

## Seekers of Truth

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)*

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." [Mark 12:32-33](#)

This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus' teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus' answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn't ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus' answer. So he asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others? Evangelization is different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it.

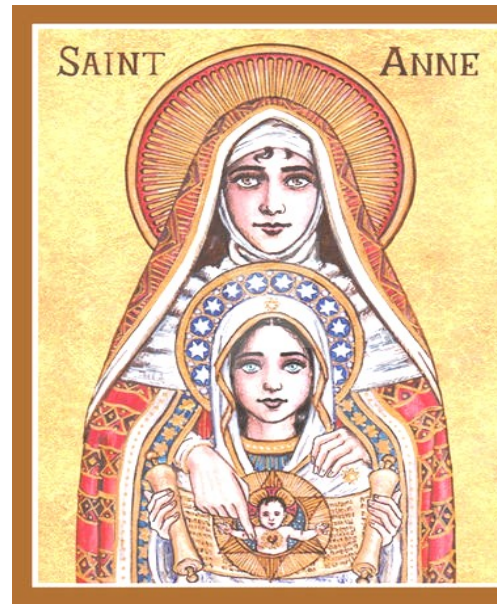
In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives. ... *continued on inside* ...

## St. Anne Catholic Parish

November 3, 2024

### Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### 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,

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#### Ministry Contacts

##### Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan - Theresa Reisenauer

Lectors – Cheryl Moriarty

Music – Linda Pearson

Fellowship—Betty Patterson

Hall Rental—Mary Morrison

Meditation Garden—

##### Parish Guilds

Prayer Chain, Theresa Reisenauer, [lovinretirement@gmail.com](mailto:lovinretirement@gmail.com)

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

Quilters Group, Sally Bachtel 702-622-5522

#### **FORMED.org—“The Catholic NetFlicks**

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

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary #152 ~ Liturgical color: green

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Resp Psalm: Psalm: Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

2nd Reading: Hebrew 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

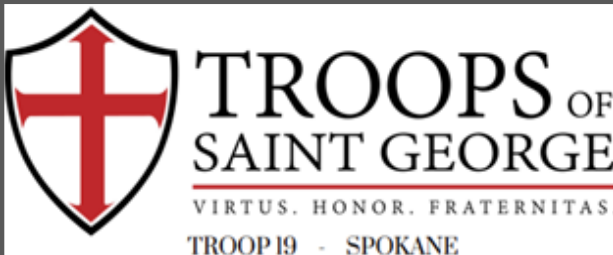
Gloria

Creed

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Continued from the backside...

*Lord of all Truth, in You and You alone will we discover the truths that set us free. Give me the grace and courage I need to always seek out the truth You teach. As I discover and understand all that You teach, help me to express my discoveries with joy and enthusiasm so that others will also be drawn to You. Jesus, I trust in You.*



Attention fathers of boys ages 6-18. Do you want to deepen your Catholic faith while experiencing the great outdoors with your son?

The Troops of Saint George apostolate aims to use the outdoors as our canvas and the sacraments as our path to light the way for the formation of Holy Catholic men and boys.

Learn more about past and upcoming activities, reach out to ask questions or join at our website.

[spokanetsg.org](http://spokanetsg.org)

St. George, pray for us.



St. Anne's Christmas  
Immaculate Conception Brunch

**When:**

December 8<sup>th</sup> after 9:00 Mass

**Where:**

In Parish Hall

**Donations:**

\$5 per person or \$10 a family.

Tickets sold after Mass

Please join us!



Raffle tickets for Sale for an Outdoor Statue of Mary,  
Our Lady of Grace Statue and a Rosary  
handmade by Marlayna Smith.  
**\$1 per ticket**

## PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested or needed. Please request prayers to Theresa Reisenauer at: [lovinretirement@gmail.com](mailto:lovinretirement@gmail.com)



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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

27	Sunday	Pro Populo
28	Monday	
29	Tuesday	Mark Smith
30	Wednesday	
31	Thursday	
01	Friday	Harvey & Maria Ester Luce
02	Saturday	Harvey & Maria Ester Luce
03	Sunday	Pro Populo

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



**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

### Adult Religious Ed Classes

hosted by Father Ishida

*All are welcome!*

#### Outline of the Bible

November 6 @ 6:30PM—7:30PM

#### Ancient Lore

November 20 @ 6:30PM—7:30PM

#### Signs of the 2nd Coming

December 4 @ 6:30PM—7:30PM

December 11 @ 6:30PM—7:30PM

### Binding Prayer for Fair and Moral Elections by Father Chad Ripperger

By the Power of the Precious Blood, with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I petition Our Lord Jesus Christ, to bind any spirit that interferes with fair and moral elections in the United States, to go to the foot of the Cross and receive their sentence. Amen

### St. Anne Events!

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

**Wednesday, October 30 @ 9:45 AM**

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

**Wednesday, October 30 @ 6:30 PM**

Adult Religious Ed @ 6:30 pm in the Hall

**Thursday, October 31 @ 4:30 PM**

All Saints Day Vigil Mass

**Thursday, October 31 @ 6:00 PM—7:30 PM**

Trick or Trunk—in the parking lot—JOIN US!

#### All Saints Day Mass Times

Thursday, October 31—Vigil Mass @ 4:30 PM

Friday, November 1 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

*Kindly listen to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.*

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

*Amen*

**First Saturday Mass/All Souls Mass**

**8:30 am Confession**

**9:00 am Mass**

**9:30 am Rosary**

**Wednesday, November 6 @ 9:45 AM**

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

**Wednesday, November 6 @ 6:30 PM**

Adult Religious Ed @ 6:30 pm in the Hall

**2024 ACA Parish Goals St. Anne, Medical Lake: \$21,368 ... We have currently received \$15,470— 72.4% of our goal.**