

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

First Sunday Of Advent

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

December 3, 2023

Psalm 80



Saturday, December 2 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Ralph Dyson By: Family

Sunday, December 3 Mass at 9:00AM

First Sunday Of Advent
For: Living and deceased parishioners of
St. Mary of the Rockies

Monday, December 4 NO MASS

Advent Weekday

Tuesday, December 5 Mass at 8:30AM

Advent Weekday
For: George Ludvik (D) By: Sauser Family

Wednesday, December 6 Mass at 8:30AM

Advent Weekday
For: Steve Holder (D) By: Johnson Family
Thursday, December 7 Mass at 8:30AM
St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
For: Jerry Byrkland (D) By: Johnson Family

Friday, December 8 Mass at 9:00AM

The Immaculate Conception Of The
Blessed Virgin Mary—*Holy Day of Obligation*
For: Living and deceased parishioners of
St. Mary of the Rockies

Friday, December 8 Mass at 6:00PM

The Immaculate Conception Of The
Blessed Virgin Mary—*Holy Day of Obligation*
For: Robert Armenta (D) By: Sauser Family

Saturday, December 9 Mass at 4:00PM

Advent Weekday
For: Larry Donmeyer (D) By: Friends
Sunday, December 10 Mass at 9:00AM
Second Sunday Of Advent
For: Living and deceased parishioners of
St. Mary of the Rockies

MASS Intentions



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,
Lauren Kott Jorgensen, Rick Timko,
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 3

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7;
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 16:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



First Sunday Of Advent: Hope

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13:

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 9 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Shirley Moroney

Lector: Lew Maris

Sacristan: Roger Moroney

Collections: Lynn & Bob Salentine

Sunday December 10, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Kathy & Glenn Pence

Lector: Karen Taylor

Sacristan: Patty Schmidt

Collections: Bruce Bohne

December Church Linens - Shirley Moroney

Counter(s), December 4 - Laura Reid



Fiscal Year 2023/20224

Offertory Budget: \$132,800

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554

November 25/26: \$889

Online Giving: \$641

Difference: \$1,024 Less



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

Pledged: \$9149 Percent of Goal Pledged: 99%

Collected: \$9390 Percent of Goal Collected: 102%



Saint Who? - Saint Fiacre

When we think of saints, we think of people who were perfect. They didn't hold grudges or stereotype people. Saint Fiacre is proof that God can write straight with crooked lines.

The son of an Irish king, Fiacre was entrusted to Saint Conan for his education. Conan taught him to love our Lord and prayer. After his ordination, Fiacre went to live as a hermit in County Kilkenny. He knew how to use herbs and homeopathic remedies to great effect, and this drew huge numbers of people.

As this made living the eremitica life slightly difficult, Fiacre emigrated to Meaux, France, where he asked Bishop Saint Faro permission to establish his hermitage in a nearby forest. Irish priests were learned and Faro longed for intellectual company, so Faro readily agreed.

At first Fiacre was alone, but then people again came to see him, which he took as God's will. He eventually constructed a small chapel, a hospice, and a small, remote dwelling for himself. That travelers' hospice eventually became the town of Saint-Fiacre.

One problem was that Fiacre kept running out of room to serve the droves who came to him. So he went to Faro, who told him he could have as much property as he could mark out, between sunup and sundown of one day, with the tip of his staff. The excited Fiacre went to work with a vengeance. He madly plowed with his walking stick, uprooting trees, tossing weeds, ripping out thorny briars with his bare hands, all in an attempt to compass as much land as possible.

A woman named Becnaude saw this and thought him possessed, since he was toppling some pretty big trees. Frightened, she ran to tell Faro, and he realized she was probably describing Fiacre. Becnaude then ran back to Fiacre and, screaming like a harpy, told him he was in trouble. Her words went unheard, though, because he was daydreaming of all the wonderful things God would do through this monastery. Lost in thought, he had sat his skinny hermit self on a granite rock. This softened like wax and received the imprint of his backside.

When Faro arrived and saw the marked stone, he recognized God at work, saying, "One can doubt everything except for a Scot's rear!". When Faro told him of Becnaude's report, Fiacre was incensed. He forever banished women from his monastery. If any dared come anyway, they risked a severe thrashing from him, fairer sex or no.

On his death, his followers made his tomb in Meaux's cathedral, which became a great pilgrimage site. Because of the stone incident, he is particularly invoked for hemorrhoids.

Why Saint Fiacre deserves our attention and devotion

It's hard to understand how Saint Fiacre could stereotype all women and still be a saint. Then again, it's hard to understand how Saint Jerome could be an irascible cuss and how Saint Paul could tolerate slavery. This shows the importance of ceaselessly asking God to reveal how he sees our attitudes.

Also, give Fiacre credit. He wanted to be a hermit. By serving those who came to him, however, he sacrificed his desires for a greater good. Can we say the same?

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

The Individual Parts of the Mass

(continued from previous bulletin)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts –At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist the gifts which will become Christ's Body and Blood are brought to the altar. First of all, the altar or Lord's Table, which is the center of the whole Liturgy of the Eucharist, is made ready when on it are placed the corporal, purificator, Missal, and chalice. The offerings are then brought forward. It is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. They are then accepted by the Priest to be carried to the altar.

The procession bringing the gifts is accompanied by the Offertory chant. The bread and wine are placed on the altar and then the Priest washes his hands at the side of the altar, a rite in which the desire for interior purification finds expression.

The Prayer of the Offerings - By means of the invitation to pray with the Priest and by means of Prayer over the Offerings, the preparation of the gifts is concluded and preparation made for the Eucharistic Prayers. At Mass, a single prayer over the Offerings is said. The people make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation Amen.

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(Excerpted from The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

Counters - This ministry assists in the tally of monies collected at Mass each week. Although we do receive weekly donations from parishioners through our online giving, for those who wish to donate directly during Mass, collections require two individuals to reconcile the checks and cash received. The counters meet at 9:00AM on Mondays in the church office. The time commitment is usually one Monday a month (Tuesday if Monday is a bank holiday) and the task usually takes one hour. (If a different time or day would work better, please reach out to the office to inquire).

Contact the office for more information. 303-838-2375



What happened when 19 got into a fight with 20?

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