St. Augustine Parish

March 22, 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

St. Augustine Catholic Church sits between Cannon Hill and Manito Parks in the heart of Spokane's historic South Hill neighborhood. It has provided a place of worship for generations of Catholic families and serves the students of Cataldo Catholic School.

PARISH STAFF

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BAPTISM AND HOLY MATRIMONY

Parents seeking Baptism for their child and engaged couples seeking marriage should contact the parish office at least four months prior to the intended dates for preparation.

MASS TIMES

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Cataldo Catholic School student Mass, Thursday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm
(or by appointment)

ROSARY

Mondays, 8:30 am - 9:00 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the month: 8:30 am - 9:00 am

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March 17, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing to you in what may be the most difficult Lenten season we will ever see. In the last 24 hours, we have witnessed emergency declarations from government officials which now call for severe restrictions on public gatherings. I take seriously my responsibility to care for all the souls in the 13 counties of Eastern Washington which make up the Diocese of Spokane. And thus, to date, I have resisted calls to limit public access to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. However, given the scope of the pandemic and the latest government prohibitions, I am requiring the following actions which will remain in place until Monday, April 6, 2020. 1. All public Masses are suspended and everyone remains dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Priests are to offer private Mass for their people on a daily basis and, to the extent possible, livestream the Mass on the web. I will offer Mass at the Cathedral this coming Sunday at 9:00 a.m. which will be livestreamed on the parish and diocesan websites. 2. The Chrism Mass previously schedule for March 31st at 5:15 p.m. is closed to the public. It will be broadcast via livestream on the diocesan website. 3. Funerals rites are limited to graveside committals, unless attendance at the Vigil/Mass does not exceed 10 people. 4. The Sacrament of Penance should continue to be available to the faithful while observing social distancing requirements. 5. Churches should remain unlocked, to the extent possible, for the faithful to make individual private visits to the Blessed Sacrament. 6. The faithful are encouraged to join me in a voluntary fast on Fridays with the intention of ending this pandemic. Prior to Monday, April 6th, the diocese will announce any changes to these measures in light of developments with the pandemic. This letter gives me the opportunity to point out that the Catholic Church has always been on the forefront of responding to crisis, disease, and plague. Our extensive Catholic healthcare system in the Diocese of Spokane as well as Catholic Charities of eastern Washington bear witness to this legacy. I am grateful for the ways in which the Church attempts to care for both body and soul at this difficult time. Sadly, in response to the mandatory national quarantine in France, it was announced today that the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes has closed for the first time in history. Although access to both the grotto and the celebration of the Mass have been disrupted, the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of the Diocese of Spokane, remain as powerful as ever. Just as God has granted countless healings through her intercession in the past, may we receive that same healing today. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

In Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas A. Daly, D.D.
Bishop of Spokane

Church Open During the Day

While we will not be celebrating Mass as a community, the church will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for prayer and time spent before the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Communication

The parish office will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. each day. We will be regularly checking the voice messages, so if you leave a message we will return the call as soon as possible. You can also email the parish office at staugustine@dioceseofspokane.org and we will respond as soon as we are able. Thank you for your patience.

Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Sandy Alderman, Althea Beaver, Isabel Brunkan, Bill Campbell, Pat Campbell, Margaret Chastek, John Conley, Jr., Frank Culhane, Pat Kingsbury, Mary Lenoue, Tyler Lovett, Kathy Korth, Shea O'Rourke, Greg Renner, Beau Richardson, Jason Rocks, Danette Erika Schearman, Dan Sheldon, Megan Simpson, Tiffany Simpson, Joel Stavana, Ashley Sutch, Eley Vann, Doug Ward, Wilson Webb, Paula Willette, and Rebecca, Rebecca Jayne Johnson, Danette Schroer, Jo Warner.

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, contact the parish office at (509) 747-4421.

THE INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH

Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Eucharistic Devotion

In penal times Ireland, Mass was forbidden to be celebrated. The absence of the Mass caused the Irish people to grow in their devotion and fervour for it. They were willing to risk life itself in order to attend outlawed Masses. In this time of Mass abstinence, may our devotion and fervour grow for it as well.

~ Fr. Mee

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Week of March 15	$5,657.00	$220.00	$.00	$.00
Month to Date	$13,584.00	$385.00	$6,964.00	$626.00
Fiscal YTD (2019-20)	$231,906.69	$13,060.00	$7,091.00	$1,638.00

ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE PARISH?

We're happy that you are attending Mass at St. Augustine. If you would like to make this parish your home, we encourage you to register with the office or online.

OUR PLACE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

We do not want to forget our friends in need at Our Place. There are baskets at the entrances to the church where you can place your donations.

FR. MEE LENTEN VIDEO SERIES

Fr. Mee unpacks the bundle of events that is Lent and Easter in a series of short video messages. You will most likely learn something new as each video offers an educational message, with the spirit of joy, to help you along your Lenten journey.

Videos are released Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and are available on both the parish website (www.staugustinespokane.com), the parish Facebook page, and are emailed to those parishioners who have provided us with their email address.

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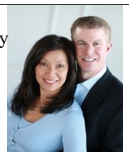

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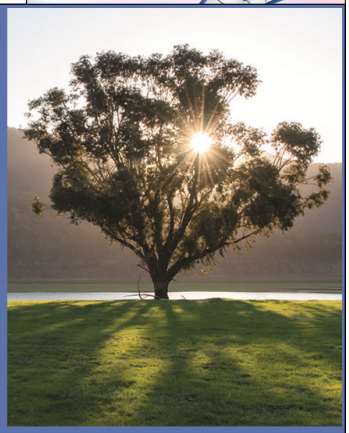

Please join us for this spiritual day of preparation with multiple speakers on a wide variety of end-of-life topics such as: Preparing for Eternity, Catholic Health Directives, Will Preparation & Estate Planning, Leaving a Legacy, Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones, Finding God's Mercy in Death, and What Do We Do When a Loved Ones Die?

Pre-Registration Greatly Appreciated!
Contact Lindsey Klemmer at
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