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# St. Patrick

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 15TH 2026**

**ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**

**12:00PM ENGLISH AT ST PATRICK**

**5:30PM LATIN AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER**

### Affair of the Heart

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see Jeremiah 31:31–34). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see Matthew 6:21; 15:18–20).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see Romans 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart (see Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6).

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit, that His Law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God’s plan from before all ages. Let us trust in this wisdom and live by His kingdom law.

As we do in this week’s Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our heart.

-Scott Hahn

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## 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



***St. Patrick our Patron Pray for us and our families!***

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart of every person who may think of me, Christ in the mouth of every person who may speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me!

- St Patrick's Breastplate

**WEEKEND SCHEULE**

**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**)

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## St. Juliana, Virgin and Martyr February 16th

Juliana was born in the 3rd century. During the persecution under Emperor Maximian, according to the Roman Martyrology, she was scourged by her father Africanus because of her strong attachment to Christianity. Later, when she refused to marry the prefect Evilasius, she was tortured by her father and then thrown into prison.

Legend has it that while in prison Juliana wrestled with the devil who appeared in the form of an Angel. Despite terrible physical assaults on her body, Juliana refused to give up her Faith. Seemingly evil spirits could not move her.

Eventually the Saint was condemned to death. Although thrown into a fiery furnace and later into a cauldron of boil oil, she remained unharmed. As a result, she was beheaded.

Where all of this occurred is open to question. The general belief is took place at Cumae, near Naples, where Juliana's relics are reputed to be. The Roman Martyrology states that she was martyred at Nicomedia and that her relics were later transferred to Cumae.

PRAYER: All-powerful and ever-living God, You choose the weak in this world to confound the powerful. As we celebrate the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Juliana, may we like her remain constant in Faith. **Amen.**



**Men's Conference**  
February 21  
7:00AM-4:00pm  
@ Gonzaga Prep

HEARTS ON FIRE

worship and serve

**GOD**  
alone

Presenter: Bishop Thomas Daly

## Calling All Families!

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

**Class Dates & Time: 2/21, 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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**Wednesday, February 18 • 9 am - 3 pm**



**Ash Wednesday Silent Day of Prayer:**  
**Spending a Grace-Filled Lent**  
**Engaging Redemptive Suffering**  
Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC  
\$47 per person, \$57 with use of room for the day

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**Are You Prepared?**  
**End of Life Workshop**  
*Planning for Your Spiritual & Corporal Needs*  
**Saturday, March 7 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Mass at 8:30 (optional)  
**St. Anthony Catholic Church**  
2320 N. Cedar St., Spokane, WA 99205

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Join us for this informative workshop and learn how to preplan for the end of life.  
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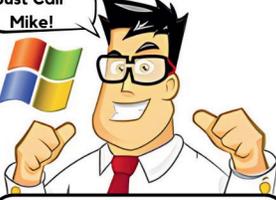
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