

St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM
Reconciliation: Sat. 2:30—3:30 PM and by appt.

Holy Ghost, Valley

St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe

Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM (at Holy Ghost)
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM at HG

Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday, 6:00 PM
Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

April 4 No Mass (Chrism Mass in Spokane)
April 5 Darlene Ghirleri +
April 6 Patricia Stanton
April 7 Ed Rhodes +
April 8, 4 PM Joan May +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday No Mass (Chrism Mass at Cathedral)
Wednesday 1:00 PM Providence St. Joseph Hospital
Thursday 12:15 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30 AM

Annual Catholic Appeal

This is a reminder to everyone how important the 100% parishioner PARTICIPATION is to me. Yes, it would be nice to make our goals, but it is even more important that everyone *participates* in supporting the diocese, the place where many become ONE. Making a pledge of a prayer or a dollar is still participation. I will be sending out letters shortly after Easter to all who have not participated in this important appeal.

Fr. Jeff

First-Friday Devotion

Friday, April 7, is the first Friday in April. First-Friday Devotion continues that day with Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour.

Confessions at Sacred Heart

Friday, April 7, is the First Friday in April. Confessions will be heard at Sacred Heart in Springdale from 5:00—5:30 PM.

Lenten Confessions and Penance Service

- Monday, April 10, 6—7:00 PM (Sacred Heart)
- Wednesday, April 12, 5:30—6:30 PM (SMR)

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross take place on Fridays in Lent at 5:30 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary.

Stations of the Cross also take place on Tuesdays at Noon at St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe.

Speaker at Last Soup Supper

Vonnie McCoy, director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Colville, will be the speaker at the last Friday night Soup Supper on April 7. Even if you aren't able to attend Stations of the Cross at 5:30, you are still welcome to come for soup at 6:00 and then listen to Vonnie talk about the ministry work she does with young women of our area. This is part of the theme, "Who is My Neighbor?" as outlined by the Washington Council of Catholic Bishops.

Chrism Mass

The faithful of the Diocese of Spokane are invited to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at **5:15 PM on Tuesday, April 4**, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. Bishop Daly will be joined by the priests of the diocese for this annual blessing of Holy Oils. The name of the Mass comes from the Sacred Chrism which is one of the oils to be blessed and then used for celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination to the Priesthood. The other oils to be blessed are the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Holy Ghost Altar Society Meeting

This Sunday, April 2, the Altar Society of Holy Ghost will meet after the 8:00 AM Mass. Also, the monthly collection for the Valley Food Pantry will be taken up; thank you for your generosity.

Holy Ghost/St. Joseph Parish Council

Tuesday, April 4, is the first Tuesday in April, and the parish council of Holy Ghost/St. Joseph meets that evening at 7:00 PM at Holy Ghost parish hall.

Holy Ghost Brunch Potluck

Sunday, April 9, is the second Sunday in April, and the monthly Holy Ghost brunch potluck takes place that day immediately after Mass. Please bring a breakfast item to share and enjoy some parish fellowship.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13: Mass at 7:00 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary; Adoration from 8:00—10:00 PM in the special chapel (parish library).

Good Friday, April 14:

- Stations at 5:30 PM (led by children of FFF)
- Veneration of the Cross at 6:30 PM (SMR)

Easter Vigil, April 15: St. Mary of the Rosary, 8:00 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 16:

- Holy Ghost — 8:00 AM
- Sacred Heart — 10:00 AM (Fr. Jeff)
- St. Mary of the Rosary — 10:00 AM (Fr. Dan Barnett)
- Providence St. Joseph Hospital — 12:00 Noon

February Financial Report

March	Income	Expenses
St. Mary	\$10,355.15	\$ 20,350.05
Holy Ghost	2,192.73	12,484.33
Sacred Heart	1,211.50	1,623.67
Year-to-Date		
St. Mary	\$107,424.28	\$109,619.35
Holy Ghost	22,930.68	30,890.49
Sacred Heart	10,184.10	8,042.09

*Note: Annual insurance bills were paid in February. Holy Ghost also had major furnace repairs.

Ladies Auxiliary meets April 12

Family Faith Formation:

Large-Group Gathering

Our next Large-Group Gathering for *Family Faith Formation* is this Wednesday, April 5, 6:30—8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Fr. Jeff is our presenter for the adult faith formation; children K-6 will be with their catechists in the St. Mary's School building. Our theme this month: "End-of-Life Issues," and the children, with their catechists, will prepare for Good Friday Stations of the Cross and our end-of-year celebration. See you there!

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis for information.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony: Couples contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis at least four months prior to marriage.

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Veiling Statues and Crosses

There is a custom that Catholic parishes and chapels veil statues and crosses during the last weeks of Lent. But why do we do this?

In some churches, statues and crosses are actually removed from the church altogether, but most places simply veil them with a plain, lightweight purple cloth that is without any decoration.

This custom of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of Lent comes from the former liturgical calendar in which the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called "Passion Sunday", even though the Passion Gospel itself was not proclaimed until the following Sunday, Palm Sunday. (Today, "Passion" Sunday and "Palm" Sunday are merged into one: the Sixth Sunday in Lent, and its proper name is "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.") Because the Fifth Sunday in Lent used to be "Passion" Sunday, the period following the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called Passiontide. A remnant of this custom is the obligatory use of the first Preface of the Lord's Passion during the Fifth Week of Lent.

The purpose for this veiling is that it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of redemption. It simplified the church setting, reducing its beauty by covering up the religious art of statues and crosses, thereby heightening the sense of spiritual desert into which we entered at the beginning of Lent, heightened now and brought into even greater focus as Lent draws nearer to its culmination with the Triduum (the "three days" of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday).

Somewhat related to the veiling of statues and crosses is a far lesser-known custom of removing holy water during Lent or during the Passiontide. This custom, however, is erroneous, and the Vatican has stated thus on several occasions. The Congregation of Divine Worship and the Sacraments, for example, stated in 2005 that "the liturgical legislation in force does not foresee this innovation [of removing holy water during Lent or the Passiontide], which . . . is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts. The encouragement of the Church that the faithful avail themselves frequently of the sacraments is to be understood to apply also to the season of Lent. The 'fast' and 'abstinence' which the faithful embrace in this season does not extend to abstaining from the sacraments or sacramental of the Church." And holy water is a sacramental. Like the Rosary. To remove holy water from the church during Lent would be akin to forbidding parishioners to not pray the Rosary during Lent.