**PRAYERS BEFORE & AFTER THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**PRAYER OF SAINT AMBROSE BEFORE HOLY MASS:**
I draw near, loving Lord Jesus Christ, to the table of your most delightful banquet in fear and trembling, a sinner, presuming not upon my own merits, but trusting rather in your goodness and mercy. I have a heart and body defiled by many offenses, a mind and tongue over which I have kept no good watch. Therefore, O loving God, O awesome Majesty, I turn in my misery, caught in snares, to you the fountain of mercy, hastening to you for healing, flying to you for protection; and while I do not look forward to having you as Judge, I long to have you as Savior. To you, O Lord, I display my wounds, to you I uncover my shame. I am aware of my many and great sins, for which I fear, but I hope in your mercies, which are without number. Look upon me, then, with eyes of mercy, Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, crucified for mankind. Listen to me, as I place my hope in you, have pity on me, full of miseries and sins, you, who will never cease to let the fountain of compassion flow. Hail, O Saving Victim, offered for me and for the whole human race on the wood of the Cross. Hail, O noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, my crucified Lord, and washing away the sins of all the world. Remember, Lord, your creature, whom you redeemed by your Blood. I am repentant of my sins, I desire to put right what I have done. Take from me, therefore, most merciful Father, all my iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant that this sacred foretaste of your Body and Blood which I, though unworthy, intend to receive, may be the remission of my sins, the perfect cleansing of my faults, the banishment of shameful thoughts, and the rebirth of right sentiments; and may it encourage a wholesome and effective performance of deeds pleasing to you and be a most firm defense of body and soul against the snares of my enemies. Amen.

**PRAYER OF SAINT BONAVENTURE AFTER HOLY MASS:**
Pierce, O most Sweet Lord Jesus, my inmost soul with the most joyous 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 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 supersubstantial 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 life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the richness of the house of God. May it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, attain Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory 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 my heart be fixed and firmly rooted immovably henceforth and forever. Amen.

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

**TWO-TYHIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019**

**Musings from your Parish Priest:**
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Acknowledgement, gratitude, and commitment—these are the components of a life of stewardship. Within this dynamic movement, there are two important aspects. One aspect is that our stewardship can never be static. In the life of faith, one is never holding still; the soul is always either progressing toward God, or regressing farther from Him. As St. Teresa of Avila noted, if we think we are standing still in the spiritual life, we are, in truth, falling farther away from God. We are either increasing in our generosity toward God or we are slowly distancing our hearts from Him.

To fail to grow in generosity, in stewardship, is to say: “I’ve already given enough to God” and to act as if what we have is properly ours, when, in truth, it is all His. Because it is His, we can never be too generous in committing our lives and our possessions to His service. It would be like saying one can be too holy, or too loving, or too merciful. So too, no one can be too good a steward—too generous toward God.

Stewardship also requires something more than simple good will. In addition to making progress in the spiritual life, to never standing still, stewardship requires serious thought, a plan, and a decision.

If I desire to grow in my stewardship of time and talent, I ask myself three questions: How much time am I already dedicating in service to God? How much more can I grow in this area? And, to what, concretely, will I dedicate my increased time to: (St. Vincent de Paul, prayer, a parish ministry)? Then I return to God—of this and everything else, nothing less.

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Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church "Holy
22nd Annual Inland Northwest Men's Retreat
Summer BBQ Divine Mercy on Display

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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 at St. Francis Xavier
Or call 487-6363 to schedule an appointment.

The Missionaries of Charity would like to invite you to join them in a Novena here at St. Patrick’s on the 13th of each month beginning in May and continuing until October. This is in commemoration of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The Novena will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM and a rosary procession in the neighborhood will follow with conclusion with the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sisters of Mary Pray for us and our families!
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart of every person who may think of 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 Breadplate

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

Attention Parishioners:
The neighbors across from the church and rectory on Nelson Street have asked that we don’t park in front of their houses, due to their work schedules and needing to get their cars in and out. Please use the St. Pat’s parking lot. There is plenty of room there. Thank you for helping us to be considerate neighbors!

Parish:
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass St. Patrick’s
Sundays
9:00 AM (Church)

Weekdays
7:00 AM (Convent)

Saturdays
8:00 AM (Church)

Holy Days Consult Bulletin

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass St. Francis Xavier
Sunday
6:00 PM

7:30 AM

11:00 AM (Latin)

8:00 AM

Weekdays (M,T,W) Consult Bulletin

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Sacramental Celebrations
Holy Baptism: Parental preparation is required. Please contact a priest to set up an appointment
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Also at St. Francis Xavier: Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Saturdays, 3:00-5:30 PM, & Sundays 10:30-11:00 AM
Holy Matrimony: Please contact a Parish Priest at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.
Care of the Sick & Homebound: Contact: Roberta Smith, Victims of Abuse Coordinator, 5025 N. Nelson St., Spokane, WA 99217 Phone: (509) 466-7525 or to St. Patrick Catholic Parish, 505 W. St. Thomas More Way, Spokane, WA 99208
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Sway Back in the Garden and Countryside. ~ Stratford Caldecott

Stewardship:
Budget—YTD Received—YTD
$18,194.00 $16,876.00

Envelopes & Plate:
Needed Weekly $1,654.00
Received 09/01: $2,232.00
Tractility $61.00
Maintenance Fund $39.00

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