

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

WEEKDAYS: 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS



Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati: Man of the Beatitudes

By Fr. Patrick Hartin

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati was canonized by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, 2025. Pope Benedict XVI said he was: “The best witness to the Gospel is the life of the Saints.” This is true of our young Saint, especially relevant to our present world, above all young people.

The meaning of the Christian life is to live with a purpose, directed by a deep relationship with Jesus Christ that grows in love, and service of others, where you use your personal talents, moral commitments, and concrete service to make the world more humane and beautiful. One’s life flourishes in relationships with others, honest work, and is shaped by courage, compassion, and truth. All this is demonstrated in Pier Giorgio’s short life.

Born in Turin, Italy, on April 6, 1901 to a well-known family; his father Alfredo founded the newspaper La Stampa (still a major newspaper in Italy today) and was active in politics. Pier Giorgio joined Marian sodalities; he received permission to receive daily Communion and, from his teens, was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Action, dedicating himself to helping the poor, the sick, and returning soldiers. He loved the mountains, art, music, and practical jokes; he combined an exuberant social life with austere charity and prayer. Pier Giorgio died at age 24 in 1925 and was canonized 100 years later in 2025.

His life shows faith in action; he regularly gave away money, bus fare, and toys; his charity was total, not merely almsgiving, reflecting a conviction that the poor are his masters. Prayer and the Eucharist were central; he combined devout practice with public activism in social causes and with friends, showing holiness is compatible with ordinary joys. He opposed fascism and stood with Catholic social teaching in a turbulent political time, risking reputation for justice. Pier Giorgio evangelized by example—bringing friends to Mass, Scripture, and prayer during outings and climbs—showing that transforming others often starts with ordinary relationships.

Practical ways to follow St. Pier Giorgio’s example:

1. Serve the poor regularly. Make small, consistent sacrifices (time, money, skills) for people in need.
2. Root life in prayer. Make regular prayers the foundation of everyday decisions.
3. Live joyfully and authentically. Combine friendship, leisure, and culture with moral seriousness so faith feels attractive, not forbidding.
4. Stand for justice. Speak and act against injustices, informed by clear moral principles.
5. Use your vocation for others. Choose work or study with an eye to how it can serve people, not only personal advancement.

I recommend the following book for learning more about Pier Giorgio: “A Man of the Beatitudes: Pier Giorgio Frassati” by his sister Luciana Frassati, one year younger than Pier Giorgio, born in 1902 and died in 2007 at the age of 105. Her biography shows his life shaped by the Beatitudes, and you can buy it on Amazon.

Fr. Hartin also wrote a one-week plan modeled on Pier Giorgio Frassati’s habits (prayer, service, friendship, recreation) to help you try living his example. That will be made available as an insert in this week’s bulletin and on parish website.

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCT 19, 2025

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart. (Source: Sunday Connection - www.loyolapress.com)



Dinner and Faith Formation for all ages, Wednesdays at 6 pm

Join us this Wednesday evening for Fatima Shepherds' Table Night! Come and grow in faith and community. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Starting at 6:30, adults are invited to take part in a book study, while children (ages 6 and up) will take part in sacramental preparation. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or calling the parish office so we can plan accordingly.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCT 20

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCT 21

(8:30 am Confession)

9 am, Fr. John

WEDNESDAY, OCT 22

9 am, Fr. Hartin

THURSDAY, OCT 23

(8:30 am Confession)

9 am, Fr. John

FRIDAY, OCT 24

9 am, Fr. John

SATURDAY, OCT 25

(4:15 PM Confession)

5 PM, Fr. Hartin

SUNDAY, OCT 26

8 am, Fr. Brian Mee

10:30 am, Fr. Brian Mee

Will you commit to an hour of grace?

We are seeking faithful hearts to commit to one, consistent hour each Thursday to ensure that our Lord is never left unattended. This commitment is a gift that will exponentially increase the grace in your life. Even if a full hour is not possible, please consider dropping by for 10 or 15 minutes to offer your love. Every moment counts! To sign up for a fixed hour, or to offer yourself as a substitute adorer, please contact the Adoration Coordinator today at: 509-701-9687. Come, let us worship the King of Glory, present right here in our midst!

New Adoration Time:

All day every Thursday

Spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to come for prayer, reflection, and peace.

Every Thursday beginning Oct. 23:

After 9 am mass until 7 pm

Walk for Life NW



SUNDAY, OCT. 19, 12:30 PM
RIVERFRONT PARK

PARISH STAFF

Priest Administrator: Fr. Vincent Gilmore; **Senior Priest:** Fr. Patrick Hartin;

Parochial Vicar/Director of Faith Formation: Fr. John Kibombo; **Deacon:** Patrick Cheung;

Assistant Parish Administrator: Rachael Lentres; **Receptionist:** Mindy Muglia;

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Facilities Manager: Brandon Berry; **Maintenance Director:** Emily Chapman;

Knights of Columbus: John Faerber (509) 990-3161; **All Saints School Principal:** Jen Lewis

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Oct. 15-22:

Tithe: \$8,313

Poor: \$95

Guatamala Fund: \$96

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd begins Fall 2026



Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of faith formation for three to six-year-old children of our parish beginning in the fall of 2026. The catechists who work with the children will participate in nearly 100 hours of formation and will prepare a special environment for the children, which is called the Atrium. Please join us in praying for the those who are called to this ministry. To learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at Our Lady of Fatima, please contact or www.CGSUSA.org.

OCIA sessions begin, please join us!

Classes have begun but there is still time to join us! Sessions will be held in the parish office on Sundays at 9 am. Anyone interested in catechesis so that they may join the Church through baptism and/or confirmation should contact Deborah Schultz at 509-599-1189. Please pass this information along to your friends and neighbors who have expressed an interest in joining the Church. We also invite anyone who may be interested in sponsoring a catechumen or candidate to call.



Annual Catholic Appeal

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Thank you to those that have donated! We are currently half way to our goal!

Many of you may have received a mailing from Bishop Daly regarding this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. If you did not receive a mailing, please take one of the ACA brochures that can be found at the entrance of the Church. Your pledge can also be made on the diocesan website. This year our parish has a goal of raising \$90,426 for the Appeal. We are currently at 52% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Annual Catholic Appeal this year.



Saint Mary Parish Art Walk

"Saints in Sacred Art"

Oct. 25 & 26

Sat 6-8pm, Sun 8am-2pm

**Come join fellow Catholics in
enriching our Faith through
Catholic Art!**

**All are welcome for a Mocktail
Hour, Kids Activities,
Conversation and Fellowship**

Location:

**Saint Mary's Parish Hall
304 S. Adams Rd.
Spokane Valley, WA**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 21

Mary Alyce Konesky +

Wednesday, October 22

Phil Chauvin +

Req. by Ellie Chauvin

Thursday, October 23

Eugene Kolar +

Req. by Faerbers'

Friday, October 24

Nicholas Shultz +

Req. by Deborah Schultz

Saturday, October 25

William Weiskopf+

Req. by Bob Weiskopf

DAILY READINGS

2025 OCTOBER 20 MONDAY

Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72,
73-75; Gospel, Luke 12:13-21

2025 OCTOBER 21 TUESDAY

Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21; Psalms
40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17; Gospel, Luke 12:35-
38

2025 OCTOBER 22 WEDNESDAY

Romans 6:12-18; Psalms 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-
8; Gospel, Luke 12:39-48

2025 OCTOBER 23 THURSDAY

Romans 6:19-23; Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6'
Gospel, Luke 12:49-53

2025 OCTOBER 24 FRIDAY

Romans 7:18-25; Psalms 119:66, 68, 76,
77, 93, 94; Gospel, Luke 12:54-59

2025 OCTOBER 25 SATURDAY

Romans 8:1-11; Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Gospel, Luke 13:1-9

2025 OCTOBER 26 SUNDAY

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Psalms 34:2-3,
17-18, 19, 23; Second Timothy 4:6-8, 16-
18; Gospel, Luke 18:9-14

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homebound, or funeral services,
please contact the parish office.***



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Planning for Your Spiritual & Corporal Needs

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Mass at 8:30 (optional)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

503 N. Walnut St., Spokane Valley, WA 99206

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