

## A Life Without Possessions

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)*

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." [Luke 12:15](#)*

Imagine what your life would be like if you had no possessions. Imagine that all you had was the clothing you wore and you went through life relying upon the generosity of others. Though, at first, this may seem like an irresponsible way to live, there are some who are called to a form of this life for a sacred reason. Those called to strict religious life are called to embrace the life of poverty, owning nothing themselves, for a reason. The reason is highlighted in this Gospel.

Too often in life we become consumed with our possessions. It's true that material things can add "spice" to life. They can be fun, entertaining, comforting, etc. But the danger of becoming attached to the things of this world is that we begin to rely upon the pleasure they bring more than we rely upon the spiritual possessions which are of much greater value. It's not that material possessions are bad, in and of themselves; rather, it's that the spiritual possessions God wants us to obtain are of infinitely greater value.

Most are not called to live lives of material poverty, but all are called to live lives of poverty in spirit. This means that, though we live in the world, we are not to be of the world. We are to keep our hearts attached only to the greatest treasures of life: faith, hope and charity. When greed and love of material possessions draw us from these spiritual treasures, we must recommit ourselves to the discovery of their great value.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with greed. If that does not sit well with you and if you find yourself immediately trying to justify your attachment to material things, then you may need this reflection more than you know. The Lord wants to give you so much more than this world can offer you. Do not make the choice to become attached to that which is "cheap" from an eternal perspective. Strive to embrace those true riches that will remain with you forever.

*Lord of true riches, help me to always keep my heart set on the riches You bestow and to never settle for those things that can never fully satisfy me. I desire the wealth of Heaven, dear Lord, not the riches of Earth. Help me to live the spiritual poverty I am called to live so as to obtain all*

### Consider a gift/bequest to St. Anne's, Mary Queen of Heaven, or St. Francis of Assisi in your will.

I give to the "St. Anne/St. Francis of Assisi/Mary Queen church Preservation Fund" located in Medical Lake/Sprague/Harrington, WA., the following amount/percent \_\_\_ to be used exclusively for Church preservation.

... OR ...

I give to St. Anne/St. Francis of Assisi/Mary Queen Catholic Parish, located " located in Medical Lake/Sprague/Harrington, WA, the following amount/percent \_\_\_ to be used wherever needed most.



# St. Francis of Assisi

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(or simply type:) [bit.ly/StAnneML](http://bit.ly/StAnneML)

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## July 31, 2022 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Francis of Assisi

**Saturday: 5:30 pm Mass \*Confession @ 5:00pm**

### Mary Queen of Heaven

*200 West Alder, Sprague, WA*

Sunday: 10:30 am Latin Mass \*Confession @ 10:00am

12:30 pm [English Mass](#)

Daily Mass: 7:00 am Latin Mass

### St. Anne

*708 East Lake Street, Medical Lake, WA*

Sunday: 9:00 am English Mass

Monday: 6:00 pm English Mass

Tuesday: 9:00 am English Mass

Wednesday: 9:00 am English Mass

Thursday: 9:00 am English Mass

Friday: 6:00 pm English Mass

*\*Confessions 30 minutes before EVERY Mass.*

*\*ADORATION Monday & Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm*

*\*ADORATION Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30am-10:30 am*

## Sacraments

### Penance (Confession):

St. Anne: 30 minutes before EVERY Mass

Mary Queen: Sunday 10:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi: Saturdays 5:00 pm

### Baptism and Confirmation:

Contact Parish Office

### Marriage:

Contact Parish Office

*(requires preparation for at least 6 months in advance)*

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Search for [St. Anne Medical Lake](#)

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


*welcome*  
to our Parish



# Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi

Welcome 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.

## August at a glance:

Sunday	M	Tuesday	Wednesday	Th	F	Saturday
31 St. Anne, Medical Lake, WA 8:30 am Confession 9:00 am Mass Mary Queen of Heaven Sprague, WA 10:00 am Confession 10:30 am Latin Mass 12:30 pm English Mass Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1	2	3	4	5	6 First Saturday at St. Anne 8:30 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary St. Francis of Assisi Harrington, WA 5:00 pm Confession 5:30 pm Mass
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**Saint Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

## 4 Stages of Marriage

- (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening.

Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery please contact Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org) for emotional testimonials.

For confidential information or to register for the September 9, 2022, Spokane weekend call (509) 448-4287 or visit the web site at [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org). The deadline for registration is 8/29/22.

## Mass Prayer Intentions

July 24- July 31

**Sunday:** Pro Populo

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**

**Saturday:**

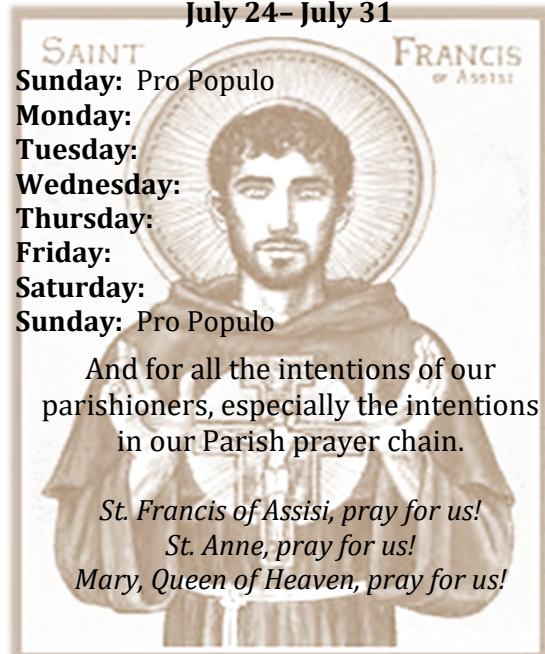
**Sunday:** Pro Populo

And for all the intentions of our parishioners, especially the intentions in our Parish prayer chain.

*St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!*

*St. Anne, pray for us!*

*Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us!*



## Daily Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for  
 Your faithful and fervent priests;  
 for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
 for Your priests laboring at home  
 or abroad in distant mission fields;  
 for Your tempted priests;  
 for Your young priests;  
 for Your dying priests;  
 for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.  
 But above all I recommend to You  
 the priests dearest to me;  
 the priest who baptized me;  
 the priest who absolved me from my sins;  
 the priests whose Masses I assisted  
 and who gave me Your Body and Blood  
 in Holy Communion;  
 the priests who taught and instructed me;  
 all the priests to whom I am indebted  
 in any other way, especially .... *list all priests.*  
 O Jesus, keep them close to Your heart,  
 and bless them abundantly  
 in time and in eternity. Amen.

**PRAY FOR BISHOP DALY  
AND HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT  
OF OUR PARISHS AND SCHOOLS.**

## Looking for a Catholic homeschool group? Consider joining

*Spokane, WA Catholic Schoolhouse*

We are a classical, memory based program that meets once a week for chorus, art, science, presentations, memory work, and fellowship. For more information, please contact [spokanewa@catholicschoolhouse.com](mailto:spokanewa@catholicschoolhouse.com) or call Rashele at 970-216-1553.