

Friendship with God

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

“I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” [John 15:15-17](#)

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about.

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus’ friendship is not one that simply makes us “buddies.” Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It’s a way of relating to another in which a person’s sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one’s own self interests. It’s not a matter of “what do I get out of it?” In [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#), St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

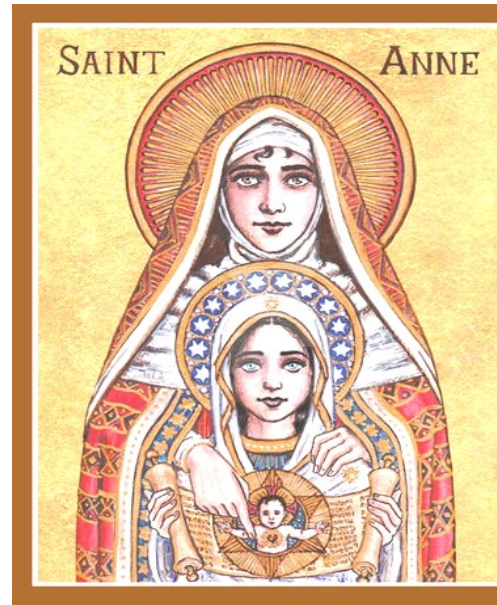
When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God’s interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

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St. Anne Catholic Parish

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Daily Mass: Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am
First Saturday’s ONLY @ 9:00 am

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony: The family should be registered and active at St. Anne Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Father Ishida.

Parish Office: Please email or leave a voice message.

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(meets 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm)

Father Ishida, Betty Patterson, Evie Noder,

Larry Jay, Theresa Reisenauer, Ian Buckmaster,

Jeff King, Judy Luce

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(meets 1st Tuesday quarterly @ noon)

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Meditation Garden—

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to our Parish

Around the Diocese

Thursday, May 7, 2024, 7:00 PM

Tolton: From Slave to Priest - Cathedral, Spokane
A Saint Luke Production. A live drama performance on the remarkable life of the Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, America's first African American Priest. Performance is approximately 75 minutes and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission is by free-will offering.

Sunday, May 12 ... 9:00 AM thru 2:00 PM

Annul Mother's Day Champagne Brunch
- Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
Join us for a delightful celebration of Mother's Day

Friday, May 17 @ 5:00-7:30 PM

Women's Adoration & Fellowship
- St. Charles Parish, Spokane
Wholeheartedly dedicated to proclaiming the love and mercy of Jesus and equipping women to fearlessly do the same.

Sunday, May 19 @ 6:30-7:30 PM

Taize Evening Hour of Prayer
-Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
Join us for our last Evening Hour of Prayer before summer.

Good luck Bloomsday Runners!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY

05	Sunday	Pro Populo
06	Monday	
07	Tuesday	
08	Wednesday	
09	Thursday	
10	Friday	
11	Saturday	Pro Populo
12	Sunday	

St. Anne ... Pray for us!
Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!

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One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be.

My God and true Friend, You offer me everything in life. You offer me Your perfect love, given fully and without reserve. I pray that I will reciprocate that depth of love and offer to You all that You deserve. I offer You my love, worship and obedience, dear Lord. May this mutual love form a bond that will never end. Jesus, I trust in You.

Father Ishida will be on Retreat

- NO DAILY MASS -
May 6- 9 and May 13-17

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Amen



Welcome to St. Anne Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

St. Anne Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm—confession @ 4:30 pm
Sundays @ 9:00 am - confession @ 8:30 am

Join us for **FELLOWSHIP** immediately following
Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays & Fridays— 6:00 pm Mass
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 9:00 am Mass

ADORATION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:00 pm;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays—following Mass

CONFESSION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:30 pm;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am

Seven Sisters Apostolate

That our prayers may find the heart of every priest and bishop.



A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Please contact Linda Pearson
if you are interested in joining at 509-879-0753
Or email sookiesue@msn.com

St. Anne Events!

First Saturday Mass, May 4

8:30 am Confession
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Rosary



Saturday, May 4 @ 6:00 PM

Cinco de Mayo Potluck
Following Mass

Saturday, May 4—Sunday, May 12

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday, May 8 @ 9:45 AM

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:00 PM

Parish Council @ 6:00 PM in the Hall

Wednesday, May 15 @ 9:45 AM

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Friday, May 24 @ 5:30 PM

Homeschool End of Year Showcase! & Potluck
All are Welcome! Please join us!

Schola Cantorum—Choir

Please join our new schola (Choir) to assist with singing the Holy Mass, We would love to have you.



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AUGUST 11-16, 2024

01 LOCATION
Shoshone Mountain Retreat
29216 Coeur d'Alene River Rd.
Wallace, Idaho 83873

02 REGISTRATION
For current 6th-8th grade students.
Registration Opens via Eventbrite on
May 1, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.

03 COST
Total cost is \$400. A \$50 deposit will be
collected via Eventbrite (scan QR code). The
remaining balance will be payable to the
Diocese of Spokane by August 1, 2024

04 ACTIVITIES
Prayers, sacraments, camp fire, singing, archery,
zip lining rock climbing, hiking, swimming, slip 'n
slide, giant swing, holy mass, high ropes,
adoration, catechesis and more

Questions?
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REGISTER HERE




Shoshone Mountain Retreat

WHAT TO EXPECT

01 CHRISTOCENTRIC
Jesus is at the heart of camp. Days will be steeped in prayer; with Mass, adoration and confessions available.

02 SAFETY
All staff and volunteers are specially trained to create a safe environment for all. An RN will always be present on site.

03 ADVENTURE
Life with Christ is an adventure! Campers will be immersed in the natural beauty of the Bitterroot Mountains all week!

04 UNPLUGGED
There is no cell service at camp. Campers can enjoy a week unplugged from phones, and plugged into the Heart of Christ. Emergency camp phone available.

05 FELLOWSHIP
There is an abundance of opportunities to rekindle old friendships, encounter new friends, and grow in friendship with Jesus.



Located on the western edge of the ruggedly famous Bitterroot Mountains at the confluence of Shoshone Creek and the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River




Dear Parishioners of St. Anne's Parish and any who are visiting:

I believe many of you know me, Theresa Reisenauer. I have been a parishioner in this parish for many years. During this time the parish has changed dramatically.

Many of the stalwart members are no longer with us but a number still persist and are active. We have had numerous changes. The sanctuary has been rearranged to focus on the Tabernacle ... the repository for the Body of Christ. Statues have been moved and pictures added. Music has moved from church front to back with organ and sometimes song.

We have been hard hit in the parish. First with COVID and the restrictions that came with it AND again by the disastrous fire that our community experienced last August and from which, many are slowly recovering. Through both of these disasters, the parish has dramatically changed.

We, in the Parish Council, would like your help in rebuilding the COMMUNITY in our parish. To do that, we need to know one another. I would ask each of you to look at those in front of you, beside you, and behind you. How many do you know by name? where they may live? If they have needs? Do they have children? Are they retired? So many questions could be asked ...

We have been trying to provide opportunities for us to meet and share our love for the Lord and through our care for one another. Many contributed financially and/or emotionally to those affected by the fire. But we have also had lovely women providing breakfast foods for fellowship following Sunday Masses. We also had soup suppers during Lent and many women of the Parish provide assistance for meals for those families who have suffered a loss of a family member.

We are hopeful of expanding such opportunities to potluck dinners, a Summer picnic, and some other activities that may interest you as parishioners. There are things that may help. A previous Pastor suggested a greeting to someone you do not know at the start of Mass. There used to be greeters at the door for each Mass as well. What would help YOU become more interested in this gathering of faith? Would you be interested in Men's Group? In a Women's Group? In a Bible Study class? In a different Class on the Church or the Catechism? Jesus said "LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." Can we try to do that better?