



Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

25 October 2020

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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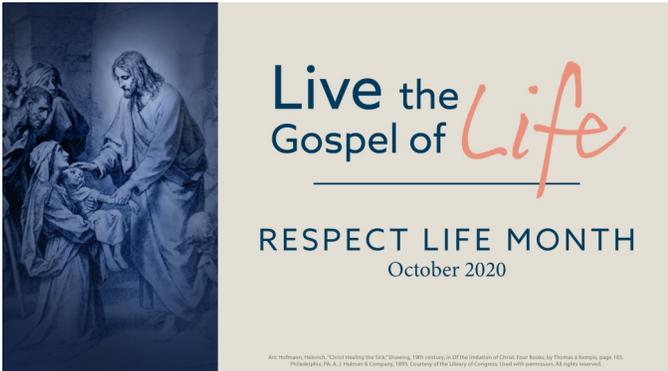
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm
Confessions each day at 11:30 and after the Wednesday Mass
during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

When I mention that I do not consume cable news, I actually do mean it. I rarely watch the news and chose rather to consult sources that are independent and less political. The major news organizations, in my estimation, form opinion more than they report events in the world and in our nation; and this can give certain news outlets (including print) a sense of being divisive. I think my opinion on the matter can be seen in the way that people tend to gravitate towards this news channel or that newspaper or magazine because their editorial leanings are appealing a person's personal philosophy, world view or political leanings.

I say this by way of introduction because I believe pretty much the same thing about Catholic "news." I do not consume Catholic news and there are very few journalist that I actually trust and respect. Much of Catholic news, either print, internet, social media and so on and so forth do not so much report news about the Church and her mission, but are obsessively pre-occupied with the politics of the Church, and forming opinion that at the end of the day is divisive; and often uncharitable. What I find particularly disturbing is the unrelenting campaign to discredit Pope Francis and delegitimize his papacy.

The last thing that I was looking forward to doing upon returning home after a few days of rest is have to say something about the hysterical mess that has surround alleged remarks made by Pope Francis, and were included in a recent film about

his life and ministry. The remarks of course have all been characterized in one way or another as suggesting that the Holy Father approves of civil unions for individuals of the same sex, and that perhaps the Church's teaching on the issue will soon change.

I want to make just a few very brief bullet points and spare you any personal commentary. And so my response would be:

- Pope's should NEVER give interviews, speak off the cuff or opine as if they have the luxury of having personal opinions. They do not.
- A pope, being the Vicar of Christ, should only speak through official printed texts, given the nature and gravity of his office and ministry.
- A pope should shun any and all personality cults and refuse to be "celebrated."
- No. The Holy Father does not approve of "same sex marriage." Pope Francis opined off the cuff that persons of same sex attraction should not be shunned by family members (as is the case in Latin America), and they should be given some kind of legal right with regards to the management of their property, finances and health care decisions.
- A pope's personal opinion on some matter, especially a controversial one, is just that, personal, and should remain private.

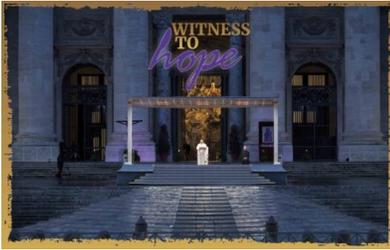
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The Gospel of Life (Paragraph 2)

St. John Paul II

The sacredness of life gives rise to its inviolability, written in man's conscience from the beginning. Man is always reminded of the inviolability of life as something that does not belong to him, because it is the property and gift of God the Father. The commandment regarding life's sacredness is at the heart of the covenant that God makes with Moses on Mount Sinai (cf. Ex 34:28) as God commands Israel: "You shall not kill" (Ex 20:13). Israel's sense of the value of life culminates in the positive commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev 19:18). This message will be brought to perfection in the New Testament.

Copies of the summary of The Gospel of Life are available at the entrance of the church.



Annual Catholic Appeal has begun and you should have received a letter in the mail this week, or you may visit diocesehelena.org for more information and ways to contribute.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the commemoration of Our Lady's victory over the Turks in the Battle of Lepanto. Pray the Rosary daily. Pray the Rosary with your spouse, with your children and with your family. Pray the Rosary each day wherever you are.



Prolife prayer campaign in Billings, Great Falls, Missoula and Helena September 23rd through November 1st. www.40daysforlife.com

Endow

Endow study group for women on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Please call Sheila LeBrun for more information at 406-208-5788.



That Man Is You!

Thursdays at 6:00 am. Meetings start with hot premium roast coffee and breakfast.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24th

Vigil Mass

The Deceased Members of Our Parish

Sunday, October 25th

Twenty-ninth Sunday

The Sick and Shut-ins of the Parish/The Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, October 27th

Votive Mass in Honor of the Holy Angels

The Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Helena

Wednesday, October 28th

Feast of Sts. Simon & Jude

A Special Intention

Thursday, October 29th

Votive Mass in Honor of the Holy Eucharist

For the Intentions of Bishop Vetter

Friday, October 30th

There is no Mass scheduled for today

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney

