

Seeking the Lost

The Fourth 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.)

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable. [Luke 15:1-3](#) This is good news! Our Lord "welcomes sinners and eats with them." For that reason, there is room at His table for you!

Sometimes it's hard to admit that we are sinners. Of course we know in our minds that we are. But our pride can easily lead us to justify our sin, downplay it and conclude that we are not that bad after all. If you find yourself thinking this way, be careful. Doing so will make you like the Pharisees and scribes in the passage above. Clearly they did not see themselves as sinners, which is why they condemned Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them.

The passage above comes from the beginning of Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel and serves as an introduction to three subsequent parables. First, our Lord tells the Parable of the Lost Sheep, then the Parable of the Lost Coin, and then the Parable found in the rest of today's Gospel passage, the Parable of the Lost Son. In the first parable, the shepherd who finds his lost sheep rejoices. In the second parable, the woman who finds her lost coin rejoices. And in the parable we read today, the father who finds his lost son rejoices and throws a party to celebrate.

Return, again, to the passage above that introduces these three parables: "Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus." Once they drew near, Jesus spoke to them about the joy of finding that which was lost. Perhaps as Jesus initially spoke about the finding of the lost sheep and lost coin, this would have resonated with these tax collectors and sinners to a certain degree. But then our Lord tells them the long and detailed story about this boy who disrespects his father, takes his inheritance, squanders it on illicit living, and ends up with nothing. The story expresses the confusion of this boy, his desperation, his guilt and his shame. We learn of his interior thinking, reasoning, fears and anxiety.

As you ponder this parable, try to understand the effect that it would have had upon the tax collectors and sinners who all drew near to our Lord. They were spiritually hungry, just as the prodigal son was. They had a past full of regret, just as this boy. They were unsatisfied in life and were looking for a way out, just as this son of the loving father was. For these reasons, those tax collectors and sinners who drew near Jesus would have been mesmerized by all that Jesus taught them and filled with hope that they, too, could share in the joy that was so generously bestowed upon this wayward son.

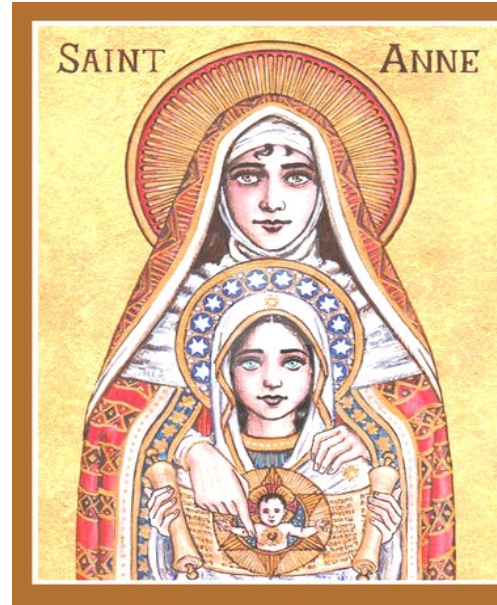
Reflect, today, upon the touching image of these tax collectors and sinners drawing near to Jesus. Though they may have had a certain fear and caution, they would have also had hope. Try to understand what they must have thought and felt as they heard this story of the father's abundant mercy. Think about how they would have related as they discovered that there was hope for them, too. If you struggle with being like the scribes and Pharisees, reject that temptation. Instead, see yourself as one of those sinners who drew near to our Lord and you will be the cause of joy in the Heart of the Father in Heaven.

Most loving and compassionate Lord, tax collectors and sinners were drawn to You. They found in You someone Who could free them from the burdens they carried within. Please help me to see myself as one of those humble souls in need of You and Your mercy. I reject my pride that leads me to self-justification and pray for humility so that I can come to You and gladden the Heart of the Father in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday



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

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

Fr Ishida, Theresa Reisenauer, Linda Pearson,

Evie Noder, Jeff King, Larry Jay,

Monica Schindler, Marlayna Smith

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(meets 1st Tuesday quarterly @ noon)

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

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Step 1. **Sign up as a Parishioner (it's FREE)** : search for **St. Anne Medical Lake**

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

welcome
to our Parish

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



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.

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

23	Sunday	Pro Populo
24	Monday	Mike & Victoria Erwin
25	Tuesday	Albert Leake †
26	Wednesday	Patrick J Blakely †
27	Thursday	
28	Friday	Patrick J Blakely †
29	Saturday	William James McKenzie
30	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.



Enclosed is my donation for Easter Lilies in memory of: (suggested donation \$20/lily)

Your Name: _____

Please return this form along with your donation.

St. Anne Parish, PO Box 125, Medical Lake, WA 99022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lectionary #33C or 31A - Liturgical color: violet or rose

Laetare Sunday

1st Reading: Jos 5:9a, 10-12
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21
 Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
... or, for Year A, ...
 1st Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
 2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14
 Gospel: Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 No Gloria
 Second Scrutiny of the Elect



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



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!



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, March 26 @ 9:45 AM
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

Friday, March 28 @ 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

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

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



Seven Sisters Apostolate

Seven Sisters Apostolate meet after 9:00 am

Mass at **St. Anne Parish, Medical Lake**. For all those interested —**Please join us in the Church.**

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

Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining at

509-879-0753

Or email sookisue@msn.com

St. Anne Parish Calendar — March and April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Mass <i>Fellowship immediately following in the parish hall</i>	24	25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	26 Quilting @ 9:45 am	27	28  Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm <i>Soup Potluck immediately following in the Hall</i>	29 Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
30 Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Mass <i>Fellowship immediately following in the parish hall</i>	31	April 1	2 Quilting @ 9:45 am	3	4  Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm <i>Soup Potluck immediately following in the Hall</i>	5 <i>1st Saturday Mass @ 9:00 am</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 <i>Soup Potluck immediately following in the Hall</i>	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	18 GOOD FRIDAY <i>fast & abstinence</i>	19 EASTER VIGIL
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

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.

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes is pleased to welcome **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)*

Registration opens soon! Stay tuned for updates. You can also visit the [Totus Tuus page](#) on the Cathedral website for more information.

Ways to Support Totus Tuus:

Volunteer: We need help with *catechesis, activities, meals, and logistics.* We'd love to have you join us! [Click here to sign up.](#)

Donate: Support Totus Tuus with a gift at the Cathedral's giving page (select "VBS"). You can also 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.* Together with our neighboring parishes, we look forward to a joyful and faith-filled week!

What is Totus Tuus? For more information: <https://totustuus.church>

Totus Tuus, which translates to "Totally Yours," is a weeklong, engaging summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and deepening the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The mission of Totus Tuus is to help young people cultivate a personal and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

Originally founded in 1987 as a Vacation Bible School program in the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, Totus Tuus has since expanded to many dioceses across the United States and Canada. Inspired by the motto of Pope Saint John Paul II, "Totus Tuus," which originates from St. Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary*, embodies a commitment to fully giving ourselves to Jesus Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Curriculum

Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church provide the foundation of the catechetical instruction of our program. Consequently, Totus Tuus has divided the four pillars of the Catechism into a six-year teaching cycle:

- **Year One: The Sacraments**
- **Year Two:** The Commandments
- **Year Three:** The Virtues
- **Year Four:** Prayer and the Our Father
- **Year Five:** The Mystery of Salvation
- **Year Six:** The Apostles' Creed