

ST. MARY OF THE ROCKIES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 8:30AM, Saturday Evening 4:00PM
Sunday Morning 9:00AM, Weekday Holy Days 9:00AM & 6:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening 3:00PM - 3:45PM
Thursday Morning 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Adoration

Thursday Morning 9:00AM concluding with
Benediction at 10:00AM
For weddings, contact the office six months in advance
Other Sacraments, contact the office
Religious Education, contact the office

Third Sunday Of Advent
My soul rejoices in my God.

December 17, 2023
(Ps) Luke 1



Saturday, December 16 Mass at 4:00PM

Advent Weekday

For: Tom Mann (D) By: Dee Proffit

Sunday, December 17 Mass at 9:00AM

Third Sunday Of Advent

For: Living and deceased parishioners of
St. Mary of the Rockies

Monday, December 18 NO MASS

Late Advent Weekday

Tuesday, December 19 Mass at 8:30AM

Late Advent Weekday

For: Alex Young (L) By: Family

Wednesday, December 20 Mass at 8:30AM

Late Advent Weekday

For: Tom Mann (D) By: Friends

Thursday, December 21 Mass at 8:30AM

Late Advent Weekday

For: Vincent Kraft (D) By: Private

Friday, December 22 Mass at 8:30AM

Late Advent Weekday

For: Don Jarecke (D) By: Pence Family

Saturday, December 23 Mass at 4:00PM

Late Advent Weekday

For: Living and deceased parishioners of
St. Mary of the Rockies

Sunday, December 24 Mass at 9:00AM

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

For: Alex Young (L) By: Family

Sunday, December 24 Mass at 4:00PM

Christmas Vigil

For: Living and deceased parishioners of
St. Mary of the Rockies

Monday, December 25th Mass at 9:00AM

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

For: Living and deceased parishioners of
St. Mary of the Rockies



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,

Lauren Kott Jorgensen,

Chelsea Craver, Alex Young,

Sharon Fous, Jessica Shaull,

Melanie Brown, Maddie Mann,

Mary Beth Raichart

We encourage parishioners to pray for our friends and family members. Contact the office with requests to add or remove names, 303-838-2375.

Names will remain on this list for four (4) weeks unless otherwise requested.

May Jesus, the Divine Physician, restore them to the fullness of life and health and liberate them from all afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.

Readings for the week of December 17

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;

1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Ek 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7 8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;

Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66



Third Sunday Of Advent: Joy to the World

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease. The Lord will save his people. Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

We as a family of faith encourage the full and active participation of all members in Worship of our God, by learning about and sharing our Catholic faith and by developing a loving community of care and concern for one another.

Saturday December 23 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Shirley Moroney

Lector: Bob Salentine

Sacristan: Gretchen Dyson

Collections: Lynn & Bob Salentine

Sunday December 24, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Karen Taylor and Douglas Gould

Lector: Laura Reid

Sacristan: Tom Karnowka

Collections: OPEN

January Church Linens - Kathy Pence

Counter(s) - Office Closed Until January 2nd



Fiscal Year 2023/20224

Offertory Budget: \$132,800

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554

December 9/10: \$4,147 Includes special donation

Online Giving: \$913

Difference: \$2,506 More—Thank You!

2023 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$9,211

Pledged: \$9,149 Percent of Goal Pledged: 99%

Collected: \$9,546 Percent of Goal Collected: 104%

Patron Saints For Modern Challenges

Deciding which saint gets to be patron of what cause has always been a grassroots movement. From time to time popes have officially appointed a patron saint. Pope John Paul II, for example, named Saint Francis of Assisi patron saint of ecology and Saint Thomas More patron saint of statesmen and politicians. But by and large, associating a particular saint with a particular need is a manifestation of devotion from the folks in the pews.

Saint Isidore is not the only saint who has been "updated." In our day we find Saint Helen as patron of divorced people, Saint Margaret of Cortona for single mothers, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga for AIDS patients and their caregivers, Saint Benedict Joseph Labré for homeless people, Saint Clare of Assisi for television, Saint Martin de Porres for those who suffer discrimination and Saint Monica for lapsed Catholics.

All Catholics know from personal experience how powerful the prayers of the saints can be before the throne of God, but how does Saint Christopher get to be the patron of travelers? And why is Saint Lucy the saint invoked when someone has an eye ailment?

There's something called a principle of affinity at work here. We look at a saint and we see something in the saint's life that reminds us of our own situation. Doctors venerate Saints Cosmas and Damian because they were doctors. Travelers invoke Saint Christopher because during his life he carried travelers safely across a dangerous river. Saint Lucy is the patron saint of eye ailments because in the course of her martyrdom her own eyes were torn out by her executioners.

Sometimes this principle of affinity operates in reverse. Think of Saint Sebastian, the good-looking martyr who's always depicted stuck through with arrows. Saint Sebastian is the patron saint of archers, not because he was an archer himself but because he was the archers' target. Another good example is Saint Lydwina: She took a nasty fall on the ice that left her a lifelong invalid, and so Lydwina is the patron saint of ice skaters. (continued in the next bulletin)

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Ways you can SERVE

St. Mary of the Rockies continues to have need for people who can share their God-given talents in the continued development of the parish. Areas in need of volunteers most are those involved in Mass Ministry: Greeter, Collections, Lector, Sacristan, and Offertory Counter.

Please consider helping in these most important ministries. Call the office for more information. 303.838.2375



Geology rocks, but geography is where its at.



Advent Penance Service, Sunday, December 17th 10:00AM after Sunday morning Mass

In order to meet the obligation of Mass attendance for the 4th Sunday of Advent you must choose one of the following Masses:

Saturday, December 23rd, 4:00PM OR

Sunday, December 24th, 9:00AM

-AND-

In order to meet the obligation of Mass attendance for Christmas you must choose one of the following Masses:

Sunday, December 24th, 4:00PM OR

Monday, December 25th, 9:00AM

The Structure of the Mass, Its Elements, and Its Parts

(continued from previous bulletin)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Prayer - Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest calls on the people to lift up their hearts towards the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving. The main elements of which the Eucharistic Prayer consists may be distinguished from one another in this way:

4. The *anamnesis*, by which the Church, by fulfilling the command that she received from Christ through the Apostles, celebrates the memorial of Christ, recalling especially His blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven.
5. The *oblation*, by which the Church gathered here and now, offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church's intention is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all.
6. The *intercessions*, by which expression states that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church, of both heaven and earth, and that the oblation is made for her and all her members, living and dead, who are called to participate in the redemption purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ.
7. The *concluding doxology*, by which the glorification of God is expressed and affirmed by the acclamation Amen.

(continued in the next bulletin)

(Excerpted from The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

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