

St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM
Reconciliation: Sat. 2:30—3:30 PM and by appt.

Holy Ghost, Valley

St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe

Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM (at Holy Ghost)
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM at HG

Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday, 6:00 PM
Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

May 1	Special Intention
May 2	All St. Patrick's Day dinner volunteers
May 3	Youth Group helpers for St. Pat dinner
May 4	Special Intention
May 5	Hannah Omejc
May 6, 4 PM	Becky McPherson +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday	8:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe
Tuesday	5:30 PM at Holy Ghost, followed by Holy Hour from 6:00—7:00 PM.
Wednesday	1:00 PM Providence St. Joseph Hospital
Thursday	12:15 PM Mass at St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday	9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary followed by Holy Hour from 9:30—10:30.

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph at Jump Off Joe in honor of the feast day, May 1. Mass will be at 8:00 AM. Everyone is invited.

First-Friday Devotion

Friday, May 5, is the first Friday in May. First Friday Devotion continues that day with Mass at 9:00 AM, followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour.

Confessions at Sacred Heart

Friday, May 5, is the first Friday in May. Confessions will be heard at Sacred Heart in Springdale from 5:00—5:30 PM.

First-Saturday Marian Devotion

Saturday, May 6, is the first Saturday in May. Our First-Saturday Marian devotion continues that day with Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour.

K. C. Breakfast

Knights of Columbus breakfast will be Sunday, April 30, following the 10:00 AM Mass. The menu will include biscuits and gravy. Donations will be applied to youth scholarships and other Knight activities.

Prayer Intentions for May

During the month of May, Pope Francis asks all Catholics to pray for Evangelization, that Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

Holy Ghost Altar Society Meeting

Next Sunday, May 7, the Altar Society of Holy Ghost will meet after the 8:00 AM Mass. Also, the monthly collection for the Valley Food Pantry will be taken up. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Ghost / St. Joseph Parish Council

Tuesday, May 2, is the first Tuesday in May, and the parish council of Holy Ghost / St. Joseph meets that evening at 7:00 PM at Holy Ghost parish hall.

Sacred Heart Monthly Meeting & Potluck

The monthly all-parish meeting and potluck dinner for May has been moved to May 13, same time, same place. Hope to see everyone there!

2017 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On May 7, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep Fr. Jeff in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray that our youth, the future of the world, are not afraid to say "yes" to God's will for their life.

Join us on **Sunday, May 7**, in praying the Rosary for all vocations, but especially for an increase to the priesthood and religious life. The Rosary will be led by Maddie Kernan beginning at 9:30 AM.

Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Applications are available in the parish office and are due by Noon on Sunday, May 7. Questions can be directed to Joe Trudeau, Grand Knight, at (509) 998-6593.

In Celebration of Fatima

Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral will host an Evening of Eucharistic Adoration and Global Living Rosary, led by Fr. Darrin Connall and Fr. James Kelleher on May 9 at 7:00 PM. There will be a reception immediately following.

The May 9 evening is in preparation for the Diocesan celebration of the 100 year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, which will be held in Avista Stadium on July 23 at 7:00 PM and presided by Bishop Thomas Daly.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who have pledged to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Everyone else, your help is still needed!

St. Mary of the Rosary: \$23,140 (92% of goal and 46.5% parishioner participation)

Holy Ghost: \$3,376 (53.9% of goal; 40% parishioner participation)

Sacred Heart: \$1,761 (65.7% of goal; 73.3% parishioner participation)

Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. We are still striving to reach our goals.

Farewell, Fr. Jeff

Fr. Jeff has been appointed as the new pastor of St. Peter's Church in Spokane effective July 1, 2017. His last day here will be June 25. Everyone is invited to a Farewell Barbeque at St. Mary of the Rosary on Wednesday, June 21, at 6:00 PM. More details coming.

Our next pastor will be Fr. David Kruse. Everyone will meet him the first weekend of July.

Please turn in your Rice Bowl offerings ASAP. Checks or paper money can be put in the collection basket or boxes of coins to the office.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis for information.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony: Couples contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis at least four months prior to marriage.

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Parish Office Hours: Monday & Friday: 10:00—11:30 AM, 1:45—5:00 PM; Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM-5 PM

Every Friday is a Mini-Lent

Here we are in the midst of the Easter season. But Good Friday is the day when Jesus Christ died on the Cross, and so every Friday in some small way commemorates His death just as every Sunday celebrates His Resurrection that took place on Easter Sunday.

And so, every Friday is like a mini-Lent, which means that we need to observe some measure of penance on every Friday. This actually is included in Canon Law. "All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance. However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed." (Canon 1249) "The days and times of penance for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent." (Canon 1250)

So it is clear that every Friday is a day of penance. Catholics in the United States, while no longer required to abstain from meat every Friday, are nonetheless obliged to do penance of some sort every Friday. Penance on Fridays is obliged for all Catholics beginning at age 14, and there is no upper age limit on doing something for a Friday penance.

How serious is this obligation? After Vatican II, Pope Blessed Paul VI issued a declaration on the necessity of penance in the Christian life. The "substantial observance binds gravely," he wrote, meaning that it is a grave sin to omit the obligation of some sort of penance.

What can we do for penance on Fridays? Well, we can abstain from meat. Yes, we are no longer required to do so, but that does not mean that we cannot voluntarily do so; our former bishop, Cardinal Cupich, always abstained from meat on Fridays. As another example, I myself pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday, even outside of Lent. We can abstain from sweets, we can abstain from Facebook or Instagram or whatever is your social media of choice. The point is that we do something as an act of penance on Fridays because, again, every Friday is a little commemoration of Good Friday, when Christ died on the Cross; every Friday is a mini-Lent.