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# Holy Family Catholic Church



## March 16, 2025 The Second Sunday of Lent

God of goodness and mercy,  
 we humbly ask for forgiveness  
 for our failings  
 and for those who  
 struggle with doubts  
 and uncertainties.  
 May your love and mercy  
 embrace all,  
 especially those who feel lost.  
 Help us to be instruments  
 of your peace,  
 offering compassion and  
 understanding to those in need.  
 Amen.

### Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday	03/15/25	4:00pm	Jean McRae †
Sunday	03/16/25	9:00am	People of Holy Family
Monday	03/17/25	8:00am	Josh Hanley & Danielle Esser
Tuesday	03/18/25	—	No Mass
Wednesday	03/19/25	8:30am	J.R. Vantassel †
Thursday	03/20/25	8:00am	George McDougall †
Friday	03/21/25	8:00am	Ann Swinehart †
Saturday	03/22/25	4:00pm	People of Holy Family
Sunday	03/23/25	9:00am	Gabbie Rehder †

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# THIS WEEK

## Sunday, March 16th:

- Mass 9:00am
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**
- Sacrament Prep 10:30am
- OCIA 11:00am

## Monday, March 17th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Ladies Prayer Group 8:45am

## Tuesday, March 18th:

- No Mass

## Wednesday, March 19th:

- Mass 8:30am
- Holy Hour and Confessions after Mass

## Thursday, March 20th:

- Mass 8:00am
- Mass at St. Joseph Hospital Chapel 12:30pm
- Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour & Confessions 7:00pm (**ALL ARE WELCOME**)

## Friday, March 21st:

- Mass 8:00am
- Stations of the Cross 5:30pm followed by Soup and Bread

## Saturday, March 22nd:

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm
- *HFS Book Fair after Mass*

## Sunday, March 23rd:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- *HFS Book Fair after Mass*
- Sacrament Prep 10:30am
- OCIA 11:00AM

## Stewardship: A Way of Life!

### Treasure:

The collection for the week of 3/09/2024

Actual: \$8,478

## SPECIAL MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

**March** – Easter Flowers, Holy Family School Foundation, Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School

*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.***

***Listen to Jesus and follow him,  
That's the message of the Transfiguration.  
Pope Francis***

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord is hard to understand. Why did it happen? What did it mean? Here are some things you need to know.

### 1. What does the word "transfiguration" mean?

The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots *trans-* ("across") and *figura* ("form, shape"). It thus signifies a change of form or appearance.

This is what happened to Jesus in the event known as the Transfiguration: His appearance changed and became glorious.

### 2. What happened right before the Transfiguration?

In Luke 9:27, at the end of a speech to the 12 apostles, Jesus adds, enigmatically:

"There are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

This has often been taken as a prophecy that the end of the world would occur before the first generation of Christians died out. The phrase "kingdom of God" can also refer to other things, though, including the Church — the outward expression of God's invisible kingdom. The kingdom is embodied in Christ himself and thus might be "seen" if Christ were to manifest it in an unusual way, even in his own earthly life.

### 3. Who witnessed the Transfiguration?

The three who are privileged to witness the event are Peter, James and John, the three core disciples. The fact that Jesus only allowed three of his disciples to witness the event may have sparked the discussion which swiftly ensued about which of the disciples was the greatest (Luke 9:46).

### 4. Where did the Transfiguration take place?

Luke states that Jesus took the three "on the mountain to pray."

This mountain is often thought to be Mount Tabor in Israel, but none of the gospels identify it precisely.

### 5. Why did the Transfiguration take place?

The Catechism explains it this way:

**Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion:**

the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary.

Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: 'the hope of glory' [CCC 568].

### 6. What does Luke tell us about this event?

Luke mentions several details about the event that the other evangelists do not:

- He notes that this happened while Jesus was praying.
- He mentions that Peter and his companions "were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him."
- He mentions that Peter made his suggestion to put up booths as Moses and Elijah were departing.

### 7. Why do Moses and Elijah appear on the mountain?

Moses and Elijah represent the two principal components of the Old Testament: the Law and the Prophets.

Moses was the giver of the Law, and Elijah was considered the greatest of the prophets. The fact that these two figures "spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem" illustrates that the Law and the Prophets point forward to the Messiah and his sufferings. This foreshadows Jesus' own explanation, on the road to Emmaus, of the Scriptures pointing to himself (cf. Luke 24:27, 32).

### 8. Why was Peter's suggestion misguided?

The fact that Peter's suggestion occurs when Moses and Elijah are preparing to depart reveals a desire to prolong the experience of glory. This means Peter is focusing on the wrong thing. The experience of the Transfiguration is meant to point forward to the sufferings Jesus is about to experience. It is meant to strengthen the disciples faith, revealing to them in a powerful way the divine hand that is at work in the events Jesus will undergo. This is why Moses and Elijah have been speaking "about his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem." Peter misses the point and wants to stay on the mountain, contrary to the message the two heavenly visitors have been expounding. As a seeming rebuke of this, a theophany occurs: "A cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'"

### 9. What can we learn from this event?

The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. But it was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent. In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful (*not* all of the faithful, all the time), special experiences of his grace that strengthen their faith. We should welcome these experiences for the graces they are, but we should not expect them to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease. They may have been meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us on the road that will — ultimately — bring us into the infinite and endless joy of heaven.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/10-things-you-need-to-know-about-jesus-transfiguration>



It has been, 6 years since our last parish directory. Well get ready! In May, we will be taking pictures for our next directory. Please make sure that all of your contact information is current with the parish office. If you are new to Holy Family please make sure you are REGISTERED. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

**Ministries Schedule** - If you are scheduled and not able to fill your Ministry, please request a Substitute on the MSP App. Also, make sure you know when you are scheduled. Thank you!

Ministries for	Altar Servers	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
<b>Saturday March 22nd 4:00pm</b>	Ella Miller <b>Not Filled</b>	Linda Rossiter	Pat Petty	Leonard Babino Ron Flerchinger Jerry Hume John Zeller
<b>Sunday March 23rd 9:00am</b>	Thang Dao Charlotte France	James Browitt Joan Baune	Claira Osborne	Ernie Aguilar Brian Babino Tim McConnell Steve Nuxoll



### World Missions Collection

Each year Bishop Daly invites the faithful in our diocese to support the work and service of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Mission is at the heart of our Catholic faith, and our annual World Missions Collection joins our diocese and all Catholics of the world together as one community of faith to give generously to aid the Church worldwide.

Please use the envelopes that you receive in the mail to make your contribution to the World Missions Collection. Online donations may be made on diocesan website at: [dioceseofspokane.org/wmc](http://dioceseofspokane.org/wmc).



**PAYING IT FORWARD AS A LEAD MOTHER IN NIGERIA.** In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-2](http://crsricebowl.org/week-2) to read this week's Story of Hope.

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Pray every  
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### Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday | **9th** | April  
6:30pm | 2025

All Saints Catholic Church  
3330 14th St,  
Lewiston, ID 83501



### This Week's Reflections

On the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C, the readings invite us to reflect on faith, transformation, and God's promises. These themes help us to grow closer to God during Lent.

- **God's Promise to Abram:** God promises Abram descendants as numerous as the stars. This shows God's faithfulness and His plan for our salvation.
- **Covenant with Abram:** God makes a covenant with Abram, ensuring his future and the land for his descendants. This covenant is a sign of God's commitment to His people.
- **Faith and Righteousness:** Abram's faith is counted as righteousness. This teaches us the importance of faith in our relationship with God.
- **Heavenly Citizenship:** St. Paul urges us to follow his example and live as citizens of heaven. This reminds us to focus on our heavenly home and not just on earthly things.
- **Christ's Glory Revealed:** In the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals His glory to Peter, James, and John. This shows His divine nature and prepares them for His suffering and death.
- **Listen to Jesus:** God the Father tells the disciples to listen to His beloved Son. This emphasizes the importance of Jesus' teachings and following His example.

The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C calls us to deepen our faith and trust in God's promises. It encourages us to listen to Jesus and live as citizens of heaven.

<https://young-catholics.com/3505/2nd-sunday-of-lent-year-c/>



### Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread

Stations of the Cross will start on March 7th at 5:30pm and continue each Friday during Lent. After Stations of the Cross there will be Soup and Bread in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to bring soup and/or bread to share. (Remember no meat!) At each Soup and Bread there will be a donation basket. This will be split 50/50 between the school and parish. The School will use their donation for the completion of the Grotto that was purchased last year and the church will use this donation to help purchase this year's Paschal Candle.

*While he was praying his face changed in appearance  
and his clothing became dazzling white.*

**Luke 9:29**



### Special Delivery Ministry

Being parents of newborns comes with many blessings and challenges. Holy Family Parish wants to support our parents who have a newborn. Special Delivery Ministry will provide a few meals for the family with a new addition after they are home.

\* Want to provide a meal for a family after a baby is born?

\* Having a baby?

\* Contact Whitney Wagner at

509-751-6327 to get your name on the list, provide any allergies and touch base with Whitney and her group about a good date to bring your Special Delivery.

*We Believe In The Power Of Prayer*



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.

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# Letter from Father

16 March 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
A Matter of Taste

Greetings,

There is a phrase that, when I hear it, I cringe to the depths of my soul. That phrase is, “*The customer is always right.*” The reason for my physical and spiritual turmoil is that the phrase is almost always used first, incompletely, and second, to justify rude or childish behavior. The full quote is, “*The customer is always right in matters of taste.*” This alleviates the preposterous idea that anyone can always be right in every respect, Our Lord and Savior notwithstanding.

It might seem we cannot change how things taste to us. But our desires, which determine our pleasures and pains, are ours to control. It is our challenge and our glory to strive to bring our wants and tastes into conformity with the Truth. Such is the ultimate self-help and self-improvement.

A striking principle of Aristotle’s ethics is that you know a man by what brings him pleasure and pain. A good man enjoys what is truly good and holy and he is pained by what is truly bad or evil. Because of this, the ancient view of ‘education’ and Christian moral thinking align in focusing on ‘conversion’ in the sense of changing our heart, in both the minor and the major issues.

What does it take to form a heart to respond to things as they are? It is both vital and fulfilling to be able to formulate the question and to spend our days considering it with anyone who shares the question. The word ‘taste’ is important when considering this. Today the word often means our wants in small, unimportant matters, as when someone says, ‘that’s just a matter of taste.’ But there is a richer sense and that is how we ‘taste’ things, how we ‘savor’ them or not. The philosophical and theological traditions use taste to express how we experience even the highest things, such as in “*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*”

This notion has a particular depth. The Latin word for wisdom, *sapientia*, comes from the word for taste. The wise man, in the words of St. Bernard, is he who taste things as they are. Again, we ask ourselves: where do we develop the ability so to taste? Here is one practical thought, fitting for the season of Lent.

In Sirach is this striking line: “*Wisdom is exceedingly unpleasant to the unlearned.*” (6:21) Wisdom should taste good, since it is the very savoring of things as they really are. But wisdom is often unpleasant because wisdom and truth are hard to digest if we are embroiled in sin.

Every person must say, “Yes, I must be honest and know myself”. How often does the truth of a situation, for instance that some suffering is clearly good and necessary, deeply annoy me? It is even exceedingly unpleasant. Perhaps it will never be easy for me; but that it is exceedingly unpleasant means I have a misformed heart. My taste is off. I am unlearned. So now what?

*Embracing* the good that should be more pleasant to me is a real step toward tasting it as it is. By embracing I mean saying ‘yes!’ And if possible, even saying, ‘thank you!’ To complain, or to have a woe-is-me attitude, is to lock in the negative taste. It is to be satisfied with remaining ‘unlearned,’ mis-attuned to the real harmony. To say ‘yes!’ and ‘thank you!’ is to reach toward the positive taste, the tasting that is actually true. It is to choose what we know with our mind is harmonious, even if it strikes our ear as discordant. We must train our ‘senses;’ train our ‘taste;’ and form our heart. And we strive to do likewise for those we love, and those under our care. Especially in Lent. Lent is for learning to taste things, better.

Yes, taste, and see. Already I believe. I ‘know’ it will taste wonderful beyond my imagining. But only he who really tastes really knows. And is wise

Blessings,

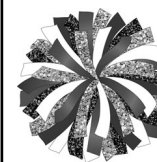
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“The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy!” ~Psalm 126:3



Our **HFS Annual Auction** is **May 10th!** Our theme this year is **We’ve got the Spirit.** If you would like to donate to our auction, items and baskets can be dropped off at the school office. We are looking for trips, fun basket packages, services, handmade craft items, and more. We also accept cash donations that the committee can use to purchase items.

We have raffle tickets for \$10 each. This year our raffle prize is a 2025 Wolverine Yamaha 4 seater OR **\$10,000 cash.** Tickets are available in the school office or from any HFS student.

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- If you know a family seeking a faith-based education, encourage them to schedule a tour and experience all that our school has to offer.
- Please note, spots are not held unless enrollment is complete and fees are paid.
- Did you know we have a Summer Program for students who are enrolled in our school?
- Tuition Assistance is open for K-8 (apply in FACTS Family Portal)

### Important Dates:

3/19-3/23 – Book Fair - see flyer for dates/times

3/19 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

3/21 - Stations of the Cross, 10:30 a.m. in the church

3/21–Early Release for conferences

**Donations:** All donations can be made on our website under “donate”: [www.holyfamilyclarkston.com](http://www.holyfamilyclarkston.com), or you can send a check to the school office. Check out all the ways you can help online. You can select the category you would like your funds to go. We appreciate your generosity!

- Are you a HFS Alumni? We are accepting Auction Alumni Project donations. Funds will be used to purchase items for our auction, donated by the Alumni Group.
- Annual Appeal – These donations help with the general operating expenses of our school and for teacher salaries.
- Horrigan Match Program – Donate to our future tuition assistance endowment fund. The Horrigan Trust will match donations up to \$10,000!

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