

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

7:30 am — The Rosary is recited for our First Confession & Communion Candidate — Colfax
 8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
 9:00 am — Religious Education Classes — Colfax
 11:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John
 4:00 pm — Knights Auction Social Hour — Colfax
 5:30 pm — Knights Auction Dinner — Colfax

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026

First Tuesday Devotion to St. Patrick

(Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin, Optional Memorial)

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax
 11:00 am — 2nd Harvest Food Distribution — Colfax

Wednesday, March 4th, 2026

(Saint Casimir, Optional Memorial)

8:00 am — Mass — Colfax
 9:00 am — Women's Bible Study — Colfax
 12:00 pm — Community Senior Lunch — Colfax

Thursday, March 5th, 2026

8:00 am — Mass — Colfax
 8:30 am to 6:00 pm — Adoration — Colfax
 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm — Reconciliation — Colfax

Friday, March 6th, 2026

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

No Morning Mass — Colfax
 5:30 pm — Stations of the Cross — Colfax
 6:00 pm — Mass — Colfax

Saturday, March 7th, 2026

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs, Optional Mem.)

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax
 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm — Reconciliation — Colfax
 4:30 pm — The Rosary is recited — Colfax
 5:00 pm — Vigil Mass — Colfax

Sunday, March 8th, 2026

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
 9:00 am — Religious Education Classes — Colfax
 10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026

6:00 pm — Parish Council Meeting — Colfax

Thursday, March 12th, 2026

7:30 pm — Knights of Columbus Meeting — Colfax

Mass Intentions:

Tue. Mar. 03	8:00 am — ☩ John J. McInerny requested by P. Simmons
Wed. Mar. 04	8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller
Thur. Mar. 05	8:00 am — ☩ Heidi Dowling requested by G. & L. Hall
Fri. Mar. 06	5:30 pm — Dick McNeilly requested by S. McNeilly
Sat. Mar. 07	8:00 am — ☩ John J. McInerny requested by P. Simmons 5:00 pm — ☩ Bruce Hochsprung requested by L. Bruya
Sun. Mar. 08	8:00 am — ☩ Dick & Marge McCully requested by G. & L. Hall 10:00 am — St. John: ☩ Mark Rubin requested by M. & R. Johnson

Lectors

Saturday, March 7th, 5:00 pm — Carey Murphy / Sunday, March 8th, 8:00 am — Youth Lector

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March 1st, 2026 The Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings

The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a / Psalm 33
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9

Responsorial Psalm 33

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
 as we place our trust in you.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil — Colfax at 5:00 PM
 Sunday — Colfax at 8:00 AM
 Sunday — St. John at 11:00 AM-1st Sunday of month
 10:00 AM all other Sundays

DAILY MASS — COLFAX

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 AM — Colfax

RECONCILIATION

4:30 pm to 4:50 pm Saturdays before Mass—Colfax
 8:30 am after Thursday Daily Mass—Colfax
 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm Thursdays—Colfax
 Or by appointment, contact (509) 397-3921

PARISH OFFICE HOURS — COLFAX

Tuesdays & Fridays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ADORATION SCHEDULE — COLFAX

Thursday after 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Call the Parish Office to prepare for the sacraments of baptism, wedding, first communion and confirmation.

LOCATIONS

St. Patrick Parish — 1018 S. Main St. Colfax, WA 99111
 St. Joseph Parish—2nd & Star Lacrosse, WA 99143
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help — 325 W. Liberty St. John, WA 99171

Reflection

Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's first reading, we see the story of Abram's journey to follow God and live a life of faith begins. The word "bless", which is repeated five times, occurs hundreds of times in the Bible. The main Hebrew word for bless is "barak" which means "to kneel down in an act of adoration or to give praise". Another Hebrew word for blessing is "esher", which is also translated as happiness. "Blessings" are an integral part of the Biblical narrative, and they are expressed in many different ways.

God is the source of blessing and His creatures are the recipients. For instance, God created plants, living creatures, animals, man and woman, and He blessed them, Genesis (1:22, 28). At other times, the order is reversed. The creatures are the invokers of blessings and the Creator God is the recipient. For example, Daniel gives praise and glory to God together with creation by saying, "Sun and moon, bless the Lord... - Daniel (3:57-88). Similarly, the Book of Genesis records a servant of Abraham bowing and worshipping the Lord with this prayer, "Blessed be Yahweh, God of my master Abraham", Genesis (24:26-27).

The word "barak" is also used by man to bless man. For example, Isaac called down the blessing of God upon his son Jacob, Genesis (27:19). In the same way, Aaron called a blessing upon the people, Numbers (6:23). The Psalmist tells us that those who "walk in the light of God's presence", Psalm (89:15), those who "walk in the fear of the Lord", Psalms (112:1, 128:1), and those "who seek justice", Psalm (106:3), are the "blessed" people. In the gospel of Mark, we read that Jesus embraced children, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing, Mark (10:16). Jesus also taught His disciples to bless those who curse them, Luke (6:28a). Weaving these threads together, we see that "bless", "blessing", and "blessed" refer to the bestowal of divine favor, bestowing goodness on others, glorifying and speaking well of God and others, asking for protection from evil, bringing happiness about and so on.

What did "bless" and "blessing" mean to Abram when God spoke to him? We do not know much about Abram's life until God spoke to him. From the chapters before today's text in the Book of Genesis, we learn that Abram, born in Ur in modern Iraq, was the son of Terah, a descendant of Shem, a son of Noah. Abram and Sarai were married and living in Haran in modern Lebanon when God spoke to him. They had no children because Sarai was barren, and they were both very old. That's all we know about Abram. We must note two important things here:

- 1) He was a nomad who was looking for a land of his own;
- 2) He was childless. Having children was very important in his time, as children would carry on the family name, provide for their family and care for their parents in their old age;

When he was 99 years old, God changed his name from Abram meaning "high father", or "great father", to "Abraham" meaning "father of a multitude", and his wife's name "Sarai" meaning "my princess" to Sarah meaning "mother of nations", and promised them a son, Genesis (17:5, 17:15). Eventually Abraham had his promised son, Isaac with his wife, Sarah. At the time of his death, Abraham had indeed been materially blessed by God with livestock, silver and gold, Genesis (13:2). So, we see that God's blessings for Abram included God's gracious provisions for personal well-

being, a long life, abundance of food, children, wealth, security, peace and God's presence. God's blessings to Abram caused him to prosper in all that he did. He was blessed both temporally and spiritually, Genesis (13:14-18, 15:6, 15:18) and John (8:56).

God had said that He would not only bless Abram, but also bless those Abram would bless, and make his name so great that he would be a blessing to all people on earth. Perhaps Abram did not understand what it all meant. But it looks like God had a much larger plan than met the eye. God's plan was to bring blessing to the whole world. God had devised His universal redemptive plan long before the call of Abram but He merely chose Abram as the starting-point. As a matter of fact, this plan had been unfolding gradually through time since the fall of Adam and Eve. After the serpent had deceived the man and the woman into eating fruit from the forbidden tree, God declared that He would put enmity between the serpent and the woman, and between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed.

Eventually the seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head indicating Satan's ultimate defeat, Genesis (3:15). The seed was passed down to Adam's son, Seth, who in turn passed it down to his own son Noah and then to Abram, then to David through the line of Judah, and then to Joseph and Mary and finally to Jesus, Genesis (49:8-12). From Jesus' public ministry we know that He healed the sick, raised the dead, cleansed lepers, cast out devils, fed the hungry, but first and foremost, He came to crush Satan. He came to break the power of sin. Today, we Christians believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, and that by His crucifixion and resurrection He has delivered us from the power of Satan, the slavery to sin, and the fear of death.

Abram's call and blessing from God was a big one, big enough to be felt through all the ages. God called Abram, and Abram in faith, responded to the call quickly. Just by responding favorably to God's call, God provided him with the great blessing and made him a blessing to others. From the beginning, God's promise to "make Abram the father of a great nation and make his name great" was indeed a great blessing but it did not come easy. They entailed a lot of discomfort, hardship and sacrifice. Yet, Abram trusted in God's word and left his land. It was the beginning of a great piece of history which would go on for centuries, and which is far from being over - the history of Israel, and of the Christian people and of our own history. Hence, we can also rightly call Abraham our father in faith and the father of all believers in God's power and love.

Abraham's blessing also extended to his descendants as they walked with God. However, Abraham's blessings do not come to everyone but only people of faith. Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans rightly reminds us that Abraham was promised the world for his descendants, and we who have faith in Christ Jesus are those descendants, Romans (4:13). He was blessed because of his faith in God's Word. We must also receive these blessings in faith. If we refuse to believe the blessings are for us, we will not receive them.

God still blesses us, and at the same time calls us to be a blessing to others. Let us, in all humility and gratitude, accept both God's temporal and spiritual blessings to us and in turn, let us be a blessing to others wherever we are during this Lent.

May God Bless Us...Fr. J. Jeyabalan (Fr. Jey)

Events Around the Parish

First Confession & Holy Communion: Today, Sunday, March 1st, we celebrate the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion for Saul Higginson. Please pray for Saul as he receives these spiritual Sacraments of the Church.

Rite of Election: The Rite of Election for our Diocese Confirmation Candidates will be held this Sunday, March 1st at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral in Spokane. All are invited to attend this beautiful rite and pray for our candidates:

- Anika Newton
- Dante Newton
- Areli Jo (A.J.) Tuley
- Evan Tuley, Jr.

Knights of Columbus Auction & Dinner: The Knights of Columbus Auction and Dinner will be this Sunday, March 1st with the social hour beginning at 4:00 pm and dinner served at 5:30 pm. This will be a prime rib & shrimp scampi dinner for adults. See you there!!

Second Harvest Food Truck coming to Colfax: Good news! Since Colfax recently lost its food bank downtown, the 2nd Harvest Food Truck from Spokane will be coming to Colfax Tuesday, March 3rd! It will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church parking lot for food distribution from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for anyone experiencing food insecurity. If you or anyone you know is in need of food assistance please pass this information on. We need about 10 volunteers from our church to help prepare the boxes for distribution. They would need to be there by 9:00 am. Thanks everyone!!!

Community Senior Lunch: St. Patrick Parish will be hosting another Community Senior Lunch at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 4th. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule for those who can help. Come join us and enjoy the company of our seniors!



Prepares News: If you are currently a PREPARES volunteer or would like to be, please sign up to share some time serving families. We at St. Patrick and Our Lady of Perpetual Help are blessed to be able to offer families essential baby items as well as support and encouragement during the journey of pregnancy and parenting. There will be a sign-up sheet on the PRPARES bulletin board. PREPARES diaper distribution is every 2nd Tuesday of the Month from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall; all months from April to December are open. Current needs are size 4t/5t Pull-ups.

Congratulation to all our Candidates!!



Stations of the Cross & Mass: Please join us this Lenten Season for Stations of the Cross which will be held each Friday during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm followed immediately by Mass. There will be **no 8:00 am Daily Mass** on these Fridays. Please join us for this beautiful and reflective Lenten tradition.

