

Enthralled by Jesus

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. [Mark 1:32-34](#)

Jesus was in the home of Simon Peter whose mother-in-law He had just cured. “The whole town gathered at the door” when evening came. This was Jesus’ first time being in Capernaum after beginning His public ministry, and already people were flocking to Him in droves. The next morning, Jesus got up before dawn and went away alone to pray. Soon, some of the disciples found Him and told Him that, once again, the whole town was looking for Him.

The excitement was great. So many were amazed. And their amazement at Jesus was not simply a form of curiosity. It was an amazement fueled by faith, which is why Jesus was able to perform so many miracles there. The people quickly realized that Jesus was the One of Whom the prophets of old had spoken. He was the Messiah, and the people gave Him their full attention.

This is a good image for us to ponder. As you think of the crowds and their unwavering desire to be near our Lord, consider your own desires pertaining to God. Do you regularly find yourself consumed with a desire to find our Lord, to be with Him, to listen to Him and to receive His grace and mercy? Or are you tempted to see Jesus and the practice of your faith as boring and uninteresting? One of the unfortunate effects of modern technology is that we easily become fascinated by and intrigued with many superficial things. Perhaps it’s the latest short video on a mobile app, or the latest episode of a favorite television series, or a new post by a friend on social media. There are many things today that compete for our attention, intrigue us and even amaze us. Is Jesus one of those things in your life?

In our modern world of constant stimulation and entertainment, we need to understand the difference between being amazed at the latest pop trend and being amazed by the grace and divine actions of our Lord. When we come face-to-face with the power of God in our lives, we will be amazed in a way that fulfills and satisfies us on the deepest level. It will be a spiritual amazement, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. And the satisfaction we receive from this form of amazement is transforming, deep and sustaining. But when we turn to lesser and more sensory “amazements” common within our world today, we will find that they last only for a moment, and we are quickly left dry and wanting for more.

Reflect, today, upon the people in today’s Gospel who were so enthralled by Jesus that they continually sought Him out. Consider their excitement, their hope and their genuine joy at their discovery of the Messiah. As you think about them, consider whether you share in their excitement about Jesus. If that excitement is lacking, recommit yourself to seeking out our Lord. And where you see that excitement present, rejoice and give glory to God.

Most glorious Lord, Your love and mercy are truly amazing.

Please help me to continually see this in my life and to continually become enthralled by Your presence in my life. May I run to You always, giving You my full attention and love. Jesus, I trust in You.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am

12:30 pm English Mass

Daily Mass: 7:00 am

Reconciliation: Sundays at 10:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active at Mary, Queen of Heaven 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.

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welcome

to our parish

Around the Diocese

Young Adult Adoration and Confession
1st Wednesday of each month
 St. Francis Xavier, 545 E Providence Ave, Spokane
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 7:00pm
 Spokane Catholic Young Adult's Social to follow.

Faith & Reason Institute Lecture with Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ

Thursday, February 8, 2024, 7:00 PM
 Location: Woldson Performing Arts Center at
 Gonzaga University "Increasing Openness to
 Transcendent Intelligence in Contemporary Big
 Bang Cosmology"

Women's Adoration and Fellowship
3rd Friday of each month @

St. Charles Parish, Spokane
Friday, February 16 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Wholeheartedly dedicated to proclaiming the
 love and mercy of Jesus, equipping women
 to fearlessly do the same.

Announcing the Eucharistic Revival 'Treasures of the Faith'

The Diocese of Spokane—in partnership with
 the Western Dominican Province—is pleased
 to announce a series of upcoming events in
 continuation of the Eucharistic Revival in the
 diocese. In September 2023, thousands gath-
 ered in Spokane for the first Diocesan Eucharis-
 tic Expo— Expo'23. Now, as a new year be-
 gins, and to bring the Eucharistic Revival to the
 local parish communities, the diocese announc-
 es *Treasures of the Faith*, a quarterly gathering of
 Eucharistic Adoration with confessions, inter-
 cessory prayer, music, meditations from the
 Dominican Friars, and a talk on Eucharistic
 Miracles from Dr. Scott French.

**First Event: March 1-2, 2024 at Our
 Lady of Lourdes Cathedral**

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 pray-
 er for his deeper conformity to Christ.

**Please contact Linda Pearson if you are in-
 terested in joining her at 509-879-0753
 or email sookiesue@msn.com**

Diocesan news
 to your inbox
 every Friday



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 with us via
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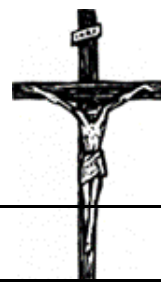
Text the word **westplains**
 to the number **84576**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

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



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



Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish To all visitors who are join-
 ing 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.

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

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*Directions on front of
 the bulletin
 Catholic "net flicks".*



Weekend Mass Schedule:
 Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am
 12:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule
 Mondays thru Fridays— 7:00 am Mass

Experience the Fullness of Lent's Forty Days

A Holy Lent navigates the forty days of Lent
 and helps you receive all of its graces. It's
 your personal journey into the Heart of
 Christ through the graces of His passion,
 death, and resurrection. *A Holy Lent* begins
 on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter.

Sundays: immerse yourself in a beautiful
 Lenten Scriptural reflection.

Mondays: dive into an introduction to
 your Lenten theme of the week.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: absorb
 powerful lessons on truths of the Faith.

Thursdays: enter your spiritual "Upper
 Room" for a reflection day.

Fridays: discover the power of fasting
 and sacrifice and put it into practice

Saturdays: be guided into a focused exa-
 men along with a Marian reflection

<https://www.goodcatholic.com/product/a-holy-lent/>

Dear Lord,

Your presence in the Eucharist is truly the source
 and summit of our faith and life. In the Breaking of
 the Bread, you invite us to see beyond our imme-
 diate gathering and unite us with the larger gather-
 ing of our sisters and brothers around the world.

All that we have we give to you.

As we recognize you in the Eucharist, help us to
 also recognize You among those who hunger and
 suffer in the world.

All that we are we give to you.

Guide us so that our faith in Your presence will
 move us to share Your life and Your love with the
 world.

All that we hope to be we give to you.

Deepen our faith, make us good stewards of Your
 Eucharistic presence, and help us to bear fruit in
 the lives of those we encounter, especially those
 most in need of Your love and compassion. Amen