



St. Mary's Catholic Church



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

3/22: Malta - To Be Announced

3/23: Malta - 5:30 PM: Repose of Ken Ulrich ^{r/b} Dave & Brenda Rummel

3/24: Malta - 8:30 PM: Fortin Family ^{r/b} Lana Fortin

3/25: Malta - 8:30 AM: Antone Perelli ^{r/b} Knights of Columbus

3/26: Malta - 8:30 AM: Poor Souls ^{r/b} Darlene & Bruce Cummings

3/27: Malta - 4:00 PM: Repose of Raymond Bauer ^{r/b} Knights of Columbus

3/28: Saco - 8:30 AM: Repose of Joe & Edith Munson ^{r/b} Helen DePuydt

Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—12:30 PM: Kathy Black & Family ^{r/b} Julie & Gary Howell

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00,**
Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon; and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



Knights of Columbus
Council 2124

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

3/21: 5th Sunday of Lent; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalms 51:3-4, 12-15; Hebrew 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 or Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; Psalms 130:1-8; John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

3/22: Monday in the 5th week of Lent; Danial 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41-62; Psalms 23:1-6 ; John 8:1-11

3/23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop; Numbers 21:4-9; Psalms 102:2-3, 16-21; John 8:21-30

3/24: Wednesday in the 5th week of Lent: Danial 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Danial 3:52-56; John 8:31-42

3/25: The Annunciation of the Lord; Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalms 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

3/26: Friday in the 5th week of Lent; Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalms 18:2-7; John 10:31-42

3/27: Saturday in the 5th week of Lent; Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-56

3/28: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins; Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Saco - 8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Dodson - 12:30 p.m.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Paul Kunze, Lary Poulton, Sarine Venerble, Dallas Green, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould, Ann Clouse, Chayten Pippin, Marshal Kline, Paul LaBrie, Jacob LaBrie, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Dale Bruckner, David Broadbrooks, Jack Lind, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 or Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did

not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. ““Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we're not “passing the basket”, we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.

***There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available at Bank of Malta and FSB . Please contact Mariah or Brenda for routing numbers* 301-0936, 654-1311**

Pope Francis' Intention

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Fr. Felix

LENT IV B: II CHR 36:14-16, 19-23; EPH 2:4-10; JN 3:14-21

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, today's three readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus which St. Paul considers a priestly sacrifice and St. John considers the moment of Jesus' "exaltation" and "glorification."

Jesus suffered and prayed with tears to be saved from death, he can empathize with our sufferings. Since Jesus knows our human condition and is touched by our anguish and distress, he pleads with God the Father on our behalf.

In the First reading, as we hear, prophet Jeremiah lived through the catastrophic events as God's messenger, preaching, prophesying disaster and admonishing, to no effect, the incompetent Davidic kings. He tried to keep the people, the priests and the kings faithful to God amidst an atmosphere of political conspiracy. He was blunt in his words and gentle in his confrontations with people, priests and kings. He explained to them the need for God to make a New Covenant with the people, priests and kings who broke the original law. The New Covenant would be written on the hearts of the people which could not be erased by the leaders. The passage reads as follows: "I will place My Law within them and write it upon their hearts." This New Covenant does not abolish the earlier Covenants with Abraham, Noah and Moses. Prophet Jeremiah's prophecy of a New or Renewed Covenant has been fulfilled through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection.

As we hear in the Gospel, Some Greek pilgrims who were new converts to Judaism were greatly impressed by the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday and by the subsequent cleansing of the Temple by Jesus. Hence, they approached the apostle Philip requesting a private interview with the Master. Jesus uses the occasion to declare that he is the "Son of Man" prophesied by Prophet Daniel, and that his time of glorification is at hand. He also corrects the false notion of a political messiah by stating that he will be glorified by his suffering, death and Resurrection. The "hour" Jesus refers to is his time for glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. Jesus' being "lifted up" on the cross to glorify his Father reminds us that we, too, can glorify God by wholeheartedly accepting our crosses from our loving Heavenly Father.

As we hear in the Second Reading, this passage is very much akin to today's Gospel which contains a prediction of Jesus' passion and prayer to his Father. Today's verses expand on that theme of Jesus as God's Son and, at the same time, emphasize his human nature. They also indicate Jesus' superiority to the priests of his day in that he "became the source of eternal Salvation" to others. Since

The term "Son of Man" is taken from prophet Daniel 7:13. Prophet Daniel sees a gentle and gracious ruler in the form of a man. The Jews, under repeated foreign rules and bondages, dreamed of such a God-sent ruler and preferred to call this "promised Messiah" by the name "Son of Man." The apostles saw the "Son of Man" in the person of Jesus. However, Jesus corrected their dream of conquest and political power with a vision of His cross and suffering.

Through the metaphors of the “dying grain of wheat” and of the “surrendered life” Jesus explains to his apostles that it is by his suffering and death that he is bringing life and liberation to the sinful world. A grain of wheat sown in the field ceases to remain itself alone, “just a seed,” by germinating and then growing into a plant that produces many new grains of wheat.

In the same way, it is by the self-sacrificial lives of holy men and women that life and salvation come to mankind.

Let us pray for the grace that we embrace a sacrificial life to inherit eternal life, Amen.

Liturgical Colors and their meanings:

The different colors used throughout the church seasons as drawn from creation to remind us of the different blessings of God. Here is some easy insight:

White – light, innocence, purity, joy, triumph, glory (used at Christmas, Easter, certain feast days and nuptial masses.)

Red – the Passion, blood, fire, God’s love, martyrdom (used at Feast of the Lord’s Passion, Palm Sunday, Pentecost)

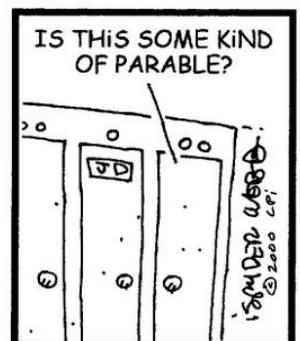
Violet – penance, humility, melancholy (used during Advent, Lent, certain vigils, Good Friday.)

Green – the Holy Spirit, life eternal, hope (most used color for ordinary time, times after Epiphany and after Pentecost)

Black – mourning, sorrow (used All Souls Day and Requiem Masses)

Rose and Gold symbolize joy and have options usages.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Gospel Meditation

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be

fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



	Goal	Remaining	Past Due
Malta:	\$18,349.00	\$0.00	\$92,145.91
Dodson:	\$2,409.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$2,322.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Sacrificial Giving for 3-14-2021

	3-14	Needed	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$2515.00	\$3,879.78	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$171.00	\$416.18	\$0.00
Saco:	\$135.00	\$470.96	\$50.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday Morning. Thanks!

- **Stations of the Cross** - each Friday during Lent starting at 6:30PM @ St. Mary's Malta
- **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**.....The last fish fry is March 26th, 5:00 p.m. until gone. Cost is \$10.00, curb side and delivery only.
- **General Church Cleaning lists in preparation for Easter is posted in the back of the church.** All parishioners are invited to assist in this effort and PCCW will host a final cleaning day on Saturday, March 20th beginning at 8:30AM
- **Lenten Penance Service**...is Wednesday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Education Committee**... There will be an Education Committee organizational meeting on March 28th after Sunday Mass. All those interested are encouraged to attend.
- **Consecration of the Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**...will be after the daily mass on Thursday March 25th.
- **Chrisom Mass** ... Is March 26th at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls. Each Parish is allowed 5 people to attend. If you would like to attend the Chrisom Mass, please contact Fr. Felix.
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Parish Council

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Care and Share 2021

“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” The 2021 Care and Share Campaign has begun! We are called to join our brothers and sisters in faith to support the ministries provided by the Diocese. Through your Care and Share gift we help to ensure that every parish in our Diocese is served sacramentally, providing the most basic needs for our Catholic family. Your devotion to the work of the Lord in your Care and Share gift is very important! Please be as generous as possible with your contribution when completing the pledge card found in your campaign packet. Together, we can make a difference in the lives, hearts and spirits of the parishes and individuals of the Catholic Church of Eastern Montana.

Reconsecration to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

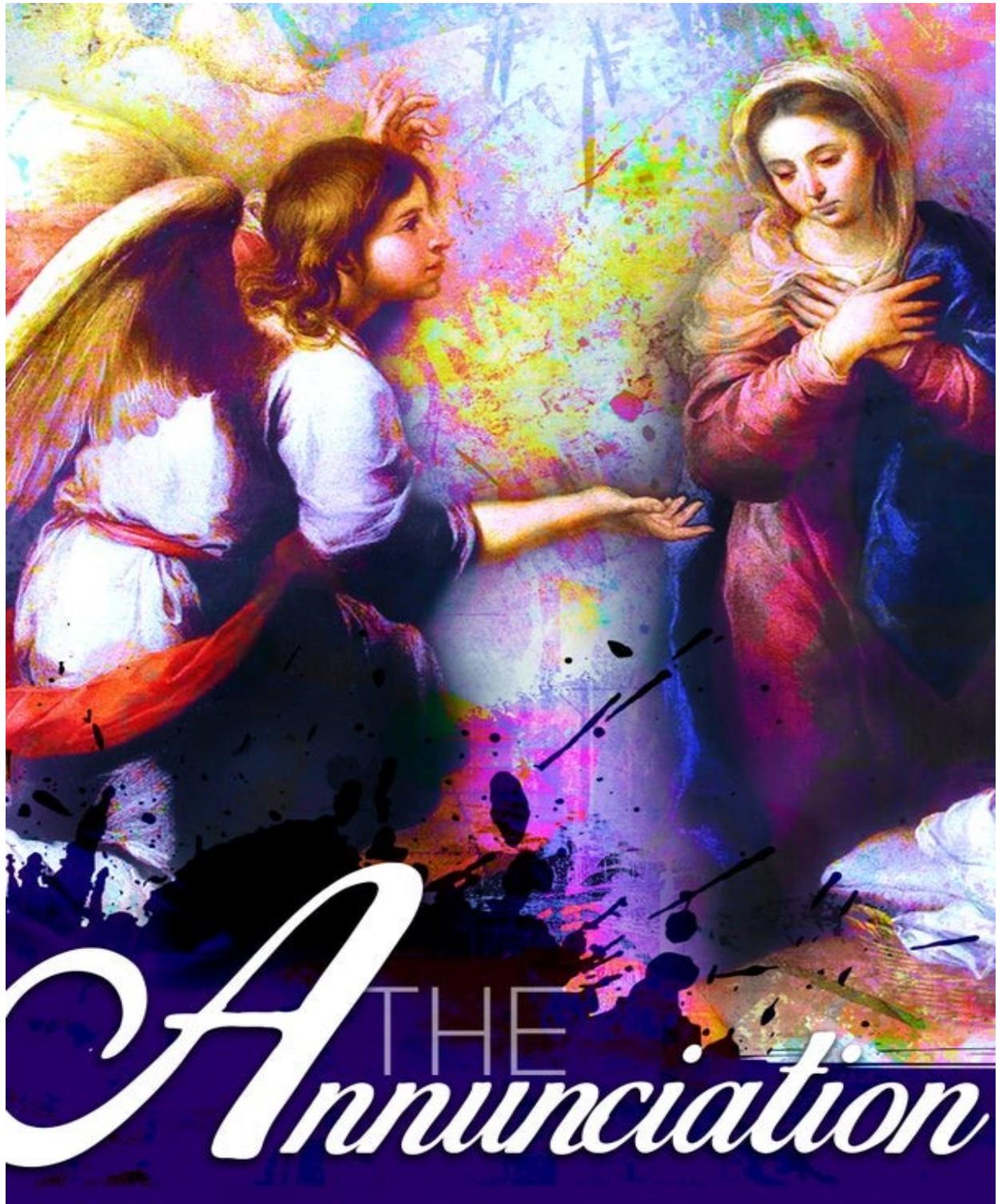
March 25, 2021

On February 28, 2014, I consecrated the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At that time, the Diocese was facing serious legal issues as well as a significant deficit in financial resources as a direct consequence. There were many members of the Church who had become angry and alienated as a result of sexual abuse in the Church. There has been a good deal of healing since then, but currently, we are facing another crisis as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and its

lingering effects. Many parishioners have been impacted directly by the disease either by contracting the disease itself or needing to quarantine as a result of being in contact with those who have it. Parishes have experienced a limited number of parishioners coming to Mass for fear of contagion. Some parishioners have lost employment and their income needed to provide for their families. Though COVID-19 appears slowly to be lessening, due to mitigation efforts and the role our of vaccines, its impact remains an issue. In light of this, I will once again renew the consecration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, seeking her intercession for our diocese on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at St. Ann’s Cathedral during the Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. This special celebration will be at 5:30 PM. Also, as I requested in 2014, I urge all pastors to likewise reconsecrate the territory of their parishes to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In Christ,

Michael W. Warfel



THE
Annunciation