



Pastor's Corner

Sanctuary Decorum

You may recall that last weekend I preached on the mystery of the Cross, and part of my homily told the story of the little altar cross that now stands on the altar in the sanctuary in the main church. In addition to my personal reasons why I have that altar cross placed on the altar (which I described in my homily), there are practical liturgical reasons for the altar cross.

After the Second Vatican Council when the liturgical reforms had it so that the priest now faces toward the people (*ad populum*) during Mass rather than toward a high altar (*ad orientem*), the priests suddenly found themselves lacking an orientation for their own worship, lacking a direction toward to focus the Eucharistic Prayer. Because the Eucharistic Prayer is addressed specifically to God the Father, and before Vatican II, when the Mass was celebrated *ad orientem*, everyone (priest and the congregation) faced the same direction: toward God, represented by the high altar. The worship of the Mass therefore was clearly offered by everyone together toward the same direction. Now with Mass *ad populum*, the congregation still face the main crucifix (the last vestige of the high altar), but the priest now faces the people. But the people are not God to whom the priest directs his worship, nor is the priest God to whom the people offer their worship. But this face-to-face orientation of the Mass can create a visual confusion.

The altar cross serves to address this. The people still have the main crucifix; the priest has the altar cross. This is why the *corpus* (the image of Christ's body on the Cross) faces the priest; it is the focus of the priest's orientation for his own personal worship.

Some related to this is the unique configuration of our own church's sanctuary space: Jesus in the Eucharist, in the tabernacle, is not present in the main church but only in the chapel, which is also a change after Vatican II in many churches. Whether or not Jesus is present in the main church dictates how we ought to enter the church and step into our pews. When the Eucharist is present in the tabernacle in the main church, proper sanctuary decorum asks that we genuflect upon entering the church and stepping into our pew. In the case of our own parish church, with the Eucharist in the chapel but not in the main church, proper sanctuary decorum asks that we simply bow toward the altar rather than genuflect. Genuflexion on the right knee is a gesture of profound reverence that is rightly reserved for God alone, and God is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist.

~ Fr. Lewis

If you have a catechetical question for the pastor please submit it to stpeter@dioceseofspokane.org or come visit us at the Parish Office with your question.



Sunday Afternoon at the Ballpark

Enjoy an afternoon cheering on the Spokane Indians with fellow parishioners from St. Peter Parish and parishioners from St. Mary of the Rosary Chewelah. Sunday, August 6th at 3:30p.m. Avista Stadium. Doors open at 2:30p.m. Bench seats: \$5 per person.

Please find registration information at the table in the Narthex.

Historic St. Thomas Mission House Fundraiser

Please take time to read the bulletin insert regarding the *Historic St. Thomas Mission House Fundraiser*. This is important to Bishop Daly and he has asked that we consider supporting *St. Thomas Mission House Fundraiser*. Jerry Jaeger, President and Co-Founder of Hagadone Hospitality and the Hagadone family have been very good to the Diocese of Spokane.

Feast of Saint James Celebration

Sacred Heart Church in Spokane will be hosting the second annual celebration of the Feast of Saint James the Apostle on Sunday, July 16, 2017. The celebration will begin with Mass at 5:00p.m. and will include a blessing of those who intend to walk the ancient Way of Saint James in Spain during the coming year. Following Mass there will be a simple pilgrim style dinner provided in the parish hall. All are most welcome to attend. So as to plan for dinner please make reservations at spokanesantiago@gmail.com. Sacred Heart Church is located at: 219 East Rockwood Boulevard.

Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade

One of the Blessed Mother's last messages at Fatima was to say, *the final battle will be over marriage and the family*. She asked us to pray the Rosary daily to obtain peace and victory. Join Bishop Thomas Daly in honoring Our Lady of Fatima on this 100-year Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, and to pray for peace in the world, in the family and for our youth. Sunday, July 23rd 7:00p.m. at Avista Stadium. The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration and praying the Global Living Rosary. For more information go to: www.eucharisticfamilyrosary.com/

Youth Ministry

Outdoor Movie at Riverfront Park, Wednesday, July 19th: Enjoy a picnic dinner while watching the lovable classic, *Princess Bride*. Seating opens at 7:00p.m. Meet at St. Peter at 7:00 or the park by 7:15

Steubenville Parent Meeting: Sunday, July 23rd following 10:30a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. For more information regarding Youth Group please contact Sr. Christiana Marie at 534-2227, ext. 226.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY

15	Saturday	4:30 pm	Diane Steilen †
16	Sunday	8:00 am 10:30 am	Paul Heinzinger † All Parishioners
17	Monday		No Morning Mass
18	Tuesday	7:15 am	Special Intention
19	Wednesday	7:15 am	Special Intention
20	Thursday	7:15 am	Don Rahkonen
21	Friday	7:15 am	Virginia Manion †
22	Saturday	4:30 pm	Denise Briggs
23	Sunday	8:00 am 10:30 am	Msgr. William Van Ommeren † All Parishioners

Servers, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

July 22nd & 23rd

SERVERS

Saturday 4:30pm	Carlos & Donovan Glasser, McKenzie Kalua
Sunday 8:00am	Three of the Four Reagan Children
10:30am	Cecelia, Pierson & Mason Morris

LECTORS

Sunday 4:30pm	Frank Carroll, Patrick Moreland, Deacon Victor Lopez
8:00am	Alecia Gaffney, John Miller
10:30am	Beverly Austin, David Millet, Deacon Nick Senger

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 4:30pm Denise Briggs, Mike Delay, Lori & Jerry Johnson, Patricia Kelley, Maureen O'Brien, Kathy Stone, Joan Zimmer

Sunday 8:00am Mary Caldwell, Mary Lee, Suzy Miller, Trisha Reagan, Don Williams, Bob Zins, Dennis Harkins, **One Volunteer Needed**

10:30am Chris or Kile Concienne, Kris Cornwall, Mariam & Tim Flock, Luti Gibbs, Vicki Kinzer, Dennis Wetzler, **Two Volunteers Needed**

COLLECTION FOR JULY 9, 2017

Envelopes.....	\$	5,385
Parish Outreach.....	\$	30
Plate.....	\$	464
Total.....	\$	5,879

Building Debt Payment

Total Amount Due:	\$288,405.47
Minimum Monthly Payment:	\$4,500
Donated for Month of July:	\$1,265

Religious Education

Soon to come...

Fall Religious Education

Information and Schedules

Be sure to check out the Children's Corner for *MagnifiKids*, Children's Bulletins and Children's Church Bags! Questions: please contact Sr. Margarite for more about RE at smargarite@dioceseofspokane.org or 534-2227.

Coming up this week:

	Saturday, July 15th	
Adoration, 12:00 PM		Chapel
Natural Family Planning, 9:30 AM		Upper Room Church
Vigil Mass, 4:30 PM		
	Sunday, July 16th	
Mass, 8:00 AM		Church
St. Gianna Guild Meeting, 9:15 AM		Upper Room Church
Mass, 10:30 AM		
	Monday, July 17th	
No Morning Mass		
	Tuesday, July 18th	
Daily Mass, 7:15 AM		Chapel
No Adoration		
	Wednesday, July 19th	
Daily Mass, 7:15 AM		Chapel
Youth Group, Outdoor Movie, 7:00 PM		Riverfront Park
	Thursday, July 20th	
Daily Mass, 7:15 AM		Chapel
Moms & Tots Play Group, 10:30 AM		Lincoln Park
	Friday, July 21st	
Daily Mass, 7:15 AM		Chapel
	Saturday, July 22nd	
Vigil Mass, 4:30 PM		Church
Blood Pressure Screening, 5:30 PM		Parish Hall
Beginning Experience Bake Sale, 5:30 PM		Narthex
	Sunday, July 23rd	
Mass, 8:00 AM		Church
Mass, 10:30 AM		Church
Blood Pressure Screening, Following Masses		Parish Hall
Beginning Experience Bake Sale, Following Masses		Narthex
Eucharistic Rosary Crusade, 7:00 PM		Avista Stadium

Remember to Pray For:

Alicia Alng, Helen Anderson, John Anderson, John Bidwell, Gil & Arlene Blazon, Barbara Bonham, Denise Briggs, Karen Caves, Sharon Christodoulou, Shirley Clark, John Clifford, Lorna Cobb, Ray & Linda Egan, Lara Newburn Fritsch, Sally Harro, Camilla Hovan, Shirley Jakubowski, Alana Kaplan, Mary Kerr, Steve Kotz, Janet Linhart, Mitch Lopez, Janet Mason, Cheryl Dunne McIntosh, Marilyn McMahon, 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, Patsy Shea, Alecia Simpson, Enza Smith, Frances Smith, Dianne Sumter, Joe Sutliff, Barbara Toetly, Bill Weeks, **Barbara Whalen**.

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.

Blood Pressure Screening

Monthly Blood Pressure Screening will take place following all Masses next weekend, July 22nd & 23rd in the Parish Hall.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Troy Haacke and Janelle Sims who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Peter Catholic Church on Saturday, July 8th. Janelle is the daughter of Chuck and Jan Sims.