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# Holy Family Catholic Church

**March 23, 2025**  
**The Third Sunday of Lent**



*Loving Father,  
 So many times I turn away from  
 you and always  
 you welcome me back.  
 Your mercy and love gives me  
 confidence. Thank you for the  
 invitation to share, fast and pray  
 so that you can form  
 a new heart within me.  
 Your powerful compassion for  
 my weaknesses leads me to ask  
 for mercy and await with great  
 hope the Easter joy you share  
 with us.  
 Amen*

**Daily Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions**

|           |          |        |                            |
|-----------|----------|--------|----------------------------|
| Saturday  | 03/22/25 | 4:00pm | People of Holy Family      |
| Sunday    | 03/23/25 | 9:00am | Gabbie Rehder †            |
| Monday    | 03/24/25 | 8:00am | Claudia Winkler †          |
| Tuesday   | 03/25/25 | —      | No Mass                    |
| Wednesday | 03/26/25 | 8:30am | Joe & Velma Miltenberger † |
| Thursday  | 03/27/25 | —      | No Mass                    |
| Friday    | 03/28/25 | 8:00am | Donald Kopel †             |
| Saturday  | 03/29/25 | 4:00pm | Pat Boyle †                |
| Sunday    | 03/30/25 | 9:00am | People of Holy Family      |

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

# THIS WEEK

## Saturday, March 22nd,

- Confessions 3:00pm
- Mass 4:00pm
- *Book Fair After Mass*

## Sunday, March 23rd:

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

## Monday, March 24th:

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

## Tuesday, March 25th:

- No Mass

## Wednesday, March 26th:

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

## Thursday, March 27th:

- No Mass
- Mass at St. Joseph Hospital Chapel 12:30pm
- Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour & Confessions 7:00pm (**ALL ARE WELCOME**)

## Friday, March 28th:

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

## Saturday, March 29th:

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

## Sunday, March 30th:

- Mass 9:00am
- Coffee & Donuts
- Sacrament Prep 10:30am
- OCIA 11:00AM

## Background on today's Gospel Reading

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sunday-of-lent-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>

**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<br/>March 29th<br/>4:00pm</b> | Aubree Aceveda<br>Ella Miller | Addy Aceveda                   | Sheri Gehring                             | Leonard Babino<br>Jerry Hume<br>Gene Kasper<br>Tom Ledgerwood |
| <b>Sunday<br/>March 30th<br/>9:00am</b>   | Gabe Arnzen<br>Bailey Blaydes | Kathy Dobbs<br>Tina Cunningham | Thomas Stapleton                          | Mark Ackerman<br>Greg Paris<br>Bob Uptagrafft<br>Pat Wolf     |

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**Grief and Caregiver Support Group**—Sponsored by St. Joseph Family Hospice. Join us at the Lewiston City Library on the third Tuesday of every month. Caregiver support group is from 3:00-3:50pm and Grief Support Group is from 4:00-4:50pm. Questions please call 208-799-5275.

**“At Home Rosary” Pray the “At Home Rosary” with us. 951-799-9866.** Join us in praying to our Blessed Mother at noon everyday. For more information call Elva McDougall at 509-822-9058.

**The Social Concerns Committee** would like to thank everyone who have graciously donated to the baby bassinet in the back of church. We have been so blessed with your contributions, which are taken to St. Vincent De Paul and they help new mothers in need of baby items. Some suggested donations: diapers, baby wipes, lotions, shampoo, crib sheets, baby blankets, and baby clothes, (often found at yard sales in good condition for a reasonable price). Please consider helping us with this important ministry no donation is too small.

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord this Tuesday.

The **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** is a mystery that belongs to the temporal rather than to the sanctoral cycle in the Church's calendar. For the feast commemorates the most sublime moment in the history of time, the moment when the Second Divine Person of the most Holy Trinity assumed human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Thus it is a feast of our Lord, even as it is of Mary, although the liturgy centers wholly around the Mother of God. — *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-04-08>





### 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).



### Giving Alms for World Hunger

When we reflect on the charity of the good Samaritan, we sometimes miss the second part of the man's almsgiving. He leaves the innkeeper with these words—and a few coins: "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back." He gives freely and wholeheartedly in equal measure to the need of the one whom he serves. No reservations. No disclaimers.

This Lent, almsgiving is your way to become a "good Samaritan." As we journey from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to Easter, we invite you to consider CRS an innkeeper in your Lenten almsgiving.

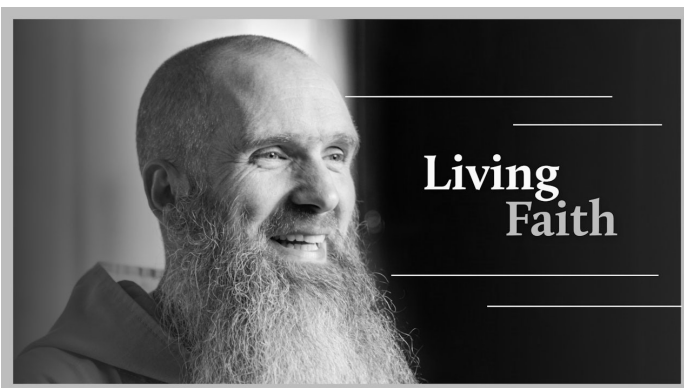
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Each session involves watching some video content, engaging in discussion and setting goals to grow in the spiritual life. Presented by Fr Columba Jordan CFR, each week focuses on an essential aspect of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus — prayer, the sacraments, ongoing formation, Catholic community and personal apostolate. Although made for groups, this is a great resource for individual use as well.



*Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.*  
*St. Augustine of Hippo*



To schedule your picture appointment please see the link on our Webpage, Facebook page or included in each week's Flocknote.

### Lenten Reconciliation Service

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

All Saints Catholic Church  
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#### Week 1

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Dan Grassel  
Eileen Jeffreys  
Donna Heimgartner  
Joan Baune  
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#### Week 2

Melva Boyle and Family  
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Stapleton Family  
Michael Cheek  
Yvonne Pecora  
Dick Jacobs  
Lisa Carey  
Tina Flerchinger  
Vivian Piatt  
Mary Gocke  
Zach Paris  
Janeen Smith  
John & Viola Keller  
& Family  
Kathy Renggli  
Libby Camron  
Anne Anderson  
Sandy Wanta  
Janice Williams

#### Week 3

Marty & Chierie  
Nelson & Family  
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### Stewardship: A Way of Life!

Treasure:  
The collection for the week of 3/16/2024  
Actual: \$4,413

### SPECIAL MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

March — Easter Flowers, Holy Family School Foundation, Building Maintenance Fund, Holy Family School

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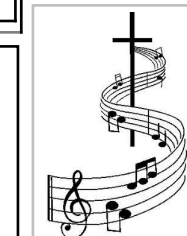
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*Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.*

*Fulton Sheen*

# Letter from Father

23 March 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
It Is Good to Remember

Greetings,

Throughout the Christian way of life, and especially in Lent, believers are called to examine their consciences and repent of their sins. The deeper the repentance, the greater the conversion of heart, and the greater the resolution of amendment. As Christians, we are confident to confess our sins and ask God for his mercy, since God always rallies our cause and is eager to accept our sorrow and give us a new beginning in Jesus Christ. To aid us in our repentance, the Church provides us with the Act of Contrition. It is a pivotal and central prayer in the Church's spiritual treasury. The prayer is known to many believers as a part of the sacrament of Confession, but the prayer should be prayed far more often, even daily.

The Act of Contrition is as simple as a wading pool and as deep as an ocean. Our task is to plumb its depths as we mature in the Lord. The first step in exploring the riches of the Act of Contrition is to learn and memorize the prayer and to pray it from our hearts. Regrettably, the memorization of prayers has seen a decline in recent decades, but the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms and recommends the practice:

Admittedly, there has to be a balance between the memorization of prayers and the savoring of their meaning as we pray them from our hearts. Such a balance is achieved in some form by first learning and memorizing the prayers. Today, however, we need to bring that pious practice back and Lent is a great time for such a retrieval.

Only by first learning and memorizing the Act of Contrition can we begin to dissect its meaning and savor its spiritual riches. Currently, there are several forms of the Act of Contrition. Any approved form of the prayer is good. The *Order of Penance*, which guides the celebration of the sacrament of Confession, even recommends the *Confiteor* (the "I confess...") prayer of the Mass as a suitable Act of Contrition. As a young person, I was taught this form of the prayer:

*"O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."*

After learning and memorizing the prayer, we now need to dive into its meaning and ask what we're saying to God through it. We can use this specific Act of Contrition without isolating anyone since the same basic themes can be discerned and found in all the various forms of the prayer.

The prayer begins with an acknowledgment of God, "O my God." It immediately puts us in our place. God is God and we are not. It is a posture of humility and deference. It is also a personal address. God is not some removed figure, but he is "my" God. This is not the declaration of a subjective deity in our own image, but rather a statement of affection. We draw near to God, "my God," as we ask for his mercy.

The prayer speaks of being "heartily sorry" and detesting all our sins. We present our wounded hearts weighed down by guilt and confess our sinfulness to God. We have imperfect contrition when we repent of our sins because of a fear of God and his judgment. We see this in the words, "Because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell." The prayer goes from a fear of punishment, an imperfect contrition, to a declaration of love by a perfect contrition. The words show us this process: "But most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love."

Such simple words contain a powerful reality. It is because of our love for God that we grieve for having offended him. We confess in our hearts that God is God, that he is All-Good, and that he rightly deserves our love. These are statements that reveal a perfect contrition.

The realization of the three-step process of God being God, that he is All-Good, and that he is worthy of all our love attests to the workings of the theological virtues in our souls. These three virtues, the highest of all virtues, are infused in us at holy baptism. The theological virtues of faith, hope and charity touch the very core of our relationship with God and so are offended by every sin we commit. As such, they are always a part of our repentance and reconciliation. The confession of God as God is theological faith, the admission of God as All-Good is theological hope, and the acknowledgment of God as worthy of all our love is theological love.

The Act of Contrition, therefore, is also an abbreviated Act of Faith, Hope and Love. The prayer concludes with a firm resolution of amendment and the adamant assertion that we need God's grace and, by its power, will do our best not to sin again. It is a declaration that we truly hate sin and will avoid it at all costs.

The Act of Contrition is at its best when it's memorized and its meaning savored by all believers. It is a powerful little prayer that displays the movements of our hearts as we repent of our sins and seek the mercy of God.

Blessings,  
Fr. Jeff Core

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Our theme this year is *We've got the Spirit.*

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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.

### Important Dates:

3/26 – Mass 8:30 a.m. by 5th

3/28 – Stations of the Cross by 4th at 1:45 p.m.

### Looking Ahead:

April 5-13 – Spring Break! School & office are closed.

April 27 - Spring Clean Up Day (spruce up our school before Auction!) 12-2 p.m.

### 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!

Photos: Kindergarten St. Patrick's activity, Congratulations to Mrs. Sanders in receiving a teacher grant for PE equipment.



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