

## Scandalized by Mercy

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)*

*(Note: When the Scrutinies are used at Mass, the reflection for Year A may be used in place of this one. Also, when the readings from Year A are used for this Sunday, the following Gospel and reflection may be used on Monday.)*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. [John 8:1-3](#)

What a painful and humiliating experience this must have been for this woman! Fortunately, the Savior of the World was there to care for her and to help her navigate this situation through His abundant mercy. Though she was a sinner, God's mercy offered a remedy for her sin and its consequences.

Interestingly, this story is not included in some of the most ancient manuscripts of the Gospel of John. Saint Augustine believed that it was excluded by some of the early copyists of this Gospel because they were moral rigorists and were scandalized by the depths of Jesus' mercy. They feared that if this incredible act of mercy was conveyed to others, it would lead to a relaxation of moral rules.

The scribes and Pharisees who brought this woman to Jesus also appeared to be scandalized by Jesus' mercy. Thus, the depths of mercy offered to this woman was one of many occasions in which Jesus was merciful to a point that was hard for the people to comprehend.

How about you? How far are you willing to go when it comes to mercy? It is easy for us to resort to condemnation when we see the sins of others. We might feel justified in condemning them and even obliged to do so out of a desire to condemn sin itself. But Jesus' action shows that the sin must not be equated with the sinner. Sin must be condemned and was condemned by our Lord when He said to this woman, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Though He condemned her sin, he did not condemn *her*. "Neither do I condemn you."

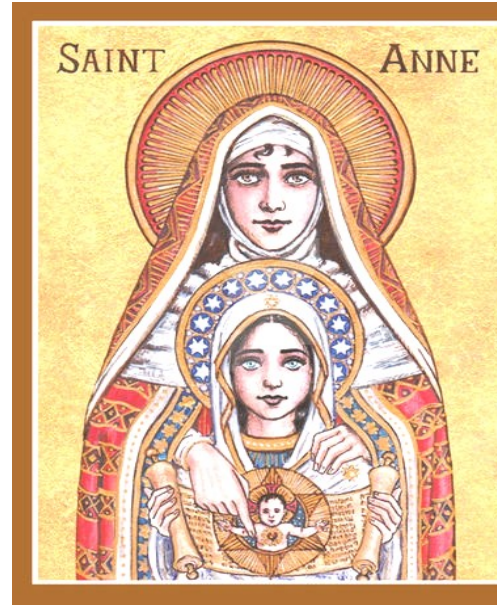
The mercy of God is incomprehensible. For example, recall that Jesus cried out from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Imagine the surprise that the first hearers of those words would have had. How could this man ask that God forgive the people who were murdering Him? Perhaps the only person who truly understood this prayer of mercy from the Cross was Jesus' own mother as she stood there gazing at Him with love.

An important lesson for us to learn from Jesus' depth of mercy is that, at first, it will most likely scandalize us also. Mercy to this extent is supernatural. It challenges our natural reason and calls us to a new way of thinking and relating to others. The only way to overcome the "scandal" we might feel in the face of God's mercy is to live it ourselves. Doing so will require that we put on new eyes to see sin, mercy and forgiveness through the eyes of God. If doing so shakes you to the core of your being, that might be a good sign. Are you allowing the apparent scandal of God's abundant mercy to transform you so that it is no longer a shock or scandal to you, but is experienced as good and holy and from the Heart of our God?

## St. Anne Catholic Parish

April 6, 2025

### Fifth Sunday of Lent



#### 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.

#### Parish Staff

Parish Office: 509-723-1459

Email: [stannemedicallake@gmail.com](mailto:stannemedicallake@gmail.com)

Website: [www.westplainscatholicparishes.org](http://www.westplainscatholicparishes.org)

Father Michael Ishida, Pastor

Evie Noder, Parish Bookkeeper

Michele Flynn, Office Admin

Sacramental Emergencies – 509-998-7093

#### Pastoral Council

*(meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm)*

Fr Ishida, Theresa Reisenauer, Linda Pearson,

Evie Noder, Jeff King, Larry Jay,

Monica Schindler, Marlayna Smith

#### Finance Council

*(meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday quarterly @ noon)*

Father Ishida, Betty Patterson,

Dan Quaschnick,

#### Physical Address:

708 E Lake Street, Medical Lake, WA 99022

#### Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 125, Medical Lake, WA 99022

#### Ministry Contacts

##### Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan - Theresa Reisenauer

Lectors – Cheryl Moriarty 509-999-1964

Music – Linda Pearson 509-879-0753

Fellowship—Betty Patterson 509-998-6631

Hall Rental—Mary Morrison 509-244-4533

Meditation Garden—

##### Parish Guilds

Prayer Chain, Prayer Chain—Pam Harper 509-496-5930 or

email @ [StAnnepraychain@yahoo.com](mailto:StAnnepraychain@yahoo.com)

*(Intensions can be kept anonymous if requested or needed.)*

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Step 2. **Then enter your name and create a password.**

*welcome*  
to our Parish

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... continued from back ...

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you understand God's mercy. Do you rejoice when mercy is offered to another? Or do you find yourself condemning? Our Lord said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." None of us are without sin; therefore, none of us has the right to cast a stone at another. Allow the apparent scandal of God's mercy to challenge you so that you come to not only understand God's infinite mercy but also to act as an instrument of that mercy to everyone.

*Most merciful Lord, You came to call the sinner to repentance and salvation. You offer mercy and forgiveness in superabundance. When faced with the sins of others, help me to imitate Your love for them and to show mercy and compassion to the greatest degree. I love You, Lord. Help me to love You and others with Your Heart of merciful love. Jesus, I trust*

### Please note:

Mass Intensions take approximately two (2) weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

### MASS INTENTIONS, MARCH & APRIL

30	Sunday	Pro Populo
31	Monday	
01	Tuesday	Jim Patterson
02	Wednesday	
03	Thursday	Jim Patterson
04	Friday	
05	Saturday	Celine Brown
06	Sunday	Pro Populo

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

## Easter Lilies

Suggested donation, \$20/lily

*If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please indicate that on the memo line of your payment and/or this form.*



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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Lectionary #36C or 34A - Liturgical color: violet*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3:8-14  
 Gospel: John 8:1-11  
*... or, for Year A, ...*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezechial 37:12-14  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom ans8:8-11  
 Gospel: John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
 No Gloria



**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

### 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



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### PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested or needed. Please call Pam Harper to request prayers. Call Pam @ 509-496-5930 or email StAnnepraychain@yahoo.com

### St. Anne Events!

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

**Wednesday, April 2 @ 9:45 AM**  
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

**Friday, April 4 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper**  
 5:00 PM —Confessions  
 5:30 PM—Mass  
 6:00 PM—Stations of the Cross  
 6:30 PM—Soup Potluck in the Hall

**First Saturdays Mass, April 5**  
**8:30 AM Confession, 9:00 AM Mass, 9:30 AM Rosary**

**Tuesday, April 8 @ 6:00 PM**  
 Parish Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the Hall

**Wednesday, April 9 @ 9:45 AM**  
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

**Friday, April 11 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper**  
 5:00 PM —Confessions  
 5:30 PM—Mass  
 6:00 PM—Stations of the Cross  
 6:30 PM—Soup Potluck in the Hall

### Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17 @ 6:00 PM  
 Good Friday, April 18 @ 6:00 PM  
 Easter Vigil, April 19 @ 8:30 PM

### Schola Cantorum—Choir

Interested in singing the Holy Mass?  
 Please contact Linda at 509-879-0753 or  
 email at sookisue@msn.com  
*All voices are welcome!*

# St. Anne Parish Calendar — April & May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April 1	2 Quilting @ 9:45 am	3	4  Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm Soup Potluck immediately following in the Hall	5 <i>1st Saturday Mass @ 9:00</i> Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
6 Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Mass <i>Fellowship immediately following in the parish hall</i>	7	8 Parish Council Mtg @ 6:00 pm	9 Quilting @ 9:45 am	10	11  Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm Soup Potluck immediately following in the Hall	12 Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Mass <i>Fellowship immediately following in the parish hall</i>	14 Holy week ...	15	16 Quilting @ 9:45 am	17 HOLY THURSDAY 6:00 pm	18 GOOD FRIDAY 6:00 pm <i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>	19 EASTER VIGIL Mass @ 8:30 pm
20 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 am Mass <i>Fellowship immediately following in the parish hall</i>	21	22	23 Quilting @ 9:45 am	24	25	26 Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
27 DIVINE MERCY 9:00 am Mass <i>Fellowship immediately following in the parish hall</i>	28	29	30 Quilting @ 9:45 am	May 1	2	3 <i>1st Saturday Mass @ 9:00</i> Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
4 Third Sunday of Easter MAY CROWNING 9:00 am Mass <i>Fellowship immediately following in the parish hall</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10

### Consider a gift/bequest to St. Anne's in your will.

I give to the "St. Anne Parish Preservation Fund" located in Medical Lake, WA., the following amount/percent \_\_\_\_ to be used exclusively for Church preservation. ... OR ... I give to "St. Anne Parish, located " located in Medical Lake, WA, the following amount/percent \_\_\_\_ to be used wherever needed most.

## NEEDED! Communion Ministry to the Homebound



Are you interested in taking communion to patients at Eastern State Hospital? Please contact Father Ishida for more information. Call @ 509-998-7093 or email [mishida@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:mishida@dioceseofspokane.org)

Do you know of a homebound parishioner that would like to have visits and communion brought to them? Please let us know by leaving a message at the parish office 509-723-1459 or email [stannemedicallake@gmail.com](mailto:stannemedicallake@gmail.com).



### Registration Opens May 1, 2025

Totus Tuus from June 22–27, 2025! This weeklong Catholic summer program, in collaboration with St. Augustine and Our Lady of Fatima Parishes, gives children and youth an engaging, faith-filled experience through prayer, learning, and fun-filled activities.

#### Totus Tuus Details:

Grades 1–6: Monday–Friday, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Grades 7–12: Sunday–Thursday, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (dinner provided)

Visit the [Totus Tuus page](#) on the Cathedral website for more information and ways to volunteer.

#### Ways to Support Totus Tuus:

**Volunteer:** We need help with *catechesis, activities, meals, and logistics*. We'd love to have you join us!

**Donate:** Support Totus Tuus with a gift at the Cathedral's giving page (select "VBS"). You can donate **gift cards** (*Visa, Safeway, Fred Meyer, or Domino's*) to help provide meals and snacks for the week.

**Totus Tuus is a beautiful opportunity for the youth of our parish communities to grow in faith, build friendships, and experience the joy of an intimate relationship with Jesus.**

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