

# 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

## Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

August 24, 2025

Ps. 117



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

### Saturday, August 23 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time

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

### Sunday, August 24 Mass at 9:00AM

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

For: Souls In Purgatory & Blessed Virgin Mary

By: Private

### Monday, August 25 NO MASS

Weekday In Ordinary Time

### Tuesday, August 26 NO MASS

Weekday In Ordinary Time

### Wednesday, August 27 NO MASS

St. Monica

### Thursday, August 28 NO MASS

St. Augustine

### Friday, August 29 NO MASS

The Passion Of St. John The Baptist

### Saturday, August 30 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: William Olivas (D) By: Sauser Family

### Sunday, August 31 Mass at 9:00AM

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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



*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.*

**Bret Melby, Alma Jerome, Mike Pesta,  
Mary Beth Raichart, Albert Rhein & Family,  
Michele Salentine, David Reid Sr., Virginia Smith,  
Kathy Pence**

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.

## Readings for the week of August 24



**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1b-2;

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;

Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;

Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

The psalms overflow with lines and repeated words that nourish us: unfailing love, steadfast, refuge. Solace can be found in so many words. Such as: "Blessed be the Lord who worked a miracle of unfailing love for me" (Ps 31:21).

*Franciscan Media's "Seven Days with the Psalms" by Maureen O'Brien*

**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 August 30, 4:00PM Mass****EMHC:** Shirley Moroney**Lector:** Steve Bort**Sacristan:** Roger Moroney**Collections:** Jean Bort**Sunday August 31, 9:00AM Mass****EMHC:** Kathy & Glenn Pence**Lector:** Rosaline Miller**Sacristan:** OPEN**Collections:** OPEN**September Church Linens** - Kathy Pence**Counter(s), August 25** - Lynn & Bob Salentine**Fiscal Year 2025/2026****Offertory Budget:** \$132,800**Weekly Offertory Budget:** \$2,554**August 16/17:** \$2,007**Online Giving:** \$733**Difference:** \$186 More—Thank you!**2025 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$9,046**

Pledged: \$5,729    Percent of Goal Pledged: 63%

Collected: \$4,689    Percent of Goal Collected: 52%

**Encountering Christ Our Hope**

Pope Francis gave 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.'" (diocs.org)

**Strengthening and Encouraging our Clergy, Religious, and Consecrated Life**

Our deacons minister to us as Christ the Servant. They generously offer a service to the Word (proclaiming the Gospel and delivering homilies), the Altar (assisting during Mass), and to Divine Charity (their service in the world). "The spirituality of service is a spirituality of the whole Church, insofar as the whole Church, in the same way as Mary, is the 'handmaid of the Lord' (Lk 1:28), at the service of the salvation of the world. And so that the whole Church may better live out this spirituality of service, the Lord gives her a living and personal sign of His very being as servant ... In fact, with sacred ordination, he is constituted a living icon of Christ the servant within the Church." (Basic Norms for the Formation of Permanent Deacons) It must also be mentioned the important and integral role that deacons' wives play in supporting their husbands' ministry.

Women religious, or nuns, play a significant and multifaceted role in the life of the Catholic Church. They are women who have chosen to live a consecrated life in community, giving themselves completely to God and following vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The women religious in our diocese continue to be essential in the spreading of the Gospel, the care of the vulnerable, and the formation of new generations of faithful. Their role in the Catholic Church is one of both service and deep spiritual commitment, with a mission to live out the gospel through prayer, action and witness. We are blessed by their presence.

Bishop James Golka

(diocs.org)

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**Sacred Heart Devotion**

"According to the Popes of the last 100 years, there is no devotion more important to the life of the Church than devotion to the Heart of Jesus," theologian Dr. Robert Stackpole tells us. But why?

**For Love of God.** Fr. Michael Gaitley once wrote a book called Consoling the Heart of Jesus. That can sound like an awfully strange title, right? Jesus is God, Jesus is in Heaven. Why does He need to be consoled? And who can do it?

Father Mike does a great job explaining that, yes, Jesus' Heart needs consolation because He loves us so much that He suffers when that love is ignored, rejected, or forgotten. So, He came to us through a simple nun named St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a member of the Visitation Sisters, and He asked for devotion to His Sacred Heart. This devotion would console His Sacred Heart because it would mean Catholics are saying, "I love you Jesus, and I know You love me! I know You are merciful, a God of love and mercy, not a God of fury and strict, merciless justice. Let me have mercy on You too!"

**Promises you can take to the bank.** But He doesn't just ask us to do things. Jesus also made a whole series of extraordinary promises, as well! (The classic list of 12 promises will be included in a future bulletin.) They promise extraordinary graces to any of us who will be devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, including huge graces for our families, all the grace we need to fulfill the duties of our state in life, and much, much more. But for now, let's just focus on one. It's the so-called Great Promise.

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**ANNUAL PARISH SUMMER PICNIC****SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH**

After the Sunday morning Mass. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert. Bouncy House and games!



**Why are frogs so happy?**  
They eat whatever bugs them.