

# 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

## Palm Sunday

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

April 13, 2025

Psalm 22



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 12 Mass at 4:00PM

Palm Sunday Vigil

For: Michele Salentine (L) By: Family

### Sunday, April 13 Mass at 9:00AM

Palm Sunday

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

### Monday, April 14 NO MASS

Monday Of Holy Week

### Tuesday, April 15 NO MASS

Tuesday Of Holy Week

### Wednesday, April 16 Mass at 8:30AM

Wednesday Of Holy Week

For: Connie Lamoureux (D) By: Private

### Thursday, April 17 Mass at 7:00PM

Holy Thursday Of The Lord's Supper

For: Joan Sciacca (D) By: Family

### Friday, April 18 Stations of the Cross 4:00PM

### Good Friday Service at 4:30PM

Friday Of The Passion Of The Lord

### Saturday, April 19 Mass at 8:00PM

Easter Vigil

For: Carl Mahnke (L) By: Friend

### Sunday, April 20 Mass at 9:00AM

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD

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



**Bret Melby, Alma Jerome, Mike Pesta,  
Maddie Mann, Mary Beth Raichart,  
Karen Satriano, Sharon Fous,  
Kristin Wallace, Pearl Hartling,  
Randy Whitesell, Albert Rhein & Family,  
Michele Salentine, Jean Anne Saiz,  
Hope Pinkelman**

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 April 13

**Sunday:** Is 50:4-7; Ps: 22:8-9, 17-18a, 1920, 23-24;  
Phil2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab. 15, 17;  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 33-34;  
Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday:** Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104: 1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c;  
Ex 14:15-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 55:1-11 (Ps)  
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6



**No Good Deed Goes Unpunished**

**"So from that day on they planned to kill Him."**

**Jn 11:53**

We strive to be the living presence of Jesus Christ in our community life, our worship of God and forming our children and adults in the Catholic Faith. We, as a parish, believe in good stewardship of what God has given us by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others.

**Saturday April 19, 4:00PM Mass**

**EMHC:**

**Lector:**

**Sacristan:**

**Collections:**

**Sunday April 20, 9:00AM Mass**

**EMHC:**

**Lector:**

**Sacristan:**

**Collections:**

**April Church Linens** - Melanie Brown

**Counter(s), April 14** - Felix Beall

**SPECIAL SCHEDULE  
FOR EASTER**



**Fiscal Year 2024/2025**

**Offertory Budget: \$132,800**

**Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554**

**April 5/6: \$4,054**

**Online Giving: \$1,216**

**Difference: \$2,716 More—THANK YOU!**



**2025 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$9,046**

*Pledged: \$4,689 Percent of Goal Pledged: 52%*

*Collected: \$2,202 Percent of Goal Collected: 241%*



**Encountering Christ Our  
Hope**

*Pope Francis gives us a clear vision for the Jubilee Year of Hope (December 24, 2024-January 6, 2026): "For everyone ,*

*may the Jubilee be a moment of gratitude, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope.'"*

**Our Gaze Fixed Upon Christ In Prayer** *In order to be witnesses of hope, we need to be people of deep prayer and to contemplate the face of Christ. St. John Paul II reminds us that, "Our witness, however, would be hopelessly inadequate if we ourselves had not first contemplated His face." The Church of hope must be a Church of prayer. Jesus tells us that we need to abide in Him through prayer if we are to bear fruit: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5) Two key points arise from these words of Jesus. First, only in prayer can we be fruitful in doing the Lord's work. Secondly, and perhaps even more importantly, without prayer, we can literally do nothing in the spiritual life. Without prayer, we become untethered from our anchor of hope. Only prayer can take our gaze away from the things of this world that do not satisfy and allow us to hope in the fullness of life that only comes from God alone. St. John Paul II says, "Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart toward the Lord. If we only look at ourselves, with our limitations and sins, we quickly give way to sadness and discouragement. But if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed with the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life."*

(diocs.org)

**Swarm of flying insects  
threaten town!  
Police deploy the SWAT team.**



**PURGATORY**

**WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES**

"You...must be perfect," Jesus insisted, "as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). Without such perfect holiness, Scripture says, "no one will see the Lord [in heaven]" (Heb 12:14), because "nothing unclean shall enter it" (Rv 21:27). But how many of us will have become perfect by the time we die, making us ready for heaven?

If we haven't yet arrived at perfect holiness, does God just give up on us when we die? Or will He simply bypass our free wills to make us instantly perfect when we die, without our cooperation? He certainly doesn't operate that way in this life.

Instead, the Catholic Church teaches, after someone has died in friendship with God, the Lord will bring to completion the process of making that person holy, of purifying that soul, which He had already begun in this life. And that process is what we call *purgatory*.

Why is it God's ultimate intention for us to become perfect? God wants us to live forever in friendship with Him and He Himself is completely holy - without sin of weakness of any kind. To see God face-to-face in heaven, and to know, love, and enjoy Him there fully forever, we must be like Him.

Heaven simply wouldn't be heaven unless those who live there are perfected. If we were to bring along with us the sins and weaknesses we have in this life, heaven would be just as full of troubles as our life on earth—troubles that would last for eternity. Such a fate would be more like hell than heaven. (continued in next bulletin)

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO CONFESSION, but have not been in awhile or are unsure of what to say?**

If you need help, simply ask the priest and he will help you through the steps to make a good confession.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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