PRAYER OF SAINT BONAVENTURE

AFTER MASS:
Pierce, O most Sweet Lord Jesus, my inmost soul with the most joyful and healthful wound of Thy love, with true, serene, and most holy apostolic charity, that my soul may ever languish and melt with love and longing for Thee, that it long for Thee, that it may yearn for Thee and faint for Thy courts, and long to be dissolved and to be with Thee. Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and super-substantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor; may it ever thirst after Thee, the fountain of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end.

May Thou alone be ever my hope, my entire assurance, my riches, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquility, my peace, my sweetness, my fragrance, my sweet savor, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession and my treasure, in whom may my mind and heart be fixed and firmly rooted immovably henceforth and forever. Amen.

WELCOME TO
St. Patrick
CATHOLIC CHURCH
A Roman Catholic Church serving Jesus Christ, Located in the Heart of Holland, Diocese of Spokane

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 28TH, 2018

Musings from your Parish Priest:
On September 13th, 1935, in Vilnius, Lithuania, a sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy received a vision of Jesus Christ, who instructed her to pray a chaplet with a threefold intention: to obtain mercy, to trust in Christ's mercy, and to show mercy to others. The sister wrote in her diary that Jesus promised all who recite this chaplet at the hour of death or in the presence of the dying will receive great mercy. She wrote that Jesus said: "...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior." This sister was Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, the daughter of Polish peasants, who beginning in 1931 received regular visitations from our Lord, and became known among Polish and Lithuanian Catholics as a mystic and source of inspiration.

Her visions were treated with much skepticism in the early years, but eventually a number of bishops in Poland and Lithuania approved her chaplet as a devotion, and in the immediate aftermath of World War Two it became popular amongst Eastern European Catholics who were distraught at the destruction which surrounded them. However, in 1959, the Holy Office placed a ban that forbade circulation of "images and writings that promote devotion to Divine Mercy in the forms proposed by Sister Faustina", the ban being predicated on certain theological difficulties, e.g. the claim that Jesus had promised complete remission of sin for certain devotional acts without specifying whether the forgiveness would be obtained directly or through undertaking reception of the sacrament of reconciliation. Additionally, as Sister Kowalski had never been investigated by the Holy Office, her validity as a mystic was never recognized by the Church.

In 1965, Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Krakow (the future John Paul II) began the investigative process on her life and virtues, and in April of 1978, the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith rescinded the prior ban, and allowed the spread of the devotion. John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000, and designated the Sunday after Easter (the Octave of Easter or Low Sunday in the old calendar) as Divine Mercy Sunday, emphasizing the message of mercy in the context of the Easter resurrection: "Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity". The devotion has since become widespread amongst many Catholics, and the image of the Divine Mercy (painted from St. Faustina's description of her visions) is a popular holy card.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,
5025 N. Nelson St., Spokane, WA 99217 Phone: (509) 466-7738 E-mail: stpatspokaneparish@comcast.net
Office Hours: On-site office is now closed.
Please note: All correspondence/payments should be mailed to:
St. Patrick’s, c/o St. Thomas More Parish, 505 W. St. Thomas More Way, Spokane, WA 99208
www.stpatrickspokane.org

St. Patrick’s Prayer Line
Have a certain need that prayer can help? St. Patrick’s Prayer Line is available. Call Jackie Silvey (483-3109).

St. Patrick’s Our Patron Pray for us and our families!
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above 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 Breasplate

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Sundays 9:00 AM (Church)
Weekdays 7:00 AM (Communion)
Saturdays 8:00 AM (Church)
Holy Days

Sacromental Celebrations
Holy Baptism: Parental preparation is required. Please contact a priest to set up an appointment.
Penance: Saturdays, 8:30—9:00 AM or by appointment.
Holy Matrimony: Please contact a Parish Priest at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.
Care of the Sick & Homebound
Communion is taken to the sick and elderly on a regular basis. We ask families to please notify the Parish office when illness or infirmity impedes a person from coming to church for an extended period of time. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered on request. Call 487-1325, ext. 200.

Parish Staff:
Fr. David Gaines, Administrator 487-6363
digaines@dioceseofspokane.org
Mike Samuel, Deacon
msamuels@dioceseofspokane.org
Louise Andrews, Administrative Assistant 413-7186
landrews@dioceseofspokane.org
Jan Provincial, DRE 230-1957
jprovincial@dioceseofspokane.org
Jennifer Siira, Business Manager 466-3811
jiara@stathomorsespokane.org
Ed Sinclair, Music Director 326-7073

Parish Council: George Baertlein, Chair Members: Mike Delvoo, Bill Scheres, John Hart, Lora L’Esperance, Louise Andrews, Ex Officio
Finance Council: Mark Kelly, Chair, Members: Ed Sinclair, Dorothy Moore, Kathy Sharp, Julie Carpenter

For spiritual emergencies, scheduling sacraments or funerals please contact Fr Gaines at 487-6363.

To request a certificate, bulletin ad or to speak to someone about your charitable contributions please contact the office and say you are calling for St. Patrick Parish. 509-466-7738

Office Hours for Fr. Gaines: Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings after Mass about 8:30 AM
St. Francis Xavier
Or call 487-6363 to schedule an appointment.

St. Patrick’s Breastplate
I give, I promise, I bequeath to St. Patrick Catholic Parish my heart, my life, my love, my good name, and all that I have.
I give, I promise, I bequeath to St. Patrick Catholic Parish my heart, my life, my love, my good name, and all that I have.

Memorial Candle for April
Paul Eckhardt, John & Dan McDermott

Any News for the Bulletin?
Please contact a Parish Priest at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.

Good Shepherd Catechism
Join us!
The Sisters will have classes on Mondays, from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Convent. This is for children ages 3-12.

Back to the Basics
A spiritual backpacking retreat with Fr. Semple June 27-29
10 miles along the Kettle Crest Trail from Barnaby Butte to Sherman Pass.
For Intermediate and Advanced backpackers (responsible for your own meals and gear) over 18 years of age, only.

The Anna Schindler Foundation would like to thank the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier and St. Patrick for their kindness during the Lenten season. Your alms stocked Anna’s Home pantries, provided snacks for the pediatric oncology clinic at Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital, and several needy families received groceries. In addition, the restaurant, gift cards, and donations exceeded $1,200. This goodness will help many families through treatment and aid many families whose child is battling cancer. Thank you and may God bless you!
Jee and Felly Schindler and the ASF Family

Thank you to everyone who helped us decorate and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Our church was beautiful!

Stewardship:
Budget—YTD
$60,629.68
$58,694.64

Envelope & Plate:
Needed Weekly: $1,796.87
Received 04/21: $1,447.16

Maintenance Fund
$5.00
$20.76

Please note: Mail your contributions to St. Thomas More Parish, 505 W. St. Thomas More Way, Spokane, 99208

Sunday School & Sacramental Prep
For more information, call Jan at 230-1957 or email her at jprovinal@dioceseofspokane.org

Other Happenings Around Town...
Bereaved Mother’s Day Mass and Tea 5/4, 10 AM, St. Joseph’s Colbert, a place for bereaved mothers to honor their lost children, Call 953-5967 to register.

Miriam of Nazareth Homemaker Disciple, Apostile 5/8, 8 Fr. Mike Savelovsky at the 11:30 Mass. Call 448-1224.

Coffee and Donuts
Join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts following Mass.

Free Access
The diocese is committed to helping victims/survivors of sexual abuse and to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults are required to report any suspected abuse by others they supervise. Contact: Roberta Smith, Victims Assistance Coordinator (509) 353-0442 Diocese of Spokane. If calling from Spokane, you are calling for St. Patrick Parish.

Other Happenings Around Town...