

# St. Anthony Parish

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# NOVEMBER 16, 2025

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Pastor's Corner**—My brothers and sisters in Christ, May the Lord continue to bless our families and our parish community! As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings this Sunday invite us to reflect on what truly lasts. The world around us may feel uncertain, but the Word of God calls us to stand firm in faith, persevere in goodness, and build our lives on Christ—the one foundation that never crumbles.

In the first reading (Malachi 4:1-2a), the prophet speaks of a coming day of the Lord—a day of both justice and healing. “For you who fear my name,” he proclaims, “there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.” God is not indifferent to the world’s pain or to our own struggles. He promises healing for those who trust Him. This “sun of justice” is Jesus Christ, who shines light into every darkness and offers hope that endures.

The responsorial psalm echoes that confidence: “The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.” (Psalm 98) Our faith teaches us to live in joyful expectation—praising God not out of fear, but out of hope that His love will make all things new. In the second reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12), St. Paul reminds the early Christians to remain active and faithful: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.” Faith is not passive; it is lived in daily service, in honest work, and in perseverance when good deeds seem unnoticed. Every act of love—every Mass attended, every child taught the faith, every kindness offered—is a seed of the kingdom of God.

Finally, in the Gospel (Luke 21:5-19), Jesus warns His disciples that temples and kingdoms will fall, that persecution and confusion will come. Yet His message is not one of fear but of courage: “By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” In other words, hold fast. When the world feels unstable, fix your heart on what endures—the love and truth of Christ. For us at St. Anthony’s and St. Joseph’s, this message speaks powerfully. We see change around us—in our Church, in our society, in our own lives—but our call remains the same: to be witnesses of hope. Like those early Christians, we are invited to serve faithfully, to pray steadfastly, and to trust that God’s grace is at work, even when we cannot yet see the full picture.

Let us remember: the sun of righteousness still rises every morning. God is faithful. Our perseverance in prayer, in service, and in love will not be in vain. May Christ, our “Sun of Justice,” renew our hearts and fill our communities with hope. And may our patron saints, St. Anthony and St. Joseph, intercede for us, that we may always live as people of light and steadfast faith.

May God bless our Parish! May the Lord continue to provide us with deeper faith and love in the Eucharist!

God bless you!

Fr. Gus Ruiz

### OUR GIFT TO GOD

We thank God for you! Your gifts throughout the year are gratefully acknowledged.

#### **November 1 & 2**

4:30 Mass: \$569  
9:30 Mass: \$443  
11:30 Mass: \$559

**Total: \$1,571**

#### **November 8 & 9**

4:30 Mass: \$431  
9:30 Mass: \$541  
11:30 Mass: \$704  
**Total: \$1,676**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

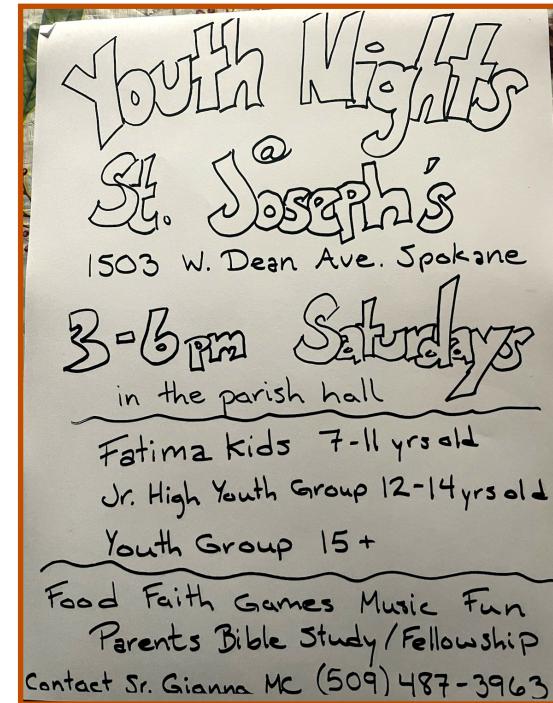
**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**—Thank you to all of you who have so generously given to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have received pledges/contributions of \$20,885 toward our parish goal of \$33,111. If you haven’t yet pledged, please join your fellow parishioners in meeting our goal.

**PARISH WORK PARYTY**—Thank you to the many people who came to help deep-clean St Anthony's. We prayed for 3 or 4, and God sent us an army of over 30 people. Your help and dedication to our parish are a beautiful testimony of faith.

#### **CANDY AND BAKE SALE**—

The Women of St Anthony's are hosting a Candy and Bake Sale for the Feast of St Nicholas. December 6, after the 4:30 mass, and December 7, after the 9:30 am mass. We are looking for donations of baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church. Anything made can be picked up from you and will be packaged to sell. Please consider donating a treat or coming and purchasing one.

**TURKEY BINGO IS TODAY!!**—Join us on Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in Trinity Gym for Turkey Bingo. Food available for purchase





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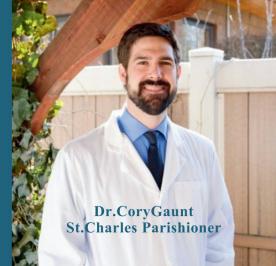


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