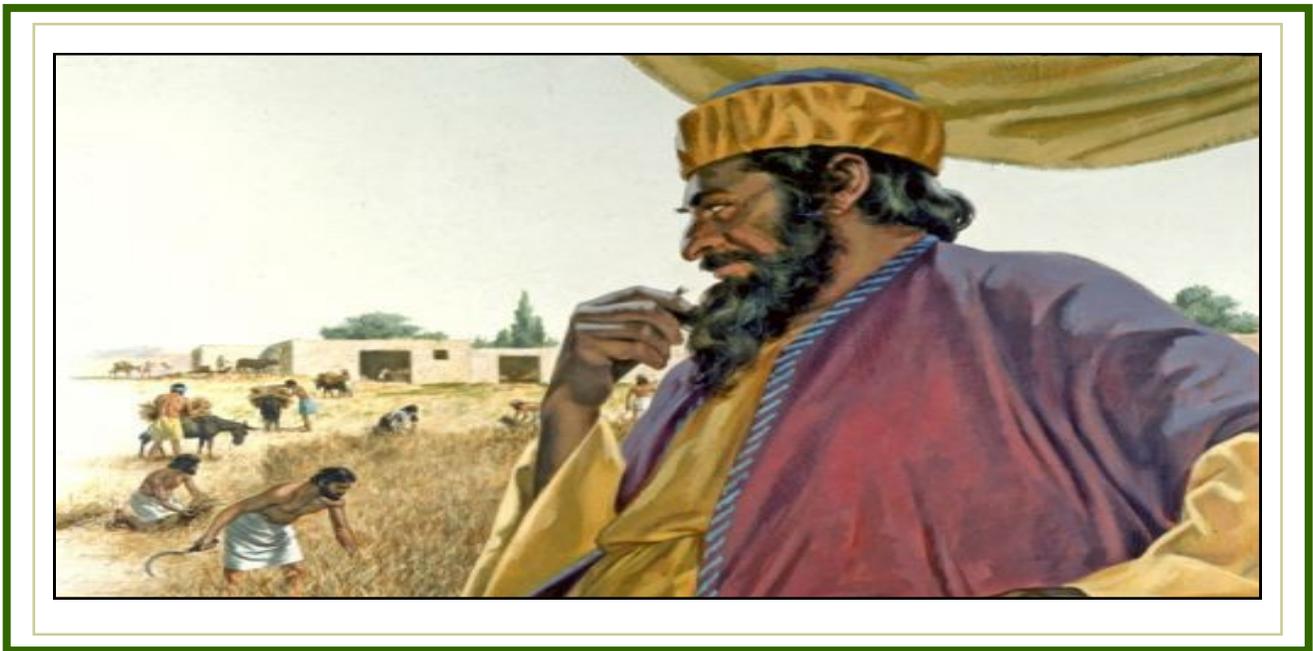




Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022



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Mass Schedule

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 am St. Joseph's (Jump Off)</i> <i>10:00 am St. Mary's (Chewelah)</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>9:00 am St. Joseph's (Jump Off)</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>NO MASS</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7:00 am St. Mary's (Chewelah)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9:00 am St. Mary's (Chewelah)</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>9:00 am St. Mary's (Chewelah)</i> <i>9:30 am Adoration (Chewelah)</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4:00 pm St. Mary's (Chewelah)</i> <i>6:00 pm Sacred Heart (Springdale)</i>



Dear Parishioners,

As summer began we started to celebrate Mass at Jump Off on Sundays. I have really been taken up with the Church and enjoy celebrating Mass there. I am amazed that it is, for the most, preserved from how it was originally built in 1903. It somehow was under the radar from all the church renovations that have taken place since the 1970's. I like old things and taking care of old things, and I consider the church at Jump Off worthy of preserving in its original state. It is a valuable link to our liturgical past. I will do my best, as Pastor, to preserve and take care of this church and keep it in its original and historical state.

You may have noticed that I celebrate Mass at Jump Off "*ad orientem*" (to the east.) This is the way that the Mass has been celebrated almost from the time when Christians started building churches. I have asked the Bishop's permission to celebrate Mass *ad orientem* at Jump Off and he has granted permission to do so. It seems right that we do it this way there since it was built for it. I want to offer some explanation of *ad orientem* in this letter.

Ad Orientem is a Latin phrase simply meaning "to the east," but in a liturgical setting it takes on a greater significance. Offering Mass *ad orientem* entails the priest and the people offering Mass facing east. At Jump Off the altar and congregation are actually facing East. This is the way churches were built if it was at all possible.

The reason the priest, along with the congregation, faces Liturgical East is because within the sacrifice of the Mass we anticipate the coming of Christ at his return from the East, the place of the rising sun. We also recall our journey together toward our Heavenly dwelling place. "Then he led me to the gate facing east, and there was the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east!" – Ezekiel 43:1-2

Christian symbolism historically has connected the east with the coming of Christ. Certainly the image of the rising sun recalls the Resurrection occurring at dawn (Mt. 28:1; Mk 16:2, Lk 24:1, Jn 20:1) and Christ as the light shining in the darkness (John 1:5). Also Jesus says, "For just as lightning comes from the east and is seen as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Mt 24:27).

Ancient baptism rites even required the candidate to renounce Satan and his former way of life facing the west and to then turn to the east and make the proclamation of the faith, thus symbolizing turning one's back to evil and turning toward Christ. Additionally, we await the return to Paradise, to Eden, which God planted in the east (Gen 2:8).

When celebrating Mass *ad orientem*, the priest and people worshipping together in the same direction still captures the intended symbolism of Christ's second coming. It also assists us in elevating our hearts and minds to the One to whom we are offering the sacrifice, recalling the transcendence of God.

Ad orientem seems more liturgically appropriate because the priest does not offer the Mass to the people, nor the people to the priest. Rather, both priest and people together offer the sacrifice of Christ to the Father. When the priest and congregation physically orient themselves in the same direction, the reality of what is happening is more clearly expressed: the priest and congregation are not in dialogue but are together offering their prayers and Christ's sacrifice to God the Father.

"A common turning to the East during the Eucharistic Prayer remains essential. This is not a case of accidents, but of essentials. Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord. It is not now a question of dialogue, but of common worship, of setting off towards the One who is to come." – Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *The Spirit of the Liturgy*.

Some may interpret *ad orientem* as "the priest turning his back on the people." However, the priest's desire is to turn with the congregation to pray toward God. The vast majority of the prayers of the Liturgy of the Eucharist are directed to God the Father. Mass *ad orientem* symbolizes the reality of the priest leading all present in prayer vertically to the Father. When a prayer or dialogue is directed to the people the priest turns toward the people.

Celebrating Mass *ad orientem* fosters and portrays these aspects of our liturgy in a unique manner. It is my hope that celebrating Mass *ad orientem* can enhance our Sunday worship.

- Fr. Vincent

Our Weekly Offering for July 23 and 24

<i>St. Mary of the Rosary (Chewelah):</i>	\$ 1,399.43
<i>St. Joseph's (Jump Off):</i>	\$ 468.00
<i>Holy Ghost (Valley):</i>	\$ 335.00
<i>Sacred Heart (Springdale):</i>	\$ 315.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!!!

Feast and Memorials:

- 8/1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 8/2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- 8/4 St. John Vianney, Priest
- 8/5 The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- 8/6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass Intentions:

- 8/1 Marlys Barrett +
- 8/3 Benjamin Lant

Upcoming Events:

Fr. Vincent will be away August 1-5. Please keep him in your prayers. Weekday Masses will be offered by Fr. Martin this week..

New Weekday Mass/Confession Schedule begins August 8th.

Preparation for the Assumption of Mary - A Day of Prayer and Activities; Tuesday, August 9th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please contact Catherine Reimer at (509) 935-0928 for details.

Feast of the Assumption - Monday, August 15th.

Rosary - Tuesday, August 16th at 1:00 pm at St. Mary of the Rosary

Please keep our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Bishop Daly, Fr. Vincent, and all Bishops and Clergy in your prayers.

Baptism of Children: Please call to schedule instruction and a date for the baptism.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the office if you or someone you know is sick.

Marriage: Schedule an appointment with the pastor at least 6 months prior to setting a wedding date.

Readings for Week of 07/31

Mon. 08/01

JER 28:1-17 ; PS 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Matthew 14:13-21

Tues. 08/02

JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 ; PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23
Matthew 14:22-36

Wed. 08/03

JER 31:1-7 ; JER 31:10, 11-12AB, 13; Matthew 15:21-28

Thurs. 08/04

JER 31:31-34 ; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Matthew 16:13-23

Fri. 08/05

NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 ; DEUTERONOMY 32:35CD-36AB, 39ABCD, 41
John 16:24-28

Sat. 08/06 (Daily Reading)

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 ; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36

Sun. 08/07 (Vigil and Sunday Readings)

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

NEW Weekday Mass and Confession Schedule
for the Catholic Parishes of South Stevens County
beginning Monday, August 8th:

Mondays	8:30 am - Jump Off
Wednesdays	5:00 pm Confessions - Chewelah 5:30 pm Mass - Chewelah
Thursdays	8:30 am Mass - Chewelah
Fridays	9:00 am Mass - Chewelah 9:30 am Adoration - Chewelah

ALL PARISH

Faith Night

Is Coming!

Stay tuned for more details!