

# Being a Witness of Christ

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)*

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40–42

Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, “We have found the Messiah.” Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple.

A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael (see John 1:43–51). Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets.” Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the “Lamb of God.”

Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others.

In God’s divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God’s grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all.

The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God’s words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God’s mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God’s grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God’s infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say “Yes” to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God’s grace.

*Most glorious Lord, You are abundantly generous in Your grace and mercy and desire to bestow Your love on all people. Please use me for Your divine mission of evangelizing the world. I say “Yes” to You, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.*

# St. Anne Catholic Parish

January 14, 2024

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Pastoral Council

*(meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm)*  
Father Ishida, Betty Patterson, Evie Noder,  
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Jeff King, Judy Luce

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

### Ministry Contacts

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

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to our Parish

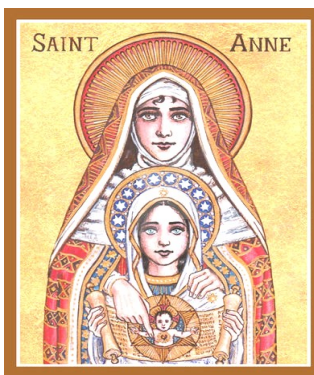
# Catholic Schools Week is approaching! January 28-February 4



Bishop Daly is inviting all parishioners in our Diocese to participate in the Bishop’s Collection for Catholic Schools. This collection in an annual collection Bishop Daly began 4 years ago to provide financial support for our parochial schools. Every community in our Diocese, even those without schools, benefit from the strength and health of our system of Catholic Schools. Collections will be Jan 28th & Feb.4

## We need you!

- 1. Parish Council:** If you are interested In being part of the Parish Council, please talk to Father Ishida. Two members’ terms are up at the end of the school year. Parish council members have a unique opportunity to build our parish community. Please prayerfully consider and talk to Father.
- 2. Safe Environment Lead:** This is a great opportunity to be involved in our parish community. The role of the Safe Environment lead is to help to maintain records of employees, teachers, volunteers—making sure that everyone is trained and aware.
- 3. We need a strong person** that is able to lift heavy items. If you are that person, please talk to Father Ishida. It will take only a few minutes but your strength is needed. Thank you.



# Wholehearted Annual Women’s Conference



Join women from around the Spokane Diocese and the Inland Northwest for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship, and fun. The doors at St. Joseph parish in Otis Orchards will open at **8:00 am for mass—**allowing time for check-in, visiting friends, shopping, and breakfast. The conference will begin promptly at **9:30 am**. Keynote speaker **Ali Hoffman** will lead us in reflection and praise for the gifts of God and deepening our spiritual prayer life.

We will conclude at **5:00 pm** followed by an optional community celebration of the vigil Mass at 5:30 pm. Registration links are at Diocese of Spokane or Eventbrite.<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/full-of-grace-wholehearted24-tickets-783797979857>

“The priesthood is the love  
of the heart of Jesus.”

St. John Vianney



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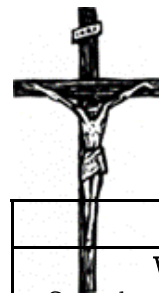
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# MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

14	Sunday	Pro Populo
15	Monday	
16	Tuesday	
17	Wednesday	
18	Thursday	Martin Loeffler
19	Friday	Jonathan Loeffler
20	Saturday	
21	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

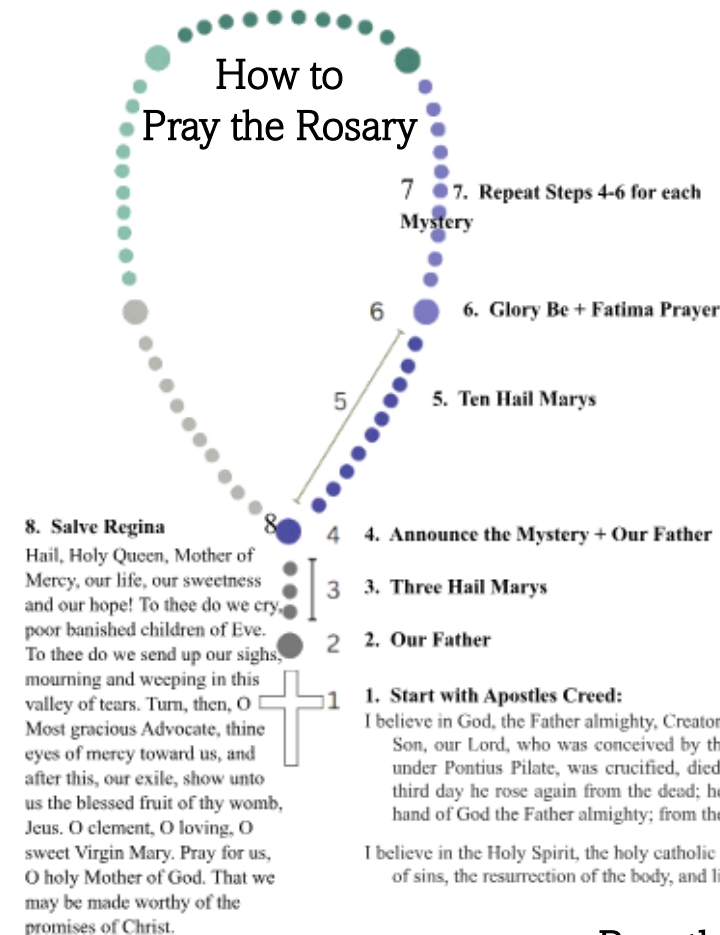
### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ **5:00 pm**—confession @ 4:30 pm  
Sundays @ **9:00 am** - confession @ 8:30 am  
*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  
**CONFESSION**  
Mondays & Fridays @ 5:30 pm;  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am

## How to Pray the Rosary



**Glory Be** to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

**Fatima Prayer:**  
O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most need of Thy mercy.

**Hail Mary**, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Our Father**, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Mysteries:**  
*Mondays + Sundays: The Joyful Mysteries*  
*Tuesdays + Fridays: The Sorrowful Mysteries*  
*Wednesdays + Saturdays: The Glorious Mysteries*  
*Thursdays: The Luminous Mysteries*

## Pray the Rosary!

Transform your heart!. The Rosary is our prayer to God through the intercessions of the Blessed Mother.

**Finish with the Sign of the Cross**