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# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**March 31st, 2024**  
**Easter Sunday**



*Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.*

## Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	3/30/2024	8:15pm	Terry Smith †
Sunday	3/31/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	4/02/2024	—	No Mass
Tuesday	4/03/2024	—	No Mass
Wednesday	4/04/2024	—	No Mass
Thursday	4/05/2024	—	No Mass
Friday	4/06/2024	—	No Mass
Saturday	4/07/2024	4:00pm	Carol Wilson †
Sunday	4/08/2024	9:00am	People of Holy Family

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**Office Hours** · Monday - Friday · 8:30am - 4:00pm

**Do you have a child in 5th grade or above who would like to be an Altar Server?**

Altar servers assist the priest by taking responsibility for many of the details in the preparation of the altar and vessels for weekend Masses and other special celebrations of the Church year.

Requirements for a child are that he or she be at least eight years of age, have received Confirmation and 1st Communion and be able to understand and carry out their responsibilities appropriately and with reverence.

Additional servers are needed at all weekend liturgies and for funeral and wedding masses. Training will be provided.

If you have a child interested please call the parish office at 509-758-6102.



**Stewardship: A Way of Life!**

**Talent:**

Thank You to all who help decorate the church for Holy Week!

**Treasure:**

The collection for the week of 03/24/2024  
Actual: \$4,878



Our local Knights of Columbus puts out a scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors every year. This scholarship is based on leadership, church participation and community service/activities. If you are in the High School Graduating Class of 2024 and would like an application please stop by the church office during business hours to pick one up. Good Luck!

*Prayer Requests*



*Please contact Cheryl Fuqua at 758-6936, Linda Wolf at 751-2370 or the parish office at 758-6102 or email to [dparis@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:dparis@dioceseofspokane.org) if you would like someone to be added.*

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>
Marty & Chierie Nelson & Family Mary Ellen Hill Caitlyn Graves Christian Morgan Verla Day Thelma Fales Melanie Stellmon Tim Wanta Shannon Dee Tuschoff Val Godwin Adakys Rivis Mary Lou Scharnhorst Marv Kinzer Melissa Lowe Wes Clizer Marguerite Sitton Kathy Ross Lois Hill	Tom & JoAnn Harvey Eileen Jeffreys Irene Cicrich Don Brooks Mike & Ann Elsensohn Joy Nye Keela Carter Vivian France Courtney & Adeline Paterson Gene Breeding Richard Fanning Larry & Patty Dwyer & Family Melissa Lowe Sebastian Dee Johnson Marion Tunnclyff Lea	Bob Sheppard Dona McCann Stapleton Family Pat Williams Erica Pena Sue Buratto Russ Bashore Nick Menegas Linda Entel Betty Eggleston Jo Caetano Nancy DiMeo Evelyn Nanik Liz Samayoa Manya & Bill Bebiff Dan Grassel	Pat & Melva Boyle Sheila McDougall Wessels Family Dave Massaro Kauffman Family Michael Cheek Yvonne Pecora Dick Jacobs Lisa Carey Tina Flerchinger Vivian Piatt Gayle Williams Mike B Mary Gocke Zach Paris Reid Wagner Scott Arnone Cyndi Broenneke

**Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Mercy**

Suffering is such an interesting concept. It seems that even for faithful Catholics, many of our actions result from our subconscious trying to escape pain and discomfort. Sure, we want to serve Jesus, steward what has been given to us, develop a deeper relationship with the Lord through prayer, and serve our neighbors with love and generosity.

But I'd bet that many times, we look for ways in which we can do these things without suffering too much ourselves. It is easy to give out of our excess rather than emulate the poor widow who gave out of her poverty (see Luke 21:4).

In the book *Making Sense Out of Suffering*, Peter Kreeft provides keen insight into many responses to human suffering. He points out that all religions on earth seem to try to overcome, defeat, or rid the world of suffering. Even Buddhism has at its roots an intention to detach oneself from everything—after all, if you don't have any attachments, how could anything make you suffer?

**For Our Salvation**

Christianity is the only religion to take the problem of suffering and apply it somewhere instead of just trying to get rid of it. Christ does not come to rid the world of temporal suffering but rather to elevate suffering. He takes the weapons of the adversary and uses them for good. Suffering came into the world through man's disobedience to God with the participation of a woman. So, too, the Son of Man is obedient in suffering, with the participation of a woman—Mary—to restore our relationship with God. We are thus baptized into Christ's death so that we may rise with him again in life (see Romans 6:3) and become children and "heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him" (Romans 8:17).

As we become more united to Christ, we grow in the school of love, which is the school of the Cross and the school of Mercy. This reality more transformed no one than the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of Sorrows, the Mother of Mercy herself. Mary lived this compassion (suffering) her entire life, conforming herself to the Sacred Heart of her son as a participation in his saving mission for all mankind. Mary's suffering had a purpose: for the revelation of the thoughts of many hearts and our salvation.

**Intentional Suffering**

Mary's fiat did not end during the Annunciation, but she stood as Mother, offering her only son at Calvary, living the reality that Abraham was asked to do with Isaac. She willingly consented to her son's suffering, standing at his foot at the Cross. Here, Christ gives her to us as our mother, and he gives us to her as her children.

Mary's objective here is simple: she desires that through the suffering of her son, all would be brought into God's love, transformed, and redeemed. Mary's suffering in union with her son obtains us further grace to receive our forgiveness of sins through him. Dr. Janet Puppo remarks in her book *Suffering Makes You Beautiful*:

*"Because of Mary's unequivocal participation in the suffering of Her Son, and His saving mission, She reserved the privileged place of gathering all peoples into the redeeming and merciful love of Christ. As Mother of Mercy, She loves in the merciful love of Her Son. The heart of the Mother becomes the conduit for the merciful love of the heart of Jesus."*

A sword pierced Mary's heart. It ached during the flight into Egypt. She feared the loss of her Child at the temple. Her heart wept with Christ on the way of the Cross. It endured his Passion and Crucifixion. It felt the lance pierce his Sacred Heart. Mary's heart embraced Christ's sacred body. Mary's suffering was intentional out of love for her son and for us.

To continue this article please visit:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/2023/09/15/mother-of-sorrows-mother-of-mercy/>

## Parish Hall

If you are a parish group that uses the Parish Hall this is for you. There have been numerous occasions after the use of the hall that volunteers have to go down and put things away/clean up. Here are a few things to consider that need to be done after any group use.

- The sound system/projector screen. This must to be shut down correctly and the screen put away after each use.
- Tables— if a table is taken out from the closet to use, please wipe it down and put it away when done.
- Perishables— Please make sure not to “store” anything in the hall walkin. They get forgotten then rot or spoil.
- Now required by each group, i.e., Knights, Catholic Daughters, Social Concerns, Foundation, Prayer Group, (sorry if I am missing anyone), will need to pick up a Rental Agreement for Use of Church Facilities. This will need to be reviewed by each group, signed and returned to the parish office.
- If you use any of the ovens or stovetops, those also must be cleaned after use.
- If you DO meet in the parish hall, it is YOUR group responsibility to make sure it is on the Church Master Calendar.
- REMEMBER, we have this beautiful, new, facility to use. Let’s keep it looking nice. The old saying “Leave it better than you found it.” should apply.

## Columbarium

We know that the Columbarium and personal niches are extremely important to some people and especially the families who have loved ones there. When each family purchases a niche, they sign a form regarding the cleanliness and uniformity of each niche and the Columbarium area. I would like to remind the church community of these guidelines and ask that they are followed. If you are wanting to place flowers for a birthday, anniversary or such, please contact the parish office before so we are aware, and please remove them in a reasonable timeline.

### ***What is signed by the person purchasing a Niche.***

9. *Holy Family Church arranges for the maintenance of the Columbarium. Nothing of either a permanent or temporary nature shall be affixed to or on the Columbarium.*

12. *The use of any ornamentation on or proximate to any niche by any subscriber is prohibited. The Church will be responsible for plants or cut flowers or seasonal decorations at specific times during the year and arranges for the maintenance of the Columbarium.*

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"Easter is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the center and climax of the Church year. All the mysteries that we have commemorated from Advent until now have pointed toward Easter; all that we shall yet celebrate in the weeks that follow has its foundation in the mystery of Easter, and receives its meaning and importance from this mystery." – Benedict Baur, OSB, *The Light of the World*

In the very center of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivaled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained – sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: "This is the day which the Lord has made." Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-03-31>

## Letter from Father

31 March 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The Joy of Easter

Greetings,

I love the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the Easter Vigil. I’m not ashamed to say it, I love this time. When I go outside after the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, the feeling that all creation knows exactly what is happening liturgically is real. It seems that the darkness really has overcome the light. The Lord of creation is taken lifeless down from the cross. The place where we celebrate the Easter mysteries every Sunday is now hollow and echoing, only the silent prayer before the tomb. Again, the feeling is palpable. The Lord is gone. The tabernacle open and empty. The sanctuary light extinguished, but not for long.

When we participate in the Sacred Triduum, we experience the same array of emotions that the disciples experienced: The intimacy of Holy Thursday where the Lord calls us His friends, gives us the His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and pleads with the Father that we may all be one. On Good Friday and throughout Holy Saturday, our one cause of unity seems to be gone. Yet, if we keep watch at the tomb long enough we see, at the Paschal Vigil, that the light shatters the darkness.

At the moment when it seems the darkest, our eyes are drawn to a singular light. The waters are stirred. Those who once sat in darkness now stand clothed with Christ and are given new life in the waters of baptism. Through it all we are reminded, Be not afraid! Be not afraid! The darkness will not triumph! Easter Joy breaks forth like the dawn!

One of my favorite parts of the Rite of Baptism is tracing the cross on the forehead of each candidate. It is a gentle reassurance that we Christians do not fear the darkness. Anxiety and despair have no place in our lives. G.K. Chesterton wrote about this saying, “Men signed with the cross of Christ, cheerfully walk through the darkness.” Cheerfully, because, so long as we follow after the Light of the Risen Lord, we cannot be overcome by darkness.

So, we are able to heed the words of St. Paul -- Rejoice and be glad! For indeed “Christ is risen!” Seek the things that are above, where Christ is. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on Earth.” Truly the Risen Lord says to each and every one of us, “come follow me, I am going before you.” It is a recognition and a confirmation that without the Good Fridays in our lives there would be no Easter Sunday.

I give thanks to God every day for the people of Holy Family. We are truly a blessed and faithful parish seeking to do the will of the Risen Christ. I wish all of you a blessed and holy Easter season.

Blessings,  
Fr Jeff Core

# Holy Family Catholic School

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As we celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter, I extend blessings to our amazing community. May this season of renewal and hope bring abundant joy, peace, and blessings to each and every one of you. On behalf of Holy Family School, I express deep gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our mission of nurturing young minds and spirits. Your dedication and generosity empower us to continue our journey of faith-based education, shaping future generations with love, compassion, and excellence. Together, let us rejoice in the triumph of light over

darkness, and may the spirit of Easter fill your hearts with love, grace, and endless possibilities. Wishing you all a blessed and joy-filled Easter!

~Sheri Gehring, principal



GREAT JOB TO OUR TOP RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS OF THE WEEK:

Remi (Pre3) ~ 10 books; Price (K) ~ 9 books; Thang (7th) ~ 9 books

We are thankful to ALL who are working SO HARD to sell tickets! Keep it up!

## JOIN OUR FAMILY

Preschool-8th grade **ENROLLMENT** for the 2024-2025 school year continues! If you know of someone who is interested in joining our school family, or seeking a faith-based education, please encourage them to contact the office, schedule a tour or apply online.



Our Mission: Holy Family School is a faith-filled community dedicated to the moral development of students who live to serve Christ. Our staff and parents strive to educate the whole child in academic excellence, a deep appreciation of the Catholic faith, spiritual growth and nurture socially responsible members of society in a safe learning environment.



## Holy Week Ministries Schedule

Please register for open positions on your MSP app or call the parish office. Thank you!

Ministries for	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday April 6th 4:00pm</b>	Linda Kazda	Pat Petty	Addy Aceveda <b>Not Filled</b>	Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume Gene Kasper John Zeller
<b>Sunday April 7th 9:00am</b>	Jordan Starr Pat Wolf	<b>Sub Needed</b>	Bailey Blaydes Charlotte France	Steve Nuxoll Bob Uptagrafft Doug Weaver <b>Sub Needed</b>

April Ministry Schedules are out and in the south entrance. Make sure you pick yours up!

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### Divine Mercy Sunday

is April 7th.



Join us at Noon to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration and Confession.

### Special Monthly Collections

#### April:

- Building Maintenance Fund
- Holy Family School
- St. Vincent de Paul

If you have your weekly/monthly donations automatically taken out of your bank account, here is a list of the "special collections" you may not know of. **Thank you.**

**The Men of Holy Family Catholic Church are invited to come for a Holy Hour of silent prayer every Thursday at 6:00pm in the Church.**

**The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 8:45am in the church hall after morning Mass. Please join us!**

**CRS Rice Bowl -** We are currently collecting Rice Bowls. We will have the boxes for collection out in the entry ways until April 14th.

### This week at Holy Family...

#### Sunday, March 31st:

- Mass 9:00am

#### Monday, April 1st:

- No Mass
- Parish Office Closed
- Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am

#### Tuesday, April 2nd:

- No Mass

#### Wednesday, April 3rd:

- No Mass

#### Thursday, April 4th:

- No Mass
- Men's Holy Hour 6:00pm
- Laugh for Life At Echo Hills Church Doors open at 6:00pm

#### Friday, April 5th:

- No Mass

#### Saturday, April 6th:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm

#### Sunday, April 7th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts