



**Pastor's Corner**  
*Silence at Mass*

Silence is often mistakenly regarded as wasted opportunity for sound; more and more, it seems that people simply cannot tolerate the "sound" of silence. People taking walks or out on a bike ride or a jog always seem to have earbuds stuffed into their ears.

But in fact, silence is a profound and graced opportunity to be especially attuned to the voice of God. God often speaks in silence and therefore can only be heard in silence. Consider Elijah the Prophet in the Book of Kings: he ascends the heights of the mountain and waits for God, and God is not in the earthquake or the wildfire or the hurricane winds...but in a soft, whispering sound: the sound of silence.

Accordingly, the Church has specifically built in moments for precisely this sort of silence all throughout the duration of the Mass. One, for the Collect (the opening prayer), the priest says "Let us pray," and a brief period of silence is to follow in order that we may *collect* our own individual thoughts and prayers and gather them together into the one opening prayer for the Mass. Two, also after the priest says "Let us pray" at the end of Mass. Three, after the Second Reading before the Gospel Acclamation, there is to be a brief period of silence to prepare ourselves to receive the Word of God proclaimed to us in the Gospel.

These are three very important times for silence during the Mass, but for me, there are two times that are particularly important for profound, prayerful silence: before Mass begins and again at the end of Holy Communion.

Before Mass begins, we are to gather reverently, quietly, and prayerfully in the church so that we can place ourselves in mind, heart, and soul into the presence of the Lord, Whose Holy Sacrifice we are about to celebrate in the Mass. This is a time to collect ourselves, to call to mind whatever sins we need to humbly repent of (hopefully having gone to confession prior to Mass so as to be absolved of all mortal sins), and in general to remove ourselves from the noise and busy-ness of the world and enter into and engage with the holy presence of God. For these reasons and for so many other reasons besides, we need to maintain respectful, reverent silence before Mass begins. Perhaps we ourselves have no use for silence before Mass, but our fellow parishioners do, and so it is at least out of respect for others that we be silent before Mass begins.

Secondly, at the end of Holy Communion. We have just received the Lord into our bodies at Holy Communion: the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. This is so incredibly profound that mere words cannot possibly do it justice to describe what is taking place in this very grace-filled moment, this privileged encounter with the Lord. We *need* to have silence after Holy Communion so that we can reflect upon this graced encounter and our personal relationship with the Lord. Conversation and shifting about and cell phones blaring their awful noise have no place here, but only prayer and silence. It is precisely to allow for sufficient silence why I am beginning the practice of purifying the sacred vessels at the altar right after Holy Communion (about which I wrote in last Sunday's bulletin). So do not focus on your priest "washing the dishes" but rather be attentive in prayer to the Holy Communion between you and the Lord that just took place.

*Solemnity of*  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
*Tuesday, August 15th ~ Mass Times:*  
*Morning Mass 7:15 a.m.*  
*Evening Mass 7:00 p.m.*

**Daily Mass Schedule ~ August 8th ~ 11th**

Please note the change in next week's Daily Mass schedule: **Morning Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 8th.** There will be no morning Mass on Wednesday, August 9th through Friday, August 11th.

**Mass of Installation for Fr. Jeff Lewis**  
Please join fellow parishioners for Fr. Lewis' Mass of Installation on Sunday August 27th at 10:30a.m., Bishop Thomas Daly presiding. This is a special day for our Parish and our new Pastor.  
**The Parish Picnic/Barbecue** will follow the celebration in the Parish Hall and on the Church Grounds.

**Altar Server Formation ~ For All Servers**

Server training for those entering the 4th grade (and older) will be held on Friday, September 8th at 3:30p.m. in the Church. All Servers should be at this training. Fr. Lewis will be introducing changes to the way you serve. New expectations followed by pizza!!!

**All Saints Catholic School**



All Saints Catholic School Office is closed for the summer through Tuesday, August 16th. If you would like registration information during the summer, please call our business office at: 534-1098, ext. 215 and leave a voicemail. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Visit us online at AllSaintsSpokane.org and find out about the daily blessings of a Catholic education.

**Religious Education**

Coming Soon! Family Faith Formation nights will be on Wednesdays at St. Peter Parish! The objective of the program is to bring Religious Education for children alongside Youth Ministry, as well as incorporate parent formation. Many details are still being worked out for this fall. For now, please mark your calendars for Wednesday evenings and stay tuned for more information. Family formation nights will begin in September.

**Volunteer catechists are needed!**

Sr. Margarite is in need of excited catechists to assist this program of Family Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings and Sacramental Prep on Tuesday evenings. Catechists will serve in classrooms for children, grades K-5, or their parents. Teachers would receive training and materials from Sr. Margarite. Catechists would need to be available at least 3 Wednesdays of the month. There will be some flexibility with substitute teachers. Please email Sr. Margarite at: smargarite@dioceseofspokane.org for more information about this program.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST**

|    |           |                     |   |
|----|-----------|---------------------|---|
| 5  | Saturday  | 4:30 pm             | Mary Bruess                             |
| 6  | Sunday    | 8:00 am<br>10:30 am | Kristine Sima Gee †<br>All Parishioners |
| 7  | Monday    |                     | No Morning Mass                         |
| 8  | Tuesday   | 7:15 am             | Special Intention                       |
| 9  | Wednesday | 7:15 am             | No Morning Mass                         |
| 10 | Thursday  | 7:15 am             | No Morning Mass                         |
| 11 | Friday    | 7:15 am             | No Morning Mass                         |
| 12 | Saturday  | 4:30 pm             | Garrett Dano †                          |
| 13 | Sunday    | 8:00 am<br>10:30 am | Barbara Whalen †<br>All Parishioners    |

**Servers, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**

**August 12th & 13th**

**SERVERS**

|                 |                |  |
|-----------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>4:30pm</b>  | Annika Briggs, Carlos & Donovan Glasser                |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>8:00am</b>  | Three of the Four Reagan Children                      |
|                 | <b>10:30am</b> | Finnegan Dorn-Donnelly, Alyx Foster, Christian Varallo |

**LECTORS**

|                 |                |   |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>4:30pm</b>  | Denny Lucas, Frank Carroll, Deacon Victor Lopez   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>8:00am</b>  | Alecia Gaffney, Larry Grayhek, Deacon Nick Senger |
|                 | <b>10:30am</b> | Eliane Lomax, Beverly Austin, Deacon Victor Lopez |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday 4:30pm** Joseph Antonic, Lois Bradshaw, Mary Bruess, Eva Dacanay, Ron Dalla, Ganya Moen, Peter Fazzari  
**Sunday 8:00am** Mary Caldwell, Dennis Harkins, Suzy Miller, Trisha Reagan, Don Williams, Bob Zins, Peter Fazzari  
**10:30am** Connor Busch, Jaimie Evens, Pat Kirby, Emily & Mike Lunsford, Andi McGoran, Arlette Popiel, Peter Fazzari,  
**One Volunteer Needed**

**COLLECTION FOR JULY 30, 2017**

|                      |           |              |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Envelopes.....       | \$        | <b>4,690</b> |
| Parish Outreach..... | \$        | <b>30</b>    |
| Plate.....           | \$        | <b>615</b>   |
| <b>Total.....</b>    | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,335</b> |

**Building Debt Payment**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total Amount Due:</b>          | <b>\$288,405.47</b> |
| <b>Minimum Monthly Payment:</b>   | <b>\$4,500</b>      |
| <b>Donated for Month of July:</b> | <b>\$1,830</b>      |

**Youth Ministry**  
Summer Schedules for Youth Ministry are on our bulletin board in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy and join us for summer social events!  
For more information regarding Youth Group please contact Sr. Christiana Marie at 534-2227, ext. 226.

***Coming up this week:***

|                                       |                              |                |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
|                                       | <b>Saturday, August 5th</b>  |                |
| Funeral Mass, 10:00 AM, Linda Fisher  |                              | Church         |
| Funeral Reception, 11:00 AM           |                              | Parish Hall    |
| Vigil Mass, 4:30 PM                   |                              | Church         |
|                                       | <b>Sunday, August 6th</b>    |                |
| Mass, 8:00 AM                         |                              | Church         |
| Mass, 10:30 AM                        |                              | Church         |
| Afternoon at the Ballpark, 3:30 PM    |                              | Avista         |
|                                       | <b>Monday, August 7th</b>    |                |
| No Morning Mass                       |                              |                |
|                                       | <b>Tuesday, August 8th</b>   |                |
| Daily Mass, 7:15 AM                   |                              | Chapel         |
| Adoration, Noon-6:00 PM               |                              | Chapel         |
|                                       | <b>Wednesday, August 9th</b> |                |
| Daily Mass, 7:15 AM                   |                              | Chapel         |
| St. Fiacre Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM     |                              | Church Gardens |
|                                       | <b>Thursday, August 10th</b> |                |
| Daily Mass, 7:15 AM                   |                              | Chapel         |
| Moms & Tots Play Group, 10:30 AM      |                              | Lincoln Park   |
|                                       | <b>Friday, August 11th</b>   |                |
| Daily Mass, 7:15 AM                   |                              | Chapel         |
| Funeral Mass, 10:00 AM, Martha Lehman |                              | Church         |
| Funeral Reception, 11:00 AM           |                              | Parish Hall    |
|                                       | <b>Saturday, August 12th</b> |                |
| Vigil Mass, 4:30 PM                   |                              | Church         |
|                                       | <b>Sunday, August 13th</b>   |                |
| Mass, 8:00 AM                         |                              | Church         |
| Mass, 10:30 AM                        |                              | Church         |

**Remember to Pray For:**

Alicia Alng, Helen Anderson, John Anderson, John Bidwell, Gil & Arlene Blazon, Barbara Bonham, Denise Briggs, Karen Cavnes, Sharon Christodoulou, Shirley Clark, John Clifford, Lorna Cobb, Ray & Linda Egan, Lara Newburn Fritsch, Max Gallotti, Mary Harro, Camilla Hovan, Shirley Jakubowski, Alana Kaplan, Sally Kerr, Steve Kotz, Janet Linhart, Mitch Lopez, Janet Mason, Cheryl Dunne McIntosh, Marilyn McMahon, Halla Miller, Rodman B. Miller, Tina Millersmith, Gregory Morrow, Mike Nestor, Angela O'Connell, Mary Pegg, Dorothy Pernsteiner, Lou Ann Quinn, Robin Quinn, Chuck Roberts, Sally Robertson, Jude Schenzil, Carol Schwartz, Teresa Senger, Joleen Sexton, Alecia Simpson, Enza Smith, Frances Smith, Dianne Sumter, Joe Sutliff, Barbara Toetly, Bill Weeks.

**Sunday Mass Times While on Summer Vacation**

Plan ahead in order to attend Sunday Mass at a church near you while you travel. Visit: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

**☞ Eternal Rest Grant unto them O' Lord ☜**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Fisher. Linda entered into rest on Friday, July 28th. Keep Linda's husband Bill and the rest of her family in your prayers. Linda's Funeral Mass was Saturday, August 5th at St. Peter Parish.

Martha Lehman entered into rest Saturday, July 29th. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Keep Martha's husband Lowell and the rest of her family in your prayers as well. Martha's Funeral Mass will be Friday, August 11th at 10:00a.m. at St. Peter Parish.