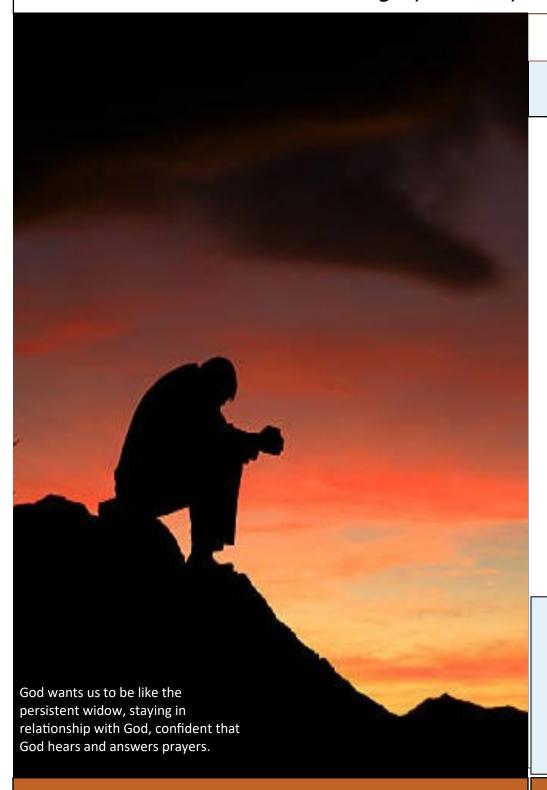
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"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.

Preach the gospel to all people."



October 18-19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Sunday Mass 10:00 AM Tuesdays 8:30 AM Wednesdays 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

stjosephcolbert.org/prayer-chain

PARISH REGISTRATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Saturday, October 25

Renee M., Mary F. Lector: Ken H.

Sunday, October 26

Natalie S., Dey S., Bob P. Lector: Laurie S.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19

Faith in Action Ministry Pajama Drive
Religious Ed classes 11:15 AM
OCIA 11:15 AM

Tuesday, October 21

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Adult Faith Formation: The Turning Point 10:00 AM
Women's Circle Book Club 1:30 PM
Adult Faith Formation: The Turning Point 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 22

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Quilting & Needlework Group 9:00 AM

Friday, October 24

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

Saturday, October 25

Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM Faith in Action Ministry Pajama Drive

Sunday, October 26

Faith in Action Ministry Pajama Drive
Religious Ed classes 11:15 AM
OCIA 11:15 AM

HEALING MASS

All are invited to attend a Healing Mass at St. Mary's Parish in Deer Park on Thursday, November 6 at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch. Please RSVP to St. Mary's at 509-276–2948 with how many to be anointed and if you are staying for lunch.

Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor Joe Schroeder, Deacon Jeannie Saccomanno, Office Manager Bill Ryan, Facilities Manager Sydney Wilson, Youth Group Mary Green, Admin. Assistant

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 18 - St. Joseph Parishioners Sunday, October 19 - Geri Comstock+ Tuesday, October 21— William Akers+ Wednesday, October 22— Sue Kerschen+ Saturday, October 25 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Each year in November we remember our loved ones who have passed away during the year.

An **Altar of Remembrance** in the sanctuary will share photos of those we remember in prayer. If you have lost a loved one this past year, please send us or bring in a photo along with the name, dates of birth and death.

Email to stjosephcolbert@dioceseofspokane.org
by **Wednesday, October 31.**

PAJAMA DRIVE!

The Faith in Action Ministry is hosting a pajama drive to benefit the Catholic Charities shelters in the Spokane area. On **October 18-19 and 25-26** we will be accepting donations of pajamas for men, women, and children. A large donation of tops was received, so pajama bottoms are particularly helpful. **Thank you!**

INCOME	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 3,546.00
Plate	\$ 596.00	\$ 1,005.00
Online gifts	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,219.69
Total	\$ 5,616.00	\$ 6,770.69
Kids collection		\$ 58.94

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First Reading Exodus 17:8-13
Responsorial Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

Background on the Gospel Reading

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. This first parable is a lesson in persistence 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.

—Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Spotlight on Young Saints

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, also known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," holds a unique place in the history of the Catholic Church as the first Native American saint. Born in 1656 to a Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquin mother, Kateri's life was marked by



hardship and persecution. After losing her parents and brother to a smallpox epidemic, which also left her partially blind and scarred, Kateri converted to Christianity at the age of 19. Her conversion was met with hostility from her tribe, and she faced significant challenges due to her new faith.

Despite these obstacles, Kateri remained devoted to her beliefs, living a life of deep prayer, penance, and care for others. She took a vow of perpetual virginity and dedicated herself to the service of the sick and elderly, embodying Christ's teachings of love and service to the marginalized. Kateri's unwavering faith and dedication to God despite the cultural and social challenges she faced have made her a powerful symbol of perseverance and spiritual strength. She was canonized by Pope Benedict in 2012, highlighting the universality of sainthood and the Church's recognition of diverse cultural expressions of faith.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 4 5:30 - 7:30 PM

We have an opportunity to build some of the food kits that students receive. This is a lot of fun and helps a lot of students! Stay tuned for more information. Respect Life Month, celebrated in October, focuses on the theme "Life: Our Sign of Hope," reflecting the Jubilee Year of Hope and the dignity of the human person. The month promotes prayer, education, advocacy, and service to protect human life from conception to natural death.

Resource: <u>USCCB's Respect Life Program website</u>





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