

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

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
O God, let all the nations praise You!

August 20, 2023
Psalm 67



Saturday, August 19 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: Ray & Juanita Johnson (D) By: Friends

Sunday, August 20 Mass at 9:00AM

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 21 NO MASS

St. Pius X, Pope

Tuesday, August 22 Mass at 8:30AM

The Queenship Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

For: Michael Waldo Martinez (D) By: Sauser Family

Wednesday, August 23 Mass at 8:30AM

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: Tom Mann (D) By: Friends

Thursday, August 24 Mass at 8:30AM

St. Batholomew, Apostle

For: Jose Romero (D) By: Sauser Family

Friday, August 25 Mass at 8:30AM

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: Patrick Martinez (D) By: Sauser Family

Saturday, August 26 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: Clyde Johnson (D) By: Friends

Sunday, August 27 Mass at 9:00AM

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

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



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,
Lauren Kott Jorgensen

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 August 20



Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:1-12

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved.”

St. Robert Bellarmine

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 August 26, 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Janice Kraft

Lector: Lew Maris

Sacristan: OPEN

Collections: OPEN

Sunday August 27, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Kathy & Glenn Pence

Lector: Tom Karnowka

Sacristan: Patty Schmidt

Collections: OPEN

August Church Linens - Brenda Spomer

Counter(s), August 22 - Felix Beall



Fiscal Year 2023/20224

Offertory Budget: \$132,800

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554

August 12/13: \$1,171

Online Giving: \$1,620

Difference: \$237 More—Thank You!



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

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

Collected: \$7,790 Percent of Goal Collected: 85%

Today's 'Wisdom Of The Saints' Author

St. Robert Bellarmine, October 4, 1542 – September 17, 1621

When Robert Bellarmine was ordained in 1570, the study of Church history and the fathers of the Church was in a sad state of neglect. A promising scholar from his youth in Tuscany, he devoted his energy to these two subjects, as well as to Scripture, in order to systematize Church doctrine against the attacks of the Protestant Reformers. He was the first Jesuit to become a professor at Louvain.

His most famous work is his three-volume *Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith*. Particularly noteworthy are the sections on the temporal power of the pope and the role of the laity. Bellarmine incurred the anger of monarchists in England and France by showing the divine-right-of-kings theory untenable. He developed the theory of the indirect power of the pope in temporal affairs; although he was defending the pope against the Scottish philosopher Barclay, he also incurred the ire of Pope Sixtus V.

Bellarmino was made a cardinal by Pope Clement VIII on the grounds that "he had not his equal for learning." While he occupied apartments in the Vatican, Bellarmine relaxed none of his former austerities. He limited his household expenses to what was barely essential, eating only the food available to the poor. He was known to have ransomed a soldier who had deserted from the army and he used the hangings of his rooms to clothe poor people, remarking, "The walls won't catch cold."

Among many activities, Bellarmine became theologian to Pope Clement VIII, preparing two catechisms which have had great influence in the Church.

The last major controversy of Bellarmine's life came in 1616 when he had to admonish his friend Galileo, whom he admired. He delivered the admonition on behalf of the Holy Office, which had decided that the heliocentric theory of Copernicus was contrary to Scripture. The admonition amounted to a caution against putting forward—other than as a hypothesis—theories not yet fully proven. This shows that saints are not infallible.

Robert Bellarmine died on September 17, 1621. The process for his canonization was begun in 1627, but was delayed until 1930 for political reasons, stemming from his writings. In 1930, Pope Pius XI canonized him, and the next year declared him a doctor of the Church.

Reflection The renewal in the Church sought by Vatican II was difficult for many Catholics. In the course of change, many felt a lack of firm guidance from those in authority. They yearned for the stone columns of orthodoxy and an iron command with clearly defined lines of authority. Vatican II assures us in *The Church in the Modern World*, "There are many realities which do not change and which have their ultimate foundation in Christ, who is the same yesterday and today, yes, and forever" (#10, quoting *Hebrews* 13:8). Robert Bellarmine devoted his life to the study of Scripture and Catholic doctrine. His writings help us understand that the real source of our faith is not merely a set of doctrines, but rather the person of Jesus still living in the Church today. (franciscanmedia.org)

THE BEATITUDES

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

The Christian practice of a merciful heart—of acting mercifully towards others—is one of the high points among all the Gospel teachings. God bestows the floods of compassion towards those who, in turn, are merciful and compassionate toward their neighbors.

Having ourselves received the gift of divine mercy, we, the repentant sinners are now called to go forth and dispense this mercy to all those in need. In doing so, we become witnesses to and dispensers of God's own boundless mercy.

To follow in Jesus' footsteps, to attune our minds and hearts to receive the great gift of His abundant mercy, we must follow the Master's own example. It is consoling to know that when we feed the hungry and provide drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and give shelter to strangers, visit the sick and prisoners in jail, we do all this to the Lord Himself.

In the Gospels there is no room for an arrogant or self-righteous attitude, such as that of the Pharisee. We are all poor sinners in dire need of God's mercy. The Christian's greatest challenge is to incorporate the Lord's own example into our daily lives, and to respond with a kind, compassionate, and merciful heart to the needs, weaknesses, and demands of others. In doing this we find our true joy, for as Saint John Chrysostom writes, "Mercy imitates God and disappoints Satan."

(Excerpted from Simply Living The Beatitudes, by Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourette continued in the next bulletin.)



Do You Love To Sing?

Do people turn to you and say, "You should join the choir" or do you just love to sing? Are you playing an instrument or have you played one in the past? We invite you to

join our music ministry on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Come as often or as little as you can.

We provide mentoring, fellowship and an opportunity to praise God in song. Please feel free to talk to us after Mass or anytime.

**What do you get if you cross an angry sheep with a moody cow?
An animal that's in a baaaaad mooood.**



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