

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 3rd, 2025

7:40 am — Rosary Recitation — Colfax
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — Blessing of Sacramentals — Colfax
11:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

Tuesday, August 5th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Wednesday, August 6th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Thursday, August 7th, 2025

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

Friday, August 8th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Saturday, August 9th, 2025

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

Sunday, August 10th, 2025

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

Mass Intentions:

Tue. Aug. 05	8:00 am — † John J. McNerny requested by P. Simmons
Wed. Aug. 06	8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller
Thur. Aug. 07	8:00 am — † Carol McDonald requested by D. McDonald
Fri. Aug. 08	8:00 am — † John Burke requested by L. Hiller
Sat. Aug. 09	5:00 pm — Paula Huffman requested by B. & C. Lothspeich
Sun. Aug. 10	8:00 am — † Bob Sorey requested by M. & R. Johnson
	10:00 am — St. John: † Rhod McIntosh requested by M. & R. Johnson

Lectors

Saturday, August 9th, 5:00 pm - Cheryl Lothspeich

Sunday, August 10th, 8:00 am - Youth Lector

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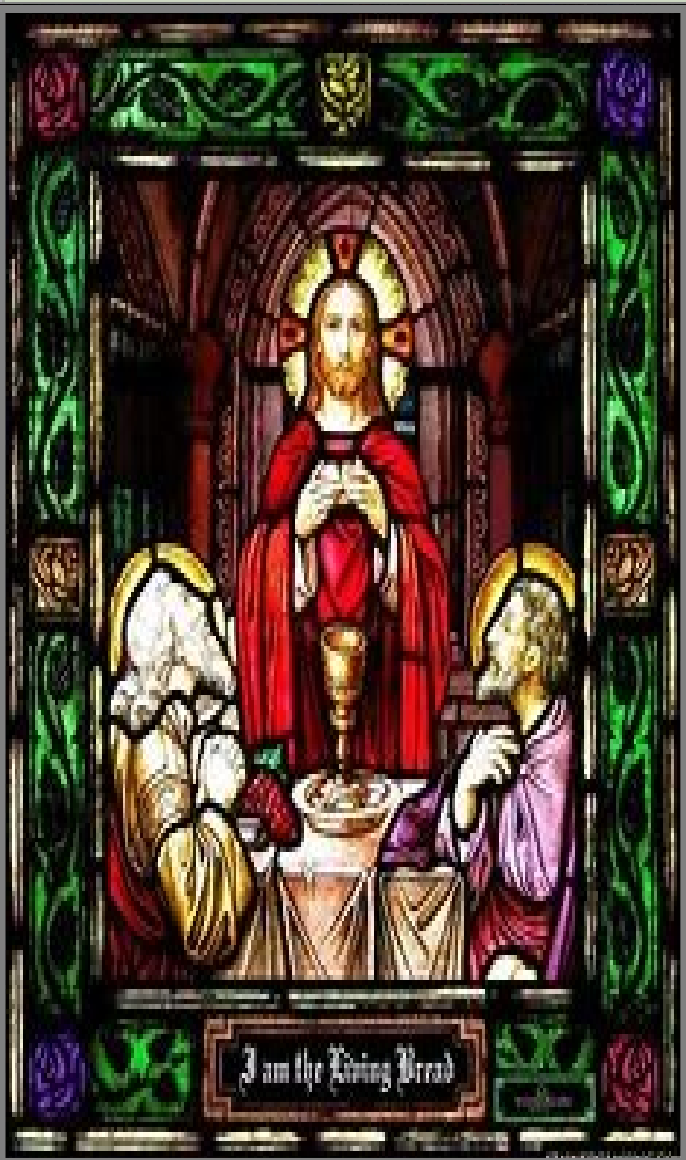
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The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Scripture Readings

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 / Psalm 90

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 / Luke 12:13-21

Responsorial Psalm 90

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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,

Our God is a personal God who is concerned about each and every one and personally takes care of us. He is a benevolent Father caring for the needs of his children and planning a future for each one. The Bible presents us God as a father who takes care of his children. His concern is beyond everything. The readings of today invite us to have proper priorities in our lives and invite us to place our trust in God.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes teaches us how to find meaning in life and gives us the understanding that all things in this life, the pleasures as well as the sufferings, are empty and purposeless. There is no real explanation to show how it all works. The author questions what we as mortals get from all the toil and strain that we endure under the sun when at death we must leave everything behind for someone else to enjoy.

In the Second Reading, Paul advises the Colossian converts that they must look for the things of heaven where Christ is. He wanted all thoughts to be centered on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth. He reminded the Colossian community that in Baptism they have become new persons as they have been raised with Christ in whom we find the perfect image of God.

The Gospel of today begins by introducing a man who wants Jesus to act as a mediator in a property dispute with his brother. It was quite common for people to bring such disputes to a rabbi to be solved amicably. But, Jesus had no interest whatever in dealing with such problems because they would represent a point of view that was totally at variance with his own. This family dispute was not Jesus' concern. His concern was to show the importance of God's Kingdom. What Jesus absolutely asks of us is that we are not insatiable with respect to the riches of this world and that we must be ever ready to abandon them in spirit, and even in reality, if such is the Will of God. Jesus provides all those who are present with a lesson: a parable. Jesus wanted to make everyone understand what one must not do. He clarified to them saying that the one who lays up treasure for his own self is not rich toward God. Therefore, the way one can be rich towards God is quite simply, to be "poor in spirit". The follower of Christ must, first of all, be a man or woman who is poor in his or her heart: all that the person has is entrusted to God, and God takes care of them more than they could ever imagine.

In the Gospel, Jesus refused to get involved in such seemingly earthly problems. Instead, he used this occasion to warn his hearers about the seductive power of greed and the false sense of security. He gave a gentle warning. He did not show any opposition to wealth rather he calls on them to have a prudent use of wealth. Jesus exemplified his point with a story of the rich fool who was totally involved with material things. The rich man in the story was a fool not because he was wealthy but because he thought that he could guarantee his own personal security through the hoarding of his harvest without placing his trust in God. This man had wrong priorities. The first was that he never saw beyond himself. He was extremely

selfish. The man's second wrong priority was that he never saw beyond this world. His whole basis of security was his wealth. For him, his money and possessions were everything. Hence, the gospel tells us that man planned to store his grains in bigger barns and provide for himself with a larger and secure storage place. He indeed had become the slave of the property and the property was not his slave. The final priority was to look for happiness based on material goods. He told himself that he would be indeed happy for years to come. God called him a "fool", a term that is reserved for those who deny that there is a God.

Jesus himself made an application of the parable for the sake of the audience. He explained to them that this would be the fate of all those who only kept thinking of amassing earthly wealth and neglect their spiritual welfare. End of earthly life can always come far too soon for people whose whole heart is centered in this world. It is like a man who went before God and said that he had not harmed anyone and has not done any wrong and his hands are clean. But, God looked at them and said, "But dear friend, these hands are empty." Thus, the emphasis moves from anxiety to watchfulness. The parables go further to show the interaction between the masters and servants. The good servant is always watchful and is prepared for unexpected events. On the contrary, a servant who thinks that his master's return is delayed acts irresponsibly and naturally is punished.

Today's readings ask us to consider another approach altogether. It is important to emphasize that Jesus is not saying, "You must give up all these things and lead a life of bleak misery for my sake." On the contrary, Jesus is offering a much more secure way to happiness and a life of real enjoyment than the way that most people insist on believing in even though it is seen to fail again and again. Against the greed that obsesses many people, Jesus offers an opposite alternative to security and happiness – sharing. In this context, we look at the rich man. In his own eyes, the rich man had been really a successful person. He had convinced himself that he had more than needed for his security and he could indeed be satisfied and happy. Yet one thing noticeable is that in this story no other people are mentioned. The rich person had made himself absolute center of everything.

At the end of his teaching, Jesus places the invitation before his audience to give up treasures of this world in order to build treasures in heaven. The lesson from the Gospel is obvious. To be in this world and not of it, to collect the necessary goods of this world by honest labour and yet remain detached from them, to possess and not to be possessed by worldly riches, is an ideal to which our weak human nature responds very reluctantly. Jesus has given us a lesson that greed and selfishness are always powerfully tempting to humankind. They are also very deceptive in that they promise far more than they can deliver. Real wealth and salvation rest in God.

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

Events Around the Parish

☞ Women's Day of Prayer!: Mark your calendars for a Women's Day of Prayer led by Sister Eucharista and Fr. Raymond at St. Patrick Parish on Saturday, September 27th. More information to come!

☞ Hospitality Committee: We need someone to help pick up and set up Donuts on August 31st! Year round we have a volunteer for every week of the month. Every now and then we Have 5 Sundays in the month, that's where YOU come in! Please volunteer!

☞ Blessing of Sacramentals: The Baltimore Catechism states: "The difference between the Sacraments and the Sacramentals is: 1. The Sacraments were instituted by Jesus Christ and the Sacramentals were instituted by the Church; 2. The Sacraments confer sanctifying grace of themselves when we place no obstacle in the way; 3. The Sacramentals excite in us pious dispositions and provide actual graces, by means of which we are then moved to holy deeds and to merit more grace." Sacramentals should always be treated with reverence and utilized with faith. A person who uses a Sacramental with greater faith and piety (and other Catholic virtues) will benefit more from the actual graces associated with the Sacramental. It also behooves us to learn about each Sacramental and to *read* the actual prayers which Holy Mother Church provides for the blessing of various Sacramentals. Reflecting upon these prayers will teach us what actual graces the Sacramental can yield and help us use each Sacramental correctly."

☞ Knights of Columbus Picnic: Mark your calendars for the Knights of Columbus Fall Picnic on September 14th. The picnic will be held at Klemgard Park from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to this great opportunity to get to know each other and have a relaxing afternoon. Games will be organized by the Knights for the children. Please join us.



☞ PREPARES NEWS: "Prepares/St.Patrick has been a life saver many months when we just weren't able to make ends meet . I'm on a fixed income and our budget is extremely tight. St Patrick church has made things happen for me at times when they actually were not giving out diaper's and I would have been lost many times. Even delivering pull-ups for our daughter when our car was in the shop . This is a great and valuable tool for me and I'm sure many in my situation as times are really hard for a lot of people. Thank you for all you do" (Father of one, Whitman county)

☞ Pilgrimage to St. Boniface, Uniontown: The Parishioners of Uniontown and Colton welcome the people of God for a spiritual pilgrimage on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Boniface in Uniontown on

Friday, August 15th:

8:00 am Procession with the Statue of the Blessed Mother, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Holy Rosary, and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

☞ Fr. Jey Vacation & Mass Schedule:

Fr. Jey will begin his vacation on Monday, August 25th. We will have a visiting priest each weekend beginning August 31st through September 28th. **There will be only one weekend Mass celebrated for both Colfax & St. John: Mass will be celebrated on Sundays in Colfax at 9:00 am.** There will be no weekday Mass or Saturday evening Mass during the time Fr. Jey is away. Please plan to join us at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass !!!! Please pray for the safe travels and a restful time for Fr. Jey.