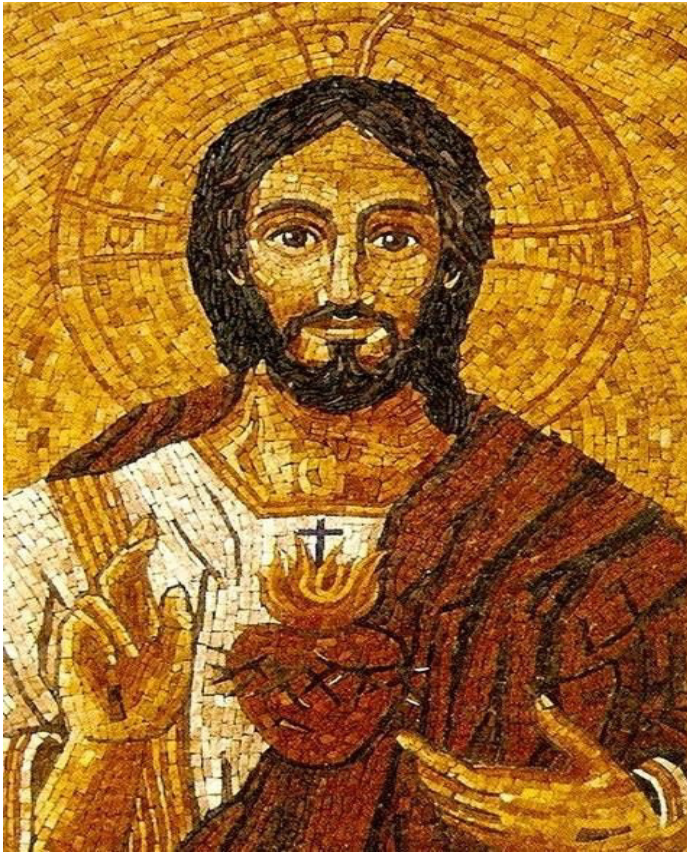


ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

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*"As the
Father loves
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Remain in
my love"*

John 15

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO de MISA

Daily Mass/Misas Diarias: 8 am Monday-Friday
Tuesday 7 pm (Spanish)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9 am and 5 pm

Misa del domingo: 11:15 am (Spanish)

Exposition and Adoration 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 pm. Also by appointment or ask the priest after Mass

Religious Education classes Sundays 10:15am-11:05 a.m.

EDGE Middle School youth: Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Life-Teen High School/youth: Sundays at 6:15 p.m.

CHOSEN 1st Year Confirmation every other Wednesday at 7 pm

OFFICE HOURS / HORAS de OFICINA

Monday – Friday: 8 am-11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.

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Youth minister/ Confirmation: Sarah Moore

Elementary Religious Education: Alena Camarata

FAITH FORMATION

CENTERING PRAYER Mondays at 5:15 pm in the meditation/cry room. Contact Karen at 962-9648.

Men's Fellowship / Study Group: Mondays at 6:30 PM in the library. Contact Mark Hayden at 962-9005.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Tuesdays at 8:30 am

Pivotal Players in the History of Catholicism. Tuesday 9am -library. Call Hugh Spall 925-2937 for more information.

Pro-Life Prayer-Outside of Planned Parenthood on Kelleher property. Tuesdays-10:30 am – Larry & Bea Cates 857-2163

CRAFTS UNLIMITED -Tuesdays 11 AM in 2nd grade room. Contact Carole Vondergeest 962-1551.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursdays 8:30am-5:30pm

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Thursdays at 6:30pm in the library. Call Scott Zimmerman 962-9661 or email at gitanesteel@yahoo.com

COMPASSION CORPS 2nd & 4th Thursdays -7 PM at the couch/5th grade room. Contact Kelly Held 304-4866

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in 2nd grade room 7 PM -4th Thursday. For more info. contact Matt Fromherz 962-8472.

WIVES IN PRAYER Fridays 9-11 AM at the parish library –Contact person: Emily Stickney 968-9195.

SAYA: For young adults. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682

**Fifth Sunday of Easter.
May 6, 2018**

With gratitude and appreciation,
Sunday Collection
Sunday April 29 \$ 6,816
Building Fund: \$ 780
Rel. Edu. \$ 797
Saint Vincent : 1,827.00



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6: Rel. Edu. 2nd collection
May 6: Rel. Ed. 10:15 am and
LAC 3:30 pm
May 9: Confirmation 7-8:30 pm
May 10: Second year First Communion at 6 pm
May 12: Baptismal Classes Spanish at 9:30 am
First Year Reconciliation 11am-2 pm
Gravesite at Holy Cross 12 pm
Healing Prayer at 6:30 pm
May 13 FEAST OF THE ASECION
MOTHERS' DAY brunch at 10 am
Rel. Ed. 10:15 am
May 14 Memorial Service for Amy Priest at 11 am
May 17: Bishop Visitation/ Deanery meeting.
May 17 : First Communion practice.

FORMED: Sign up for daily reflections in English or Spanish at www.formed.org and type our code 449536 to create your username and password.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP: we will continue the 14 week series on Mondays, on the Holy Spirit, narrated by father Dave Pivanka, on YouTube. Join us Monday nights 6:30 in the library to watch the videos and join in discussion.

A big thank you to all who again have supported the Craft Group's Little Pillow Case Dress project. This year we will be giving a check for \$605 to the BAWA Health Initiative and donating 88 dresses and 37 shorts for children in Cameroon

St. Andrew's Preschool is seeking a Teacher's Assistant for the 2018-19 school year. Hours are M-F 8:30-11:15 am. The position begins August 29. Contact the parish office for a complete job description and application.

Young at Heart, 55 and older, meets for breakfast at the Palace Cafe on Monday, May 14. For more information, call Judy Poplawski , 962-5889. Thanks

FAITH FORMATION, Everyone is invited to attend a 5- week series titled ***Overcoming Obstacles to Holiness*** by Fr. John Riccardo on Thursdays at 6:30pm at the library beginning on April 26 to May 24

Friends of the Foundation Luncheon. Join the Trustees of the Central Washington Catholic Foundation. Lunch is free, but an RSVP is required. May 24th – St. Joseph, Wenatchee 12:00pm – 1:15pm. You may register by calling (509) 972-3732 or send an email to: kwilmes@cwccatholicfoundation.org.

Mother's Day Brunch at St Andrew's to Support Religious Education. The Religious Education program will be hosting its annual brunch to celebrate mothers and raise money for Bibles for our kindergarten class. Sunday May 13th at 10 am in the Social Hall. Recommended donation is \$15 per person or \$75 per family. We are seeking generous individuals who would like to sponsor a table for \$75 to offset the cost of supplies. Menu includes: Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Shrimp Scampi, Chicken with Basil and sun-dried tomatoes, Enchiladas, Waffles, Eggs benedict, a variety of Quiche, Bagels and Lox, assorted fruit and salads, and several desserts. Coffee, Orange Juice, Bloody Mary's and Mimosas included. Please reserve early to guarantee your spot. Brunch is limited to 50 people. Contact Alena Camarata by voicemail or text at (509) 306-0131.

Pro Deo Et Patria will have a short prayer ceremony at Holy Cross Cemetery at 11am on Memorial Day, Monday 28 May. Also, please bring your worn US Flags and place them in the box in the foyer to be retired. In that box, you will also find requests to have a name engraved on the veteran memorial wall at Holy Cross.

May Crowning will be celebrated at the May 6th 9:00am Mass. Katie Gamache will crown Mary this year. Thanks to the Jubilate Choir for their singing this year and we will look forward to starting back up in the fall!

Thank you to all who attended the 2018 Tastes To Treasure fundraiser for FISH. About 320 participated, besides staff and volunteers. If you missed it, you may still make a cash donation or promise to FISH. •• Upcoming events at FISH include a year-long Awareness Project with coordinating activities. Its purpose is to increase awareness and clear knowledge about the rising numbers of food-needy residents in Kittitas County—why they need assistance, and ways we can help. The Project will kick off with a Two-Mile Walk on June 23. Stay tuned! •• In the meantime, please continue donating in cash (take or mail to FISH, PO Box 85) and food (place items in the wicker baskets in the church foyer). •• Valley View Weekend Meals delivery continues until school is out, mid-June. Currently, we send food bags home with 13 students. FISH will begin its Summer Meals for Kids program (at local parks) as soon as school is out.

Why Does Human Life Matter?

Society clearly operates on the premise that there is something special, unique and noble in being human. Indeed, we all seem to have an innate conviction that life does matter. If you think about it, this is surprising for those who do not believe in God and believe that we are all just random accidents, whose life is not a result of thought or design, but rather of blind chance. Although the secular, humanist view has no answer for why human life matters and is unable to explain why life matters, atheists and agnostics nevertheless live their lives on the assumption that it does and that there is a reason for their being. This is surprising because one cannot have it both ways. Either God made us and assigned a special value to us, or God did not make us and human life would appear to be both worthless and meaningless. Conversely, Christians can easily explain why life matters. We know that although humans, in terms of physical make-up, are roughly 95% identical to Chimpanzees, we are spiritually superior, because of the simple fact that God made us in His image. As a result, the value of one human soul transcends the value of the material universe. Indeed, we believe that one human soul is more valuable than all the great masterpieces, all the jewels and all the precious metals the world has ever known. This is why we place a unique value upon all human life. This is why the humanity of every unborn child qualifies that child for love and protection. This is why every single aborted baby is a terrible tragedy.

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION May 6, 2018

In today's Gospel from the Book of John, Jesus says, "*As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.*" The Lord closes this passage by saying, "This I command you: love one another." In one form or another Jesus tells us to "Love one another" eleven times in the Bible. St. Paul also includes this commandment in his writings as do others, including passages in the Old Testament. Obviously, one could do an entire reflection on what this love means, what it entails, but it has a much greater depth than just talking about it. "Love," like "stewardship" implies action.

There is something impressive about St. Peter as reflected in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter has clearly grasped what Christ meant when He instructed His followers to "Love one another, as I have loved you." The passage begins with Peter arriving at the house of Cornelius, who in deference to Peter, falls at Peter's feet to pay him homage. Peter's response says everything to us about how to treat others and how we ourselves need to view our own lives. Peter says, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Prior to that Peter lifts Cornelius up. The deep faith of Cornelius is well documented in Acts. We learn that

Cornelius sent his servants to get Peter and bring him there. Cornelius had certainly heard of Peter and knew of his past and his involvement with Jesus. However, Cornelius also realized that he was a Gentile, and so there may have been some fear on his part that Peter might reject him, or even hesitate to enter his house. Peter's response to this show of respect from Cornelius is an example of the love about which we are speaking. Peter felt that Cornelius should not show this reverence to Peter, and Peter also felt he should not receive it.

Peter would be the first to tell Cornelius and others that the reverence offered him should be offered to Jesus Christ Himself. As Jesus said, we are to love as He loves us. Peter did that.

The passage from the First Letter of John that comprises our Second Reading could not be more specific on our call to love one another. John opens with "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." We have reflected previously on what words are used for "love" in the Bible. There are two Greek words that are the originals translated as "love" in these instances. *Agapaois* a verb, and *agape* is a noun. This is not romantic love; it means affection certainly, but it also means benevolence and concern for the welfare of the one loved. It is deliberate rather than emotional or impulsive. St. John is explaining to us that if we know and experience God, then it will be shown in the ways we love one another. We may realize that this kind of love cannot be perfected on this side of eternity. Nevertheless, it must be present in our lives, and it needs to grow throughout our lives. This is a self-giving love that gives without demands or expectations of re-payment. It is God's kind of love, and for us to love one another more we need to grow closer to God.

In the Gospel from St. John Jesus tells us, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Jesus loved His followers, His disciples, and also us the way God the Father loved Him. Jesus showed His love for his disciples by teaching them, protecting them, guiding them, sacrificially serving them. God the Father did all that for Jesus.

Jesus did not say "I love you as a mother loves a child," and He did not say, "I love you the way a husband loves his wife." If we know Jesus, we understand that He is filled with power, wisdom, truth, holiness, devotion, submission, sacrifice, and many other traits. Yet, He chooses to summarize it for us quite simply by saying, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." That really says it all, doesn't it? It all seems so simple, but we know what kind of an effort real love requires. That is the effort we are called to put forth.