



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

March 1st, 2026

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded.*

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

The Transfiguration of our Lord gives us an idea of the beauty of a soul in the state of sanctifying grace. "This is the will of God, your sanctification." It must be our firm determination to preserve the divine life of our soul, at any price.



**Saint Patrick**  
*Patronal Feast*

March 14, 2026  
St. Patrick's Parish

Mass at 4pm | Dinner at 5:30pm

Join us to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick!

Shepherd's pie and sandwiches will be provided - please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There will be activities for the kids!



**You are welcome to join us to decorate Saturday, March 7 at 9am, and assist with clean up after the Feast at St. Patrick's Hall March 14th**

## “Tale of Two Adams” : Reflection on The Second Sunday of Lent

Today’s Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God’s presence. He too spoke with God, and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

But in today’s Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today’s Epistle calls God’s “design . . . from before time began.”

With His promises to Abram in today’s First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram’s name to Abraham, promising that he would be the father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8) and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David’s sons (see Jeremiah 33:26).

In Jesus’ transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old.

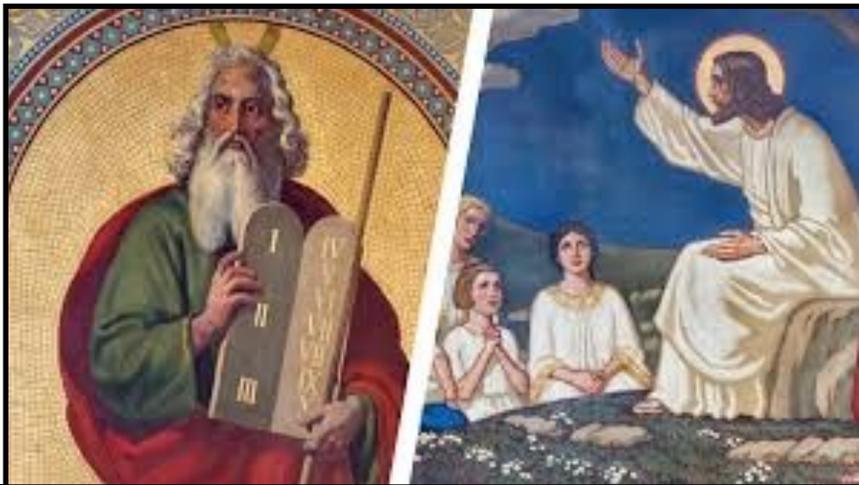
Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the “beloved son” promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15–18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18), and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7–9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today’s Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: “Listen to Him!”

*Scott Hahn*



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jim Moore, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

3pm – Confessions (St. Francis Xavier)

4pm – Vigil Mass (St. Francis Xavier)

Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass,  
(St. Francis Xavier)

9:00am – Holy Mass (St. Patrick)

11:00am – Holy Mass,  
(St. Francis Xavier)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at [sfxspokane.org](http://sfxspokane.org) or at [facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://facebook.com/sfxspokane)

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Office Hours.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

5:30pm Mass *Forgotten Souls*

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

8:00am Mass *Gerson Avila*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Joseph English*

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:00am Mass *Souls of our Priests, Bishops, and Holy Fathers in purgatory.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper, Mary Queen Parish 5:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*





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## Seven Sisters Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the “Seven Sisters Apostolate.” This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509) 362-8646

## Blessed Charles the Good, Martyr March 2nd

In 1086, St. Canute, king of Denmark and father of Blessed Charles the Good, was slain in St. Alban’s Church, Odense. Charles who was only five years old taken by his mother to the court of Robert, Count of Flanders, his maternal grandfather. When he grew up, he became a knight and accompanied Robert in a crusade to the Holy Land where he distinguished himself; on their return, Charles also fought against the English with his uncle.

On Robert’s death, his son Baldwin succeeded him and designated Charles as his heir. At the same time, he arranged for Charles’s marriage to the daughter of the Count of Clermon. During Baldwin’s rule, Charles was closely associated with him, and the people came to have a high regard for his wise and beneficent ways as well as his personal holiness. At Baldwin’s death, in 1119, the people made his cousin their ruler.

Charles ruled his people with wisdom, diligence, and compassion; he made sure that times of truce were respected and fought against black marketers who hoarded food and were waiting to sell it at astronomical prices to the people. This incurred their undying wrath and one day (in 1127) as Charles was praying in the church of St. Donatian they set upon him and killed him.

**PRAYER:** Almighty, ever-loving God, You enabled Blessed Charles to fight to the death for justice. Through his intercession enable us to bear all adversity and with all our strength hasten to You Who alone are life. **Amen.**



2ND ANNUAL TRI-PARISH

# Soup & Stations of The Cross

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## Parish Soup Volunteer Schedule:

St X: 2/20  
St. Pats: 2/27  
Mary Queen: 3/6  
St. X: 3/13  
St. Pats: 3/20  
Mary Queen: 3/27

Stations: 5:30  
Supper: 6:00  
Mary Queen Parish



## Calling All Families!

St. Francis Xavier's Catechism and  
Sacramental Preparation classes  
have begun

**Class Dates & Time: 3/28, 4/18 at 9:00am-11:30am**

Classes will take place at St. Thomas More: 505 W St. Thomas More Way Spokane, WA 99208

Classes are divided by "Pre", "Post", and "Prep" for sacraments. Ages are flexible depending on the needs of the student.

Sacrament Date: Confirmation and First Communion- **Monday April 13 at 5:30pm at St. X**

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**Are You Prepared?**  
**End of Life Workshop**  
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**Saturday, March 7 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Mass at 8:30 (optional)  
**St. Anthony Catholic Church**  
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