

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls—Billings



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:45 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm
 Wed – Sat 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 7:45 – 8:30 am
 Tues & Sat 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Before & After Daily Mass

OR By Appointment

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Religious Ed: Rita Baeten

Custodial: Renee Studiner

Please remember to contact the office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized or enters a care facility.



The Annunciation

The Church's theological tradition speculates that one of the reasons the bad angels may have rebelled against God was envy. They may have discovered that God chose to become man, instead of the higher form of an angel. This envy would have been directed at the Virgin Mary as well, that Vessel of Honor and Ark of the Covenant who bore the divine choice. God not only became man, we must remember, but did so through a human being, one prepared from her conception to be perfect. March 25 is one of only two days of the year when we kneel at the recitation of the Creed at Mass. **At the words "...by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man" all heads bow and all knees bend at the wonder of it.** If the story of Christ is the greatest story ever told, today is its first page.

O Holy Virgin Mary, we ask your intercession to make us as generous as you in accepting the will of God in our lives, especially when that will is expressed in mysterious ways. May you be our example of a generous response to what God desires of us.

*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!**"How we pray forms what we believe, which forms the way we live."**Open Letter from Father Bart*

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Warfel is suspending all public Masses until March 30th. Please understand that this is the last thing he would ever want to do -- he is just trying to do what is best for us all, based on the information that he has.

Saint Anthony Church **will be open** for personal prayer every day from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Please keep your distance (social spacing) from others while praying in the church.

We are working on setting up and covering times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will have Adoration on Thursday (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM); Friday (10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, or later if people sign up) and Sunday (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM). We are encouraging parishioners to please email Vicki Auzqui if they are willing to be scheduled for any of these hours (vijac@bresnan.net). Perhaps families could sign up for an hour of Adoration on Sunday!

Confession: I will be available for confession Tuesday (4:00-5:30 PM); Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (8:00 - 9:00 AM); Saturday (4:00-5:30 PM) and Sunday (9:00 AM - Noon).

Please share this information with any parishioners that may not have received this information.

Many of you may not agree with the bishop's decision. None of us like it! The reality is, God is permitting this, and it is for each of us to make the best of it. It is sad, but don't let it discourage you. God will use this trial to bring about a greater good for all of us individually, to bring about a greater good for our diocese and for the Universal Church. Let's pray for that and be open to what He wants to accomplish! I will be offering a private Mass daily for you; and keeping you all in my prayers.

For the glory of God and the salvation of souls, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Bart



Effective immediately all public gatherings have been suspended until March 30. Public celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, in-person Bible study groups (or other devotional gatherings), and religious education programs are suspended until the public celebration of the Mass resumes. All parish meetings and gatherings of any sort likewise are cancelled.

The public celebration of the Chrism Mass is cancelled. Only near-by priests will be invited to attend a private celebration of this special Eucharist where the oils of catechumens and the sick will be blessed and the oil of Chrism consecrated. They will then be distributed to the pastors of each Vicariate before the Easter Vigil.

Saint Anthony PCCW offers a prospective high school senior female student a \$250.00 college scholarship. The recipient must be a student from Saint Anthony Parish planning to attend college for the first time in the fall of 2019. If you would like more information about the scholarship please contact the office. (Applications due May 1, 2020)

Pilgrimages with the Bishop

Join Bishop Michael Warfel on either (or both) of his upcoming pilgrimages. He is traveling to Lithuania & Poland on August 24th—September 3rd, 2020; cost: \$4985. For more information visit <https://www.travelillum.com/trc/sdi>

The second is a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for the occasion of ordination to the diaconate for seminarian John Pankratz in St. Peter's Basilica.

Trip Dates: September 25th – October 4th, 2020

Cost: \$3,548.00 - All Inclusive (guides/tours, airfare, hotels, meals - excluding lunch). Questions?

Contact: Mary Pankratz mtpankratz1@gmail.com

More Information/sign-up: [https://](https://www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com/pankrat)

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The Laurel Community Men's Lenten Breakfasts held on Wednesday mornings have been cancelled.



LAVIE'S 19TH ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Beginning on March 13th baby bottles will be available in the Narthex. Fill them up with your donation and return them by March 29th.

Subscriptions for the Magnificat with daily liturgical readings are up for renewal. The discounted parish rate is \$32 per subscription. Sign-up sheet and envelopes are in the Narthex or contact the office.



The beautiful spring Easter flowers that will adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter at St. Anthony Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Easter Flowers Memorial Envelopes**. Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers in the Church may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. **The suggested donation is \$10.00 per remembrance.** Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, the Secure Box in the Narthex, or bring them to the Parish Office before April 5th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! The names of all those for whom our Easter flowers are in memory of will be printed in the parish bulletin in the weeks following Easter Sunday.

PCCW Parish Garage Sale—June 6 & 7



Donate 40 Things In 40 Days

... use your decluttering for good!

Do you have items to donate to our parish garage sale? It's a wonderful opportunity to minimize! Please continue to clean house but do not drop off items until after the conclusion of Choice Wine, April 17th. We will need helpers to price items and to organize the tables in May. The garage sale will be held on Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7.

Consider the opportunity you have to utilize the parish FORMED account during this time of suspension of the celebration of the Holy Mass. Explore the topics available: Daily Reflection, Opening the Word, Lectio series and Bible Studies, Movie Night, The Sacraments, Faith Formation, Especially for Kids, Youth Programs, Documentaries, Modern-Day Saints, Saints of History, Men & Women of Faith, Life & Witness of Mary, Devotional, Vocations, Current Topics, Lighthouse CD talks, Apologetics Videos, Audio Dramas, Audio Books, Books to download on Being Catholic, Exploring the Faith, Catholic Works of Fiction, & books for Kids & Teens. Lots of these programs are also available in Spanish!

Diocesan 2020 Care & Share Annual Appeal

All Care & Share contribution checks must be made payable to: 2020 Care & Share

Online donations can be made at: www.diocesefgb.org

2020 Assessment For St Anthony is \$ 32,160.00
(Must be paid in full by December 31, 2020)

"Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it."



Parish Council of Catholic Women

President Judy Goldsby 855-0053

Coffee & Rolls have been suspended until the public celebration of Mass resumes.

Monthly Meeting on 2nd Monday, April 13th, at 6:30 pm.
Hosted by St Bridget Council

Knights of Columbus - Fr Shevlin Council #6455



Grand Knight Michael Temporal
Knight of the Month - Ed Holmes
Knight Family of the Month - Steve & Lee Ann Story

Monthly meeting on 3rd Monday, April 20, at 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Saint Anthony summer Vacation Bible Camp, held June 15—19. We are thrilled to have you join us for Catholic VBS this summer! Introducing **Tracking Mary, Mysteries and Messages (Pro Life) VBS**. As passengers on **The Queen of Heaven Express**, children will travel with our Blessed Mother to some of the faraway places she appeared. Stephanie needs to build her team so that they can start planning. To volunteer contact Stephanie Swecker at 855-8416.



Religious Education programs for youth and adults as well as book study groups have been cancelled until the public celebration of Mass resumes.

Parishioners should consider making their weekly contributions to the parish electronically or by mail. Parishes of the Diocese will continue their ministries now and beyond this temporary suspension and will continue to pay the salaries of their staff.

Saint Anthony Stewardship Report

Fiscal YTD Income	\$ 160,317.76
Fiscal Budget	\$ 161,850.00
	(\$ 1,532.24)
Income March 1	\$ 3,66600
Weekly Budget	4,150.00
	(\$ 484.00)

Thank you for supporting your Saint Anthony parish!

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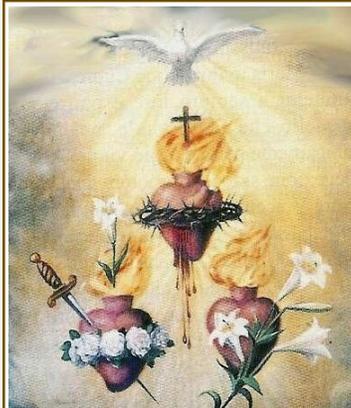
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Confidential Line 406-750-2373
Email victimassistancecoord@gmail.com



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Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Joseph is known as “the just man” and, as such, was a man of singular virtue. This strength of character, this reign of virtue, extended to all aspects of his life and his person—including his heart. His whole being was oriented to his God. His love was properly ordered, his affections purified. Unlike St. Joseph, we tend to struggle, and oftentimes fail, with matters of the heart. Our culture certainly does not hold the virtue of chastity in high esteem. Therefore, it can seem incredible to us that a man like Joseph was able to rise to the lofty challenge presented to him: to be the “chaste guardian of the Virgin” (and of *all* virgins) and the foster-father of the Son of God. Such a task requires both remarkable human virtue and unexcelled amounts of God’s grace. St. Joseph had both.

The tradition with regard to the age of St. Joseph varies (the Eastern Church holds that he was an old man, while the West concedes that he may have been much younger), but at the heart of the issue is

the fact that it was Joseph’s *virtue*—not merely old age, lack of virility, or lethargic passions—that safeguarded the perpetual virginity of the Mother of God, and allowed him to guide and protect Mary and Jesus with such strength of pure love.

This should be a great consolation to us who still wander in this vale of tears, striving for holiness. St. Joseph was a great man with a “most chaste heart” but whose love was certainly not cold. For this reason, the image depicts his Most Chaste Heart inflamed with love and adorned with the white lily of purity. The heart of St. Joseph should give us great hope that purity of heart lies within our reach, thanks to the grace of God and the intercession of Joseph—most-chaste!

Hail Joseph

*Hail Joseph, Son of David,
the just and the chaste,
Wisdom is with you;
Blessed are you among all men,
and blessed is Jesus,
the fruit of Mary, your faithful spouse.
Holy Joseph, worthy foster-father
and guardian of Jesus Christ
and of the holy Church,
pray for us sinners
and obtain divine wisdom for us from God,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen*

Weekly Mass Schedule

All public celebrations of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass have been suspended until Monday, March 30, 2020. The faithful are encouraged to celebrate Sunday as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household and to make Acts of Spiritual Communion. The Church will be open during this time and available for parishioners to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Date	Time	Auxiliary	Intention	Offered By
Monday, March 23rd		No public offering of the Mass		
Tuesday, March 24th		No public offering of the Mass	Matthew Kalinowski	Joseph & Lise Kalinowski
Wednesday, March 25th		No public offering of the Mass	Phillip DeBuff	Henri Jenkins
Thursday, March 26th		No public offering of the Mass	Fr Bart Stevens	Office Staff
	5:00 pm	Benediction	Eucharistic Adoration	All Visitors Welcome!
Friday, March 27th		No public offering of the Mass	Paul DeBuff	Henri Jenkins
	7:00 pm	Benediction	Eucharistic Adoration	All Visitors Welcome!
		NO Stations of the Cross		
Saturday, March 28th		No public offering of the Mass	Corey Vogel	
		No public offering of the Mass	Mike & Kathy Manders	
Sunday, March 29th		No public offering of the Mass	Pro Populo	
		No public offering of the Mass	✠ Kevin Hanley	Wayne & Meg Erlenbush
	3:00 pm	Benediction	Eucharistic Adoration	All Visitors Welcome!