

Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

7:35 am — The Rosary is recited — Colfax
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — **No** Religious Education
10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax
7:00 pm — Finance Council Mtg. — Colfax

Wednesday, October 29th, 2025

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — Women’s Bible Study — Colfax

Thursday, October 30th, 2025

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

Friday, October 31st, 2025:

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

Saturday, November 1st, 2025

All Saints Day
8:00 am — First Saturday 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
6:00 pm— Religious Ed. All Saints Party— Colfax

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

All Souls’ Day
7:35 am — The Rosary is recited — Colfax
8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax
9:00 am — **No** Religious Education
9:30 am — Cemetery Blessing — Colfax
11:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John
12:30 pm — Cemetery Blessing — St. John
5:00 pm — Columbus Day Social — Colfax
5:30 pm — Columbus Day Dinner — Colfax

Mass Intentions:

Tue. Oct. 28 8:00 am — † John J. McNerny requested by P. Simmons
Wed. Oct. 29 8:00 am — Amber McDonald requested by D. McDonald
Thur. Oct. 30 8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller
Fri. Oct. 31 8:00 am — † John Burke requested by L. Hiller
Sat. Nov. 01 8:00 am — † John J. McNerny requested by P. Simmons
5:00 pm — † All Our Dearly Departed
Sun. Nov. 02 8:00 am — † All Our Dearly Departed
11:00 am — St. John: † All Our Dearly Departed

Lectors

Saturday, November 1st, 5:00 pm — Terry Parker

Sunday, November 2nd, 8:00 am — Linda Marler

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October 26th, 2025
30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / Psalm 34
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 / Luke 18:9-14

Responsorial Psalm 34

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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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
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help — 325 W. Liberty
St. John, WA 99171

Reflection

Dear Friends in Christ,

God has blessed us abundantly and in plenty. He continues to pour out his abundant blessings on us. At the same time, he invites us to be close to him and pray to him. Prayer has a prominent place in the Christian religious practice. The liturgy of today discusses some aspects of prayer and its application to life. The readings tell us that God listens especially to the sinner and the humble. Often we wonder why God is partial in his dealing with human persons.

Today's First Reading tells us of God's care for the lowly and their prayer reaches the courts of heaven. Those who serve the Lord can expect the Lord to heed their prayers. The reading tells us that our prayer life is inevitably connected with the rest of our lives. The Lord is the judge, and within him, there is no partiality. He will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. The Lord will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when they pour out their complaint to him. The ear of the Lord is inclined towards the needy, the poor, and those who are abandoned. The prayers of the faithful are pleasing to the Lord and are heard before His Heavenly Throne. But the prayers of the humble touch the Lord and they pierce His Heart until the Most High responds by executing judgment to bring justice to the righteous. Sirach speaks of prayer as an arrow reaching its mark where it remains until God takes note of it. The weak and the humble gain a hearing with God the Almighty.

In today's Second Reading, we find examples of Paul's humility. When Paul says that the time of his departure has come, he is stating the fact of his proximity of death. His death was imminent, and his departure from this life and his return to Christ was certain. He was already in his prison and in chains in Rome. Through his words, he was not seeking pity, nor was he boasting of all he had done in the Holy Name of Jesus. On the other hand, he had offered everything he had to God, his money, his scholarship, his work, his time, and now his life. Paul now tells them that he has fought the good fight, he has run a good race, and he has kept the faith. Though Paul had Luke with him and he expected Timothy and Mark to come to the place of his imprisonment, he feels abandoned much like Jesus.

In the Gospel, we have the strange example of a Pharisee and a tax collector in the context of prayer. In the Pharisee, we clearly have evidence to prove he is the "good" person. He carefully kept the Law of the Jews and the Commandments of God. He faithfully observed the obligations of a good Jew: he prayed, he fasted, and he gave alms. In fact, he was very generous in his attitude towards God. He fasted twice a week while a religious Jew had to fast just once a year. The law commanded tithes of farm produce profits but the Pharisees tithed on everything he possessed. His righteousness considerably exceeded the standards prescribed by the Mosaic Law. And yet, God was not happy with him because he was a totally self-centered person. He thanked God with the words expressing that he was not like others, especially the terrible tax collector who had come to the Temple to pray. He was telling God how fortunate God is having secured such a pious, generous person

like the Pharisee.

If we look at the tax collector as pictured in the Gospel and he is certainly a sinner. The tax collectors were considered as social outcasts. They were considered robbers for Rome. The tax collectors collected tax money from their own community that was oppressed by the Romans and kept a good share for themselves. Here, we have one such person who did not observe the Jewish law. Like any other tax collector, he too was a swindler and extortionist. He really was a sinner before the world but God loved him and continued to love him. Jesus says that when the tax collector left the Temple, he did so as a friend of God, whereas the Pharisee went away without the experience of forgiveness. The Parable tells us that even though the tax collector was a sinner, he confessed his sins and sought forgiveness from God.

The ordinary interpretation of this parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector takes its cue from the opening verse. It is addressed to those who are convinced of their own righteousness and despise everyone else. The parable itself uses the characters of a Pharisee and a tax collector but the message is not directed especially against either the Pharisee or the tax collector as such. Most of those who read the parable are conditioned to criticize the Pharisee as a proud, self-righteous, egoistic person and praise the tax collector as a humble person. In fact, the Pharisee is not self-righteous and he does what a good Pharisee is supposed to do. The tax collector on the other hand was a collaborator with the enemies of the land. The mistake of the Pharisee is that he seems to credit his religious and personal success to himself.

Luke in the Gospel tells us that no matter who we are, the only authentic prayer any of us can utter, is the one voiced by the tax collector. Even then, there is no guarantee of righteousness. Here Jesus speaks of simplicity and humility. He says that all who humble themselves will be exalted. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.

One thing that we can learn from this sad story of the Pharisee is that while God approves of no sin, his mercy and his forgiveness is available to all sinners except the proud. It is not that God will not forgive the sin of pride but that the proud man will not ask for God's forgiveness. Therefore, we must be on guard against this dangerous and destructive vice. It is dangerous because it can destroy us once it enters our life. It is destructive because it destroys all the good virtues we practice and all the good works we do. Charity or brotherly love cannot flourish in a proud heart, for a proud heart is so full of self, that it has no room for others. No true love of God can exist in a proud heart because a proud person practices religion and virtues for his self-glory and not for God. The Pharisee in the parable proves this fact. He only boasted of his good works and did not pray at all. Further, he spent his time criticizing the person next to him and refused to accept him as his own brother.

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

Events Around the Parish

✚ Petitions for All Souls Day Mass: We will be collecting petitions this weekend for our dearly departed relatives and parishioners for reading at the Sunday, November 2nd, All Souls Day Mass. You are welcome to submit your petition in the box in the vestibule of the church, you can email the office at cmurphy@dioceseofspokane.org, or call and leave a message at 509-397-3921.

✚ Knights—Columbus Day Dinner : Please join the Knights of Columbus next Sunday, November 2, for the Columbus Day Dinner. The evening will start at 5:00 pm with a social hour and a roast beef dinner will be served starting at 5:30 pm. All parishioners are invited with special emphasis for Knights and spouses, Knights' widows, and adult members of our Parish.

✚ Annual Catholic Appeal: The Catholic Appeal for 2025 continues. The theme this year is "Together in Faith". **The goal for Colfax is \$28,058, and we have received 87% of that goal in pledges. St. John's goal is \$4,924 and we have received 88%. Please help us meet our goal for 2025.**

✚ First Saturday Devotion: Next Saturday, November 1st, starts the First Saturday 5 Consecutive Months Devotion which consists of:

1. Going to Confession,
2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion,
3. Saying five decades of the Rosary,
4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.
5. All this is offered in REPARATION for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our Lady promised to assist all those who will practice the devotion of the first Saturday on five consecutive months with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death. Please join us in this beautiful and spiritual devotion.



✚ Prepares News: Winter Coats for children have arrived! Coats will be available every Tuesday from 10/28 to 11/25. If you have a child in need of a coat or know any who do, please send them our way. >Prepares Diaper distribution will be on Tuesday 10/28 at the Colfax Food Pantry from 2pm to 5pm. >Thank you to our parishioners for the generous donation of baby wipes to the Prepares program. >Mark your calendars for a fun night of diaper bundling with Wine and Cheese on Saturday, November 15th following the 5pm Mass.

✚ Coming Events:

- Nov 1— 8:00 am—First Saturday Mass—Colfax
- Nov 1 — 5:00 pm—All Saints Mass —Colfax
- Nov 1 — 6:00 pm — All Saints RE Party – Colfax
- Nov 2 — 7:35 am—First Sunday Rosary—Colfax
- Nov. 2 — 8:00 am—All Souls’ Mass—Colfax
- Nov 2 — 9:30 am—Blessing of Graves—Colfax
- Nov 2 — 11:00 am—Mass— St. John
- Nov 2 — 12:30 pm—Blessing of Graves—St. John
- Nov 2 — 5:00 pm—Columbus Day Social—Colfax
- Nov 2 — 5:30 pm—Columbus Day Dinner—Colfax

