

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 1st, 2026

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
 9:00 am — Religious Education — Colfax
11:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

Monday, February 2nd, 2026

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am — Mass — Colfax

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

First Tuesday Devotion to St. Patrick

(Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr / Saint Ansgar, Bishop, Optional Memorial)

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, February 4th, 2026

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

Thursday, February 5th, 2026

(Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr, Memorial)

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Thursday, February 5th, 2026 — continued

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

Friday, February 6th, 2026

First Friday Devotion to The Sacred Heart of Jesus

(Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, Memorial)

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Saturday, February 7th, 2026

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:00 am — 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, February 8th, 2026

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

Mass Intentions:

Mon. Feb. 02 8:00 am — † Sharon Crampton requested by V. Crampton
Tue. Feb. 03 8:00 am — † John J. McInerney requested by P. Simmons
Wed. Feb. 04 8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller
Thur. Feb. 05 8:00 am — † Joe McDonald requested by D. McDonald
Fri. Feb. 06 8:00 am — † John Burke requested by L. Hiller
Sat. Feb. 07 8:00 am — † John J. McInerney requested by P. Simmons
 5:00 pm — † Special Intention requested by D. McDonald
Sun. Feb. 08 8:00 am — Special Intention requested by L. Bruya
 10:00 am — St. John: Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller

Lectors

Saturday, February 7th, 5:00 pm — Virgil Crampton / Sunday, February 8th, 8:00 am — Youth Lector

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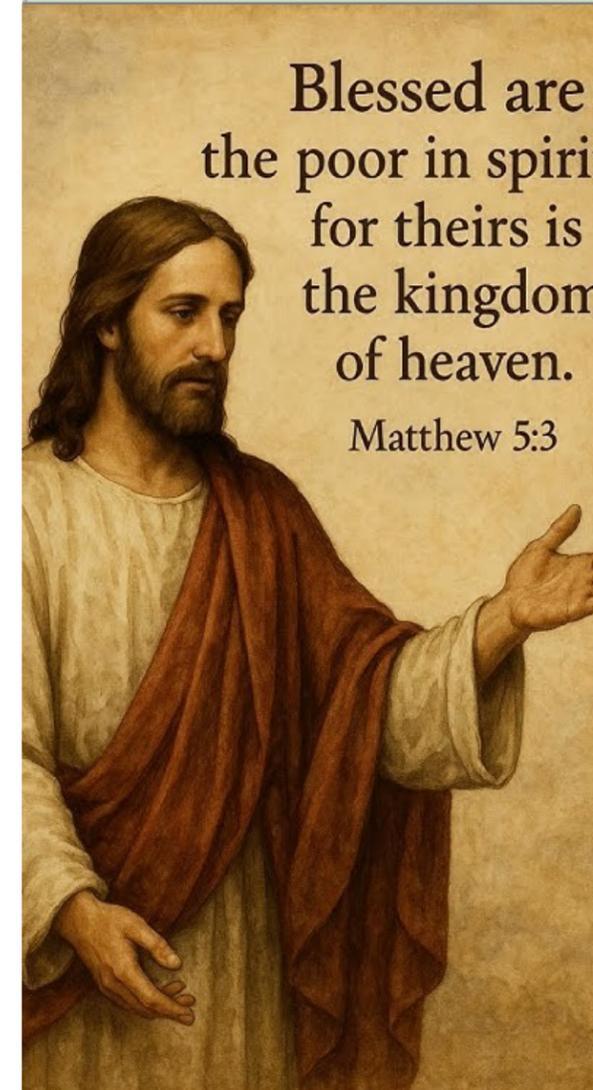
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Blessed are
 the poor in spirit
 for theirs is
 the kingdom
 of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

February 1st, 2026

The Fourth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / Psalm 146
 1st Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12a

Responsorial Psalm 146

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
 the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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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,

“He began to teach them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit ...’”

Today’s Gospel passage is the first twelve verses of the fifth chapter of Matthew: the start of the Sermon on the Mount. In our own day, preachers often start a sermon with a story or a joke. Jesus decided to begin His Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes.

However, before he starts giving us Jesus’ sermon, St. Matthew the Evangelist mentions a few interesting details about Jesus. The evangelist relates to us that when “Jesus saw the crowds, He went up the mountain, and after He had sat down, His disciples came to Him.” Consider just two points here: that Jesus went up the mountain, and that He sat down there.

Why did Jesus have to go up a mountain in order to preach a sermon? Obviously, He didn’t have to. Jesus preached many other sermons during the three years of His public ministry, and most of them were preached in other settings. But in St. Matthew’s account of the Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount is Jesus’ first sermon, so Jesus is teaching us here not only by His words, but also by the setting that He chose, and by choosing to sit down.

Why did Jesus choose a mountain to be the site of His first sermon? St. Matthew clarifies this throughout the course of his Gospel account. Through the way he structures his Gospel account, St. Matthew portrays Jesus as a New Moses. Both the mountain setting and act of sitting to reach His disciples reflect this. One reason for portraying Jesus as the New Moses is that unlike many other New Testament books, Matthew’s Gospel account was written for converts from Judaism.

Moses was, for the Jewish people, the Prophet without peer. In the last chapter of the last book of the Jewish Law—Deuteronomy Chapter 34—following the description of Moses’ death, the Bible says that “there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, ... and for all the mighty power and all the great and terrible deeds which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel” [Deut 34:10-12].

Yet even more important than all the signs and wonders and all the great and terrible deeds which Moses worked was the fact that the Lord chose him—Moses—to bear the Ten Commandments to His People. During the course of their Exodus from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land, God’s People stopped at Mount Sinai. There, while the rest of God’s People remained below, Moses alone ascended Sinai to receive from God His Ten Commandments. Moses then had to descend the mountain to give to God’s People this Law, the means by which His People might keep right with God.

But here in St. Matthew’s account of the Gospel, it’s not only Jesus who ascends the mountain. Jesus draws His disciples up with Him. In turn, it’s not a voice from the heavens that speaks there to a prophet. Instead, the New Moses, God in the Flesh, speaks to His people face to face. Jesus gives to us, His people, not ten commandments, but nine beatitudes.

There is a wealth of spiritual riches within the beatitudes. But keep in mind that Jesus put the Beatitudes at the start of the Sermon on the Mount because a good teacher puts the most important lesson first. Likewise, then, we ought to consider the first of the nine beatitudes as being first for a reason.

Maybe as you ponder all nine of the Beatitudes, another of them—not the first—will strike you. Meditate on that beatitude during the week. But meditate nonetheless on the first beatitude: first to fall from Our Lord’s lips because He wants it first to shape our hearts.

The Lord has given us everything we need for the journey to Heaven. He’s given us life, grace to strengthen us for the journey, and the journey’s roadmap in these nine beatitudes. The first, upon which all the others rest, is humility: poverty of spirit. The Lord has even helped us to acquire humility. We do so by gazing upon the humility He shows in His compassion, His Divine Mercy, and His self-sacrifice on the Cross. Let us try to be blessed in all the ways possible.

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

Events Around the Parish

Faith Formation: Faith Formation Classes begin this Sunday, February 1st after the 8:00 am Mass. See you there.

Steubenville NW 2026 — Spokane: If you have a teenager that is interested in going to Steubenville NW this year, July 10th—12th in Spokane, early registrations are now open. To secure a reduced rate, the Parish must reserve spots by February 15th. Contact Virgil at vcrampton@dioceseofspokane.org if you would like to reserve a spot.

The Presentation of the Lord-Candlemas: On Candlemas Day, February 2, followers of Jesus celebrate His Presentation at the Temple and the Virgin Mary being purified, with many of the faithful bringing candles to their churches to be blessed. Thereafter (in Poland, for example, where they’re lit and placed in windows to ward off storms), the candles represent Jesus and the day of his induction into Judaism, and they go toward explaining the name of the holy day, Candlemas. We will celebrate the Candlemas at 8:00am in Colfax. Bring your candles from home to be blessed. Please join us if you are able.

Colfax Community Senior Lunch: Wednesday, February 4th, St. Patrick Parish will be hosting the Colfax Community Senior Lunch. This will be open to all seniors in our Colfax Community. We will have soup, bread, and lots of conversation with our chronologically gifted fellow Colfax residents. If you would like to help, please join us for setup and such in the Parish Hall at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Many hands will make light work for all.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.



Prepares News:

The statewide **2026 PREPARES Open Your Heart Campaign** will be off and running in February! Financial donations received during this appeal help keep our parish-based ministry sustainable. The in-pew appeal will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, February 7 - 8**. Please pray for the success of this appeal as it will help all parishes that support families through this ministry continue the incredible life affirming work PREPARES is doing in our diocese. During calendar year 2025 our parish volunteers helped an average of over 20 families per month and distributed an average of 600 diapers per month. For more information about this upcoming event, visit www.preparesforlife.org or check out the PREPARES bulletin board in the vestibule.

Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington:

Please give a warm St. Patrick welcome to CCEW Leadership team member Ben Shedlock who will be sharing a few words about the PREPARES Appeal after Mass on Sunday, February 8th.

Upcoming Men’s Retreat in Spokane:

The 15th annual Hearts on Fire Men’s Conference 2026, “Worship and Serve God Alone” will be held at Gonzaga Preparatory School, Spokane on Saturday, February 21, 2026, 7 AM Registration / 7:30 am Mass (Optional) / 8:30 Conference begins / 4:00 PM Conference closes. Join men from around the Spokane Diocese and the Inland Northwest for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship, and fun. Bishop Thomas Daly, will lead us in reflection and call us to a life of prayer and discipleship. A link to the men’s and women’s ministry can be found at www.dioceseofspokane.org/evangelize. This link will take you to the registration page for the Men’s Conference.