

**Saint George Church  
Morse Bluff**

260 Short Street  
Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 6:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.  
Coffee and rolls: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 31, 2017**

*To Know, Love, and Serve God*

**Sacred Heart Church  
Cedar Hill**

2750 County Road 27  
Sunday Masses:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee and rolls: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

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<b>MASS SCHEDULE:</b>			<b>MASS INTENTIONS:</b>		<b>FEAST DAY:</b>
Sunday	31 Dec	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	St. George	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	<b>Mary:</b>
Monday	1 Jan.	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	St. George	+All Souls Intention	<b>Mother of God</b>
Tuesday	2 Jan.	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday	3 Jan.	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Bill & Wilfred Macholan	<i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>
Thursday	4 Jan.	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Intention – Tom Walter	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Friday	5 Jan.	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Karen (Hruza) Turner	St. John Neuman
Saturday	6 Jan.	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Adolph Nemec	<i>St. Andre Bessette</i>
		<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	St. George	2018 Papal Intentions	<b>Epiphany</b>
Sunday	7 Jan.	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Sacred Heart	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	<b>of the</b>
		<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	St. George	+Deceased FCSLA Members	<b>Lord</b>

**Parish Confession Schedule:** Confessions usually heard 30 minutes before all weekend Masses, ending 5-10 minutes before Mass. (Confessions before the 10:00 a.m. Mass may be shortened because of priest's travel time between parishes.)

**You may send bulletin notices (please indicate -Bulletin- in the Subject) to:** dhunt@gtmc.net, st.gmb@nntc.net

**Mass times online for parishes in the United States:** <http://www.masstimes.org/>

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD LITURGICAL MINISTERS/SERVERS:**

St. George			Reader	Acolyte	Server(s)
Sunday	31 Dec.	6:00 p.m.	Volunteer	Volunteer	-----
Monday	1 Jan.	9:00 a.m.	Volunteer	Volunteer	-----

**SUNDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS/SERVERS:**

St. George			Reader	Acolyte	Server(s)
Saturday	6 Jan.	6:00 p.m.	Mike Brabec	-----	-----
Sunday	7 Jan.	10:00 a.m.	Linda Walker	Drew Walker	Bret Walker

  

Sacred Heart					
Sunday	7 Jan.	8:00 a.m.	Alan Sloup		Gavin McCoy

**Announcements:**

**St. George Altar Society Meeting** Sunday January 7 after 10:00 Mass with coffee & rolls

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*Thank You... for all the support and encouragement you have given me in the last year. Know you are remembered in my heart and prayers. We have been graced with so many blessings. I pray that 2018 may be filled with good health and an ever-growing awareness of God's countless graces and blessings.*

– Fr. Dennis Hunt

**Holy Days of Obligation 2018:**

*All Sundays are obligatory for the faithful to participate in the Mass. In addition:*

Date	Holiday Name	Obligatory in 2018
Monday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	No
Thursday, May 10	Ascension of Jesus	Yes
Wednesday, August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Yes
Thursday, November 1	All Saints' Day	Yes
Saturday, December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Yes
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas	Yes

**“Perfectly Yourself” – Christmas Book:** - - -

In this life-changing book, Matthew Kelly addresses the opportunities and obstacles we encounter when we decide to ask life's BIG questions: who am I? and why am I here? Newly revised with an emphasis on spiritual growth and realizing God's dream for your life, Perfectly Yourself is a book for anyone who has survived the collapse of a relationship, wondered if he or she would ever find a fulfilling career, or failed at a diet. Kelly teaches us how to find the balance between accepting ourselves and striving to become all God dreams for us to become. This is the guide you need if you long to be at peace with who you are, where you are, and what you are doing, not in some distant tomorrow, but here and now—today...

## Announcements

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### **The Key to Unhappiness**

*Dennis Prager, 1,965,071 Views, Nov 20, 2017*  
<https://www.prageru.com/videos/key-unhappiness>

Want to be miserable, resentful, and bitter? Few people do, and yet many people are. Why? Because many people have the one primary character trait that leads to unhappiness. And you need to avoid it. Nationally syndicated talk show host Dennis Prager explains.

How many times have you heard someone say they want to make a better world? It is a noble sentiment, but very hard to achieve, right?

Well, actually, it's quite easy. All we have to do is increase just one human trait. This trait is so powerful that it alone can make people happier without working on their happiness, and make them better – and by “better,” I mean more generous, more honest, more kind, more everything good – without a single lesson in morality.

So, then, what is this one almost magical thing? Drum roll, please.

It's gratitude.

You can't be a happy person if you aren't grateful, and you can't be a good person if you aren't grateful. Almost everything good flows from gratitude, and almost everything bad flows from ingratitude.

Let's begin with ingratitude. Here's a rule of life: ingratitude guarantees unhappiness. It is as simple as that. There isn't an ungrateful happy person on Earth. And there isn't an ungrateful good person on Earth. There are two reasons.

Reason one is victimhood. Ingratitude always leads to or comes from victimhood. Ungrateful people—by definition—think of themselves as victims. And perceiving oneself as a victim or perceiving oneself as a member of a victim group may be the single biggest reason people hurt other people—from hurtful comments to mass murder. People who think of themselves as victims tend to believe that because they've been hurt by others, they can hurt others.

And the second reason ungrateful people aren't good people is that ingratitude is always accompanied by anger. The ungrateful are angry, and angry people lash out at others. If ingratitude makes people unhappy and mean, then gratitude must make people happy and kind.

And so it does. Think of the times you have felt most grateful—were they not always accompanied by a feeling of happiness? Weren't they also accompanied by a desire to be kinder to other people? The answer, of course, is yes. Grateful people aren't angry and they also don't see themselves as victims.

The problem, however—and it's a big one, is that in America and much of the rest of the world, people are becoming less grateful. Why? Because people are constantly told that they are entitled to things they haven't earned—what are known as “benefits” or “entitlements.” And the more things that people think they should get, the

less grateful they will be for whatever they do get. And the more angry—and therefore unhappy—they will be when they don't get them.

Here are two rules of life. Rule number one: The less you feel entitled to, the more gratitude you will feel for whatever you get and the happier you will be. Rule number two: The more you feel entitled to, the less happy you will be. That's why, for example, children who get whatever they want are usually less happy children. We have a word for such children: spoiled. And no one thinks of a spoiled child as a happy child, and certainly not a kind one.

The more that you feel that life or society owes you, the angrier you will get, the less happy you will be. As a result, we are increasing the number of angry, unhappy, and selfish people. The other way we are making people unhappy, and even meaner, is by cultivating a sense of victimhood. People are constantly told that they are victims because of their upbringing, because of past prejudice against their group, because of material inequality, because they are female, and for many other reasons.

Next time you want to assess any social policy, ask this question first: Will this policy increase or decrease gratitude among people? You will then know whether it is something that will bring more goodness and happiness to the world—or less.

If I were granted one wish, it would be that all people be grateful. Gratitude is the source of happiness, and the source of goodness; and the more good people, and the more happy people there are walking around, the happier and better our world will be. If you have a way of achieving such a world without increasing gratitude, let me know what it is. - - - I'm Dennis Prager.

### **Have a Daily Commitment to Prayer.**

God is not a distant force, but rather a personal friend and adviser. Try to listen to the voice of God in your life, and believe doing God's will is the only path that leads to lasting happiness in this changing world (and beyond).

... Start by simply talking to God about your day. You may begin your prayer by reading from the Bible. You may have a favorite devotional book to begin with. Have you arrived at the time and place in your day for prayer? Do you have a plan; or is prayer left to chance or mood. Do you have a habit of prayer? You can cling to prayer when you have it as a great discipline. (*The following is taken from: “The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic” a help for the habit of daily prayer.*)

### **The Prayer Process**

- 1. Gratitude:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
- 2. Awareness:** Revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
- 3. Significant Moments:** Identify something you experienced in the last twenty-four hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
- 4. Peace:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
- 5. Freedom:** Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.
- 6. Others:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
- 7. Pray the Our Father.**

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**Area Parish Web Sites**

**St. Mary Church - Ashland,**

<http://home.windstream.net/stmaryashland>

**St. Patrick Church – Fremont**

<http://www.stpatsfremont.org>

**St. James Church - Mead,**

<http://sjamescatholicchurch.com>

**St. Charles Borromeo Church – North Bend**

<http://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-charles-borromeo-church-68649>

**Sts. Mary & Joseph Church - Valparaiso,**

<http://saintsmaryandjosephvalparaiso.parishesonline.com>

**St. Wenceslaus Church - Wahoo**

<http://www.wahoocatholic.org>

**St. John Church – Weston**

<http://stjohnschoolweston.com>

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