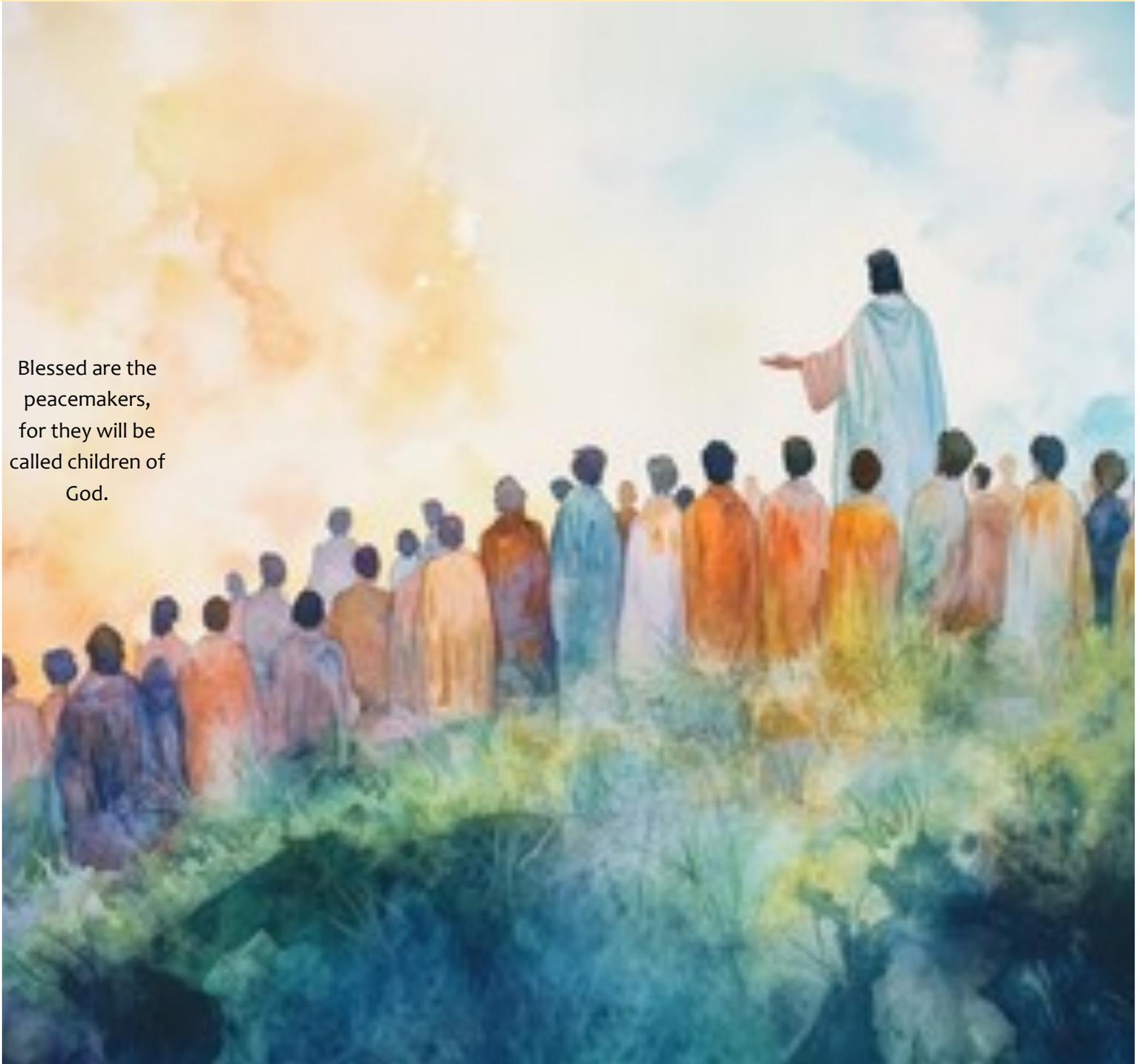


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*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people.”*

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 1

Food Sunday
 Religious Ed class 11:15 AM
 OCIA 11:15 AM
 Guatemala Quilt Raffle ticket sale

Tuesday, February 3

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
 Parish Council 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 4

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
 The Vine (social faith sharing) 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 5

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM
 KOC Business meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, February 6

Share the Word (exploring the Sunday readings) 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 7

Men's Fellowship & breakfast 7:00 AM
 Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM



Dear Parishioners, the Faith in Action Ministry would like to thank all of you again for your support for our Used Book Sale. We raised around \$3,000 dollars and will be donating it to non-profit organizations that provide food for hungry people. We will let you know who we choose as soon as we have finalized our choices. Blessings to all of you.

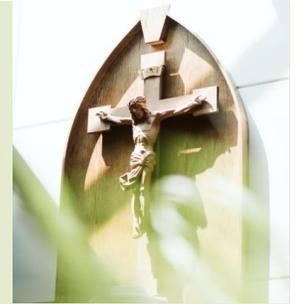
—Sincerely, Peggy Ellingson, Book Sale Chair

2026 LOURDES NOVENA FOR HEALING

Bishop Daly cordially invites you to participate in the Lourdes Novena for healing at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. These nine days of prayer and devotion focuses on all kinds of healing—spiritual, physical, emotional, and the healing of relationships. The Novena begins on Tuesday, February 3rd, each day through Wednesday, February 11. During the week, the Novena starts at 5:30 PM, and at 4:00 PM on the weekend days. [Click on this link for the full schedule.](#)

Novena of Grace St. Aloysius Parish, Spokane

The theme for the 98th Annual Novena of Grace is “The Call to Relationship”, centered on the various ways we engage in our relationships to God, others and ourselves.



The weekday Novena Services will be at **12:15 PM**. Weekday Novena Masses will be at **5:30 PM**. Each service and Mass will include praying out loud the community's various novena prayer intentions and individual blessings with the relics of St. Francis Xavier.

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
 Sunday 10:00 AM
 Tuesday & Wednesday
 Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Reconciliation on Wednesday
 9:00—2:00 PM
Adoration Wednesdays 9:00—2:00 PM

First Reading [Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm [146:6-10](#)

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#)

Gospel Reading [Matthew 5:1-12a](#)

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted, for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31—St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, February 1—Bob Watkins+

Tuesday, February 3—Sally LeFebvre (healing)

Wednesday, February 4—Mary Applegate (healing)

Saturday, February 7—St. Joseph Parishioners



HEARTS ON FIRE
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11th Annual Guatemala Commission Celebration

Date: April 27, 2026

Location: Barrister Winery, Spokane

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Cost: Free

Event Details: Enjoy appetizers and wine is available for purchase.

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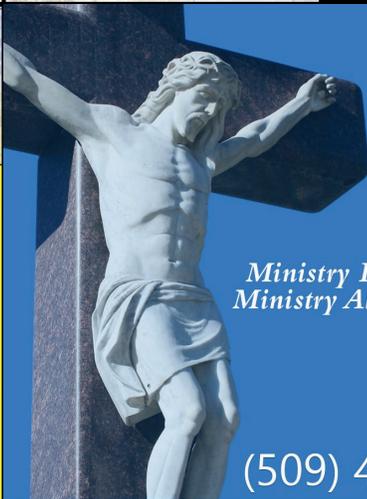
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