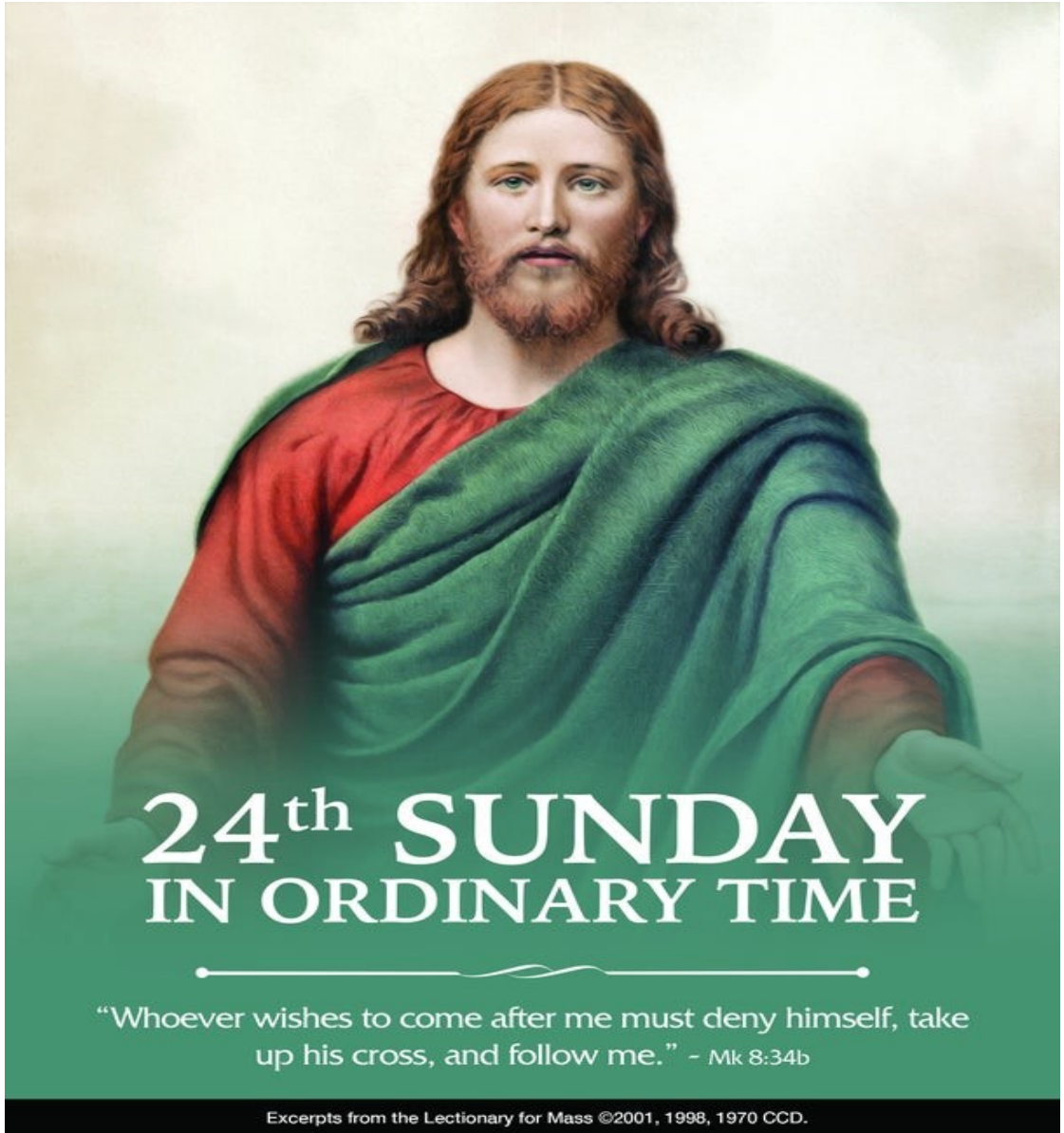




# St. Mary's Catholic Church



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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**9/13: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Poor Souls <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Lana Fortin

**9/14: Malta - 5:30 PM:** Quentin Fish <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Darlene & Bruce Cummings

**9/15: Malta - 7:00 PM:** Repose of Frank DeVos <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Helen DePuydt

**9/16: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM:** Holy Souls in Purgatory <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**9/17: Malta - 8:30 AM:** Ereaux Family <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Darlene & Bruce Cummings

**9/18: Malta - 4:00 PM:** Repose of Caroline Perraut <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Helen DePuydt

**9/19: Malta - 10:30 AM:** For all Parishioners;

**Dodson—12:30 PM:** Repose of Wink Cole <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> His loving family

**Saco - 8:30 AM:** The Grant Family <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Lana Fortin

## 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

**9/12: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time' Grandparents' Day;** Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalms 116:1-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

**9/13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;** 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalms 40:7-10, 17; Luke 7:1-10

**9/14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross;** Numbers 21:4-9; Psalms 78:1-2, 34-38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

**9/15: Our Lady of Sorrows;** 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalms 111:1-6; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

**9/16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs;** 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Psalms 111:7-10; Luke 7:36-50

**9/17: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;** 1 Timothy 6:2-12; Psalms 49:6-10, 17-20; Luke 8:1-3

**9/18: BVM;** 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalms 100:1-5; Luke 8:4-15

**9/19: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday;** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalms 54:3-8; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

**Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday—Dodson—12:30 a.m.**

**Malta - 10:30 a.m.**

**Saco—8:30 a.m.**



## 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

Eric Riggs, Linda Lundstrom, Bubba Kielb, Kari Hould, Lewellyn McNamara, Gary Lundman, Greg & Katie Skiff, Lana Fortin, Eric Engebretson, Linda Brown, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Marty Campbell, Alice Hanson, Wink Cole, Barb Darrah, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

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

# Everyday Stewardship

## Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan"

when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

*"We learn of God's love through the Scriptures, the testimony of God himself, where we read that 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Mt 25:40). The scriptures therefore instruct all, including families, to practice charity because Christ is present in every person, especially the poor and needy.?"*  
*Pope Francis*

## Pope Francis' Intention

### **The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

## Fr. Felix

### XXIV Sunday (B) Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk8:27-35

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, today's first reading is the part of Song of Songs. In the book of the prophet Isaiah, in chapters 40-55, there are four short passages which scholars have called the *Songs of the Suffering Servant*. In their original context, the songs were probably composed to help Israel see itself in the role of the servant. Through degradation and suffering, Israel could become for the rest of the world God's message of liberation and salvation. But Jesus saw aspects of His own life and Messianic mission foreshadowed in the Servant Songs. Hence, this section of the third song is presented as the first reading today, while in the Gospel, Jesus foretells for the first time His passion, death and Resurrection, after St. Peter has professed his Faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Savior. Jesus identifies Himself and mission with the sorrowful figure of humiliation and suffering, the Lord's suffering servant. Like the servant, Jesus' life is one of radical obedience and conformity to God's will. This, the Servant passage provides background for the revelation of Jesus as the suffering Messiah.

In today's second reading, St. James reminds his listeners at that time and to us today that suffering is not only something to be accepted but also something to be alleviated. James tells us that our Faith in Jesus the Messiah should be expressed in alleviating others' suffering through works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. In other words, professing Faith in the Divinity of Christ as our Redeemer is useless, unless we practice that Faith in genuine deeds of the love, mercy, forgiveness as Jesus himself lived and demonstrated. As Christians, we are obliged to meet the material needs of the poor and needy people to relieve

their sufferings. We should respond concretely to the needs and sufferings of our fellow humans. Otherwise, our Faith is all talk and no action. "*Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*" St. James is not refuting the Pauline doctrine of salvation by Faith but warning us that a lifeless or un-lived Faith has no power to save us from judgment.

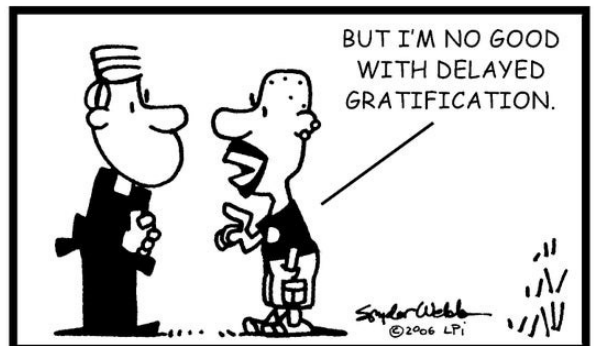
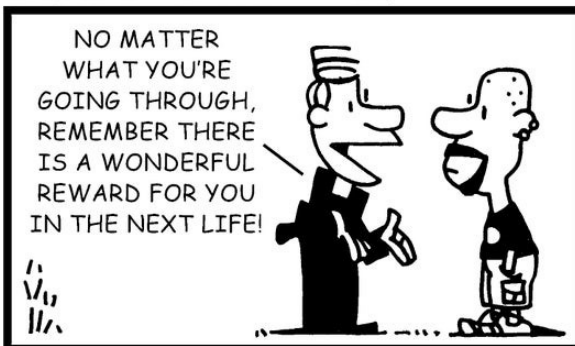
Today's Gospel explains the basis of our Faith as acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and our Lord and Savior. It also tells us that Christ Jesus suffered, died and rose again to become our Savior. Finally, it outlines the three conditions of Christian discipleship, namely, denying oneself, taking up one's cross and following Jesus. Jesus saw aspects of His own life and Mission foreshadowed in Isaiah's Servant Songs. Hence, a large portion of the Third Song of the Suffering Servant is presented as the First reading today, while in the Gospel, Jesus foretells His passion, death and Resurrection for the first time, in response to St. Peter's profession of Faith in Jesus as God's Messiah and Savior. Like the servant described in today's first reading, Jesus lived a life of radical obedience and conformity to God's will. Thus, the Servant passage provides background for the revelation of Jesus as the suffering Messiah.

Today the message for us is: 1. We need to ask ourselves Who Jesus is and what Jesus means to us. 2. We need to experience Jesus as our Lord and Savior and surrender our life to Jesus. 3. We should be ready to take up our crosses and follow Jesus, Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you or anyone you know are interested in RCIA classes contact Michael Ereaux. Contact information can be found in the bulletin.
- The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) includes all ladies of our parish - we just adopt you and ask for help with our ministry. We'd like EVERYONE (all ladies - young, old, never been and regulars) to come to our meeting this Sunday, September 12th immediately after Mass. We need to know what's working and what's not. We are fewer, we need to be efficient and be ready to adapt to what you and our parish need and want. Please extend this invite to any/all who might be interested.
- Religious Education begins September 15th at 6:30 PM for all age groups. The evening will start with a pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- The Knights of Columbus have a display of booklets on Building the Domestic Church. They can be found on the landing going downstairs. There is a great selection of booklets. Check it out.
- The public comment period for the Synod on the Domestic Church in the Great Falls—Billings Diocese is now closed. Thank you to those who took the time to submit comments.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Gospel Meditation

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings hav-

ing a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

*"Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear him saying 'I thirst' in the hearts of the poor...Not only that he loves you, even more—he longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you, even when you don't feel worthy. St. Teresa of Calcutta*



## 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.

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

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.

# *Our Lady of Sorrows*

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## SEPTEMBER 15

### Sacrificial Giving for 9-5

	<b>9-5</b>	<b>Direct Deposit</b>
Malta:	\$3,047.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$205.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$316.00	\$50.00

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## Word of Life from the USCCB

“By our baptism, we are members of communities, honoring each person as Christ’s body and sharers in his unique, sacred, and created in the mission. Imitating Christ, we must care image of God.”  
for all members of our

### Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

From Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

“But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved

in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us.”

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## **September the month of Our Lady of Sorrows**

This month of September is dedicated to the Seven of Sorrows. This devotion dates back to the 12th century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate and became widespread in the 14th and 15th centuries.

St. Bridget of Sweden received visions where the Blessed Mother gave 7 promises to those who meditate on her seven sorrows:

“I will grant peace to their families.”

“They will be enlightened about the divine Mysteries.”

“I will console them in their pains and will accompany them in their work.”

“I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.”

“I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.”

“I will visibly help them at the moment of their death— they will see the face of their mother.”

“I have obtained this grace from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation and joy.”

# CROSS



“Whoever wishes to  
come after me must deny  
himself, take up his cross,  
and follow me.”

MARK 8:34