

St. Anne's Parish, Medical Lake

Statement from Bishop Daly regarding the USCCB Fall Assembly

November 15, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you may know, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops gathered this week in Baltimore for our annual fall assembly. Our intended agenda was to deal with the ongoing sex abuse crisis in our Church. Along with many of my brother bishops, I was surprised and disappointed to learn that the Holy See had instructed the USCCB not to hold binding votes on the proposed "Code of Conduct for Bishops" or the proposal to create a lay commission to investigate claims against bishops.

As a member of the US Bishop's Committee for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations I helped review and edit the proposed "Code of Conduct for Bishops." This document is an important step towards renewal and a real commitment by us, your bishops, to act with utmost integrity.

The instruction not to vote on the two proposals could be interpreted as a lack of care and concern for victims and their families. From the comments of many of the faithful of Eastern Washington and beyond, the lay people expect us to act. We must pray that Pope Francis and the Curia understand how the Church's ability to proclaim the Gospel and teach the Faith will be damaged, perhaps beyond repair in our lifetime, if we do not act.

As a body, the US Bishops must insist not only on accountability for bishops but also for religious superiors and provincials. They too need to be held accountable for any harassment or predatory behavior towards seminarians and professed religious men and women.

Please pray for Pope Francis, my brother bishops, and me that we may make progress on bringing about the reforms so desperately needed.

In Christ,
Bishop Thomas A. Daly

Welcome New Parishioners!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all those who are new to our parish. Please contact the parish office if you have not received a parish pictorial directory.

Next Week: November 24th-25th, Feast of Christ King of the Universe

Coffee Social: Cathy & Todd Hays

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	
Saturday 5pm	Maggie Jay	Pam Harper	Barb Olson
Sunday 10:30am	Laura Murphy	Theresa R	Cathy Hays

Readings: (161)

Dn 7:13-14

Rv 1:5-8

Jn 18:33b-37



9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Day Mass with Bishop Emeritus Skystad at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 22nd.

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

All are welcome to our parish Thanksgiving Dinner on **Thanksgiving Day at 4pm**. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office 509-723-1459.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?

RCIA classes are beginning soon. If you are interested in learning more about the faith and discerning whether to become Catholic, please contact the office. 509-723-1459.

Come watch free Catholic movies, documentaries,

Bible studies, and more that are fun and dynamic also audiobooks, audios dramas, prayers and eBooks. To register, go to westplainscatholicparishes.formed.org or use the code: DVP8CK

The Book of the Dead

Please write the names of your faithful departed loved ones in the Book of the Dead and the Masses in November will be offered for them. If you would like to give a donation, there are envelopes on the table in the entryway to the Church.

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

Silent Day of Prayer

Wed., December 5, 2018, 9am-3pm

Preparing for the Prince of Peace:

How to Create Harmony in a World of Differences

Sister Mary Eucharista, SMMC

December 5, 2018

Please register in advance: (509) 448-1224 or visit www.ihrc.net \$38 per person (\$48 with use of a room for the day)

This Week

Sunday, November 18, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am Mass (Fr. Dale Tuckerman)

11:30am Coffee Social

Tuesday, November 20th

NO reconciliation or Mass Today

9:45am Women of St. Anne's Study of

Send Me Your Guardian Angel Padre Pio

Wednesday, November 21th

9:00am Mass (Bishop Skylstad)

9:45am Quilters of Children's Quilts

Thursday, November 22nd

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass (**New Time**)

(Bishop Skylstad)

4:00pm Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 24th

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation

(Fr. Dale Tuckerman)

4:00-4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration

4:15-4:40pm Rosary

5:00pm Mass (Fr. Dale Tuckerman)



Save the Date

Tuesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 6:30pm Adult Ed "The Coming of Jesus Christ"

Thursday, Dec. 13th Women's Christmas Dinner

Mass Intentions

Please contact the office with your Mass Intentions for Saturday night, Sunday, and weekday Masses. An offering may be given.

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Thanks to all who have generously given!

“A Crucifix is a Sign of Orthodoxy” by Fr. Dwight Longenecker

When an aggressive Evangelical challenges me for having a crucifix in church, one of my favorite apologetic one liners is to say, “We believe the Bible. Don’t you know 1 Corinthians 1:23, where Paul says, ‘We preach Christ and him crucified?’”

As a convert one of the stunning eye-openers was when I stopped to realize that it is only the Catholic Church (and the Eastern Orthodox) who not only preach, but venerate Christ and him crucified.

We have crucifixes. Crucifixes “R” Us.

That’s why the General Instruction of the Roman Missal stipulates: “Likewise, either on the altar or near it, there is to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, a cross clearly visible to the assembled people. It is desirable that such a cross should remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations, so as to call to mind for the faithful the saving Passion of the Lord.”

Notice that the other churches and religions do not have crucifixes. Some even deliberately denigrate the cross rather than exalt the cross. The Jehovah’s Witnesses say the cross is a pagan symbol and teach that Jesus was crucified on a stake. Mormons don’t have crosses anywhere in their temples. They have an angel instead, and some actually believe the atonement took place in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Protestants have crosses, but not crucifixes. They give weird reasons for this. Some say “Catholics don’t believe in the resurrection” because we have crucifixes. Others teach that the crucifix is a form of idolatry. I’ve never really understood this, as a good old-fashioned Evangelical will sing hymns like “The Old Rugged Cross” and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.”

I suspect they do not have crucifixes for two reasons. First, just because it’s Catholic. Second, because there is a strain of Manicheism within much of Evangelical Protestantism. Manicheism was a heresy that was dualistic — saying physical and spiritual did not mix, and the spiritual was superior to the physical. That distrust of the physical comes from Puritan roots and extends into a distrust of the physical expressions of worship and faith. Their bare empty crosses are part of their functional architecture, denial of the sacraments and denigration of the physical in the faith.

Jews, of course, hate the cross because it for them a stumbling block.

Which brings me to the Muslims: The relics of the cross were discovered by the Empress Helena in the fourth century and the church of the Holy Sepulcher was built [there.] That ancient church was destroyed by the Muslims in the seventh century. It was rebuilt... but the Muslims continued to attack it and burn it. Then in 1009 the church was again leveled by the Muslims before being rebuilt later that century.

Finally, don’t imagine that the denigration of the cross is limited to Protestants, Jehovah’s Witness, Muslims and Jews...

[To be continued next week]

This week, listen to this beautiful meditation on St Thomas Aquinas' description of the Cross as source of all virtue: <https://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/20934-2/>

In Mary’s Immaculate Heart, +FrDT

November 17th-18th—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



St Anne’s

**PO Box 125,708 E Lake St
Medical Lake, WA 99022**

Mass Times

**Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday 9:00 am
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Reconciliation

**Tuesday 8:30 am
Saturday 4-4:30 pm**

St Michael’s

**455 W. Cottonwood
Reardan, WA 99029**

Mass Times

**Sunday 8:30 am
Wednesday 4:30 pm
Thursday 8:30 am**

Reconciliation

**Sunday 8-8:30am
Wednesday 4-4:30pm
& 5:15-5:45pm**

Mary Queen of Heaven

**103 E. Alder Ave
Sprague, WA 99032**

Mass Times

Sunday 12:30 pm

Reconciliation

**Sunday
before & after Mass
or by appointment**

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