

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

August 27, 2023

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. Psalm 67



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

Monday, August 28 NO MASS

St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, August 29 Mass at 8:30AM

The Passion of St. John the Baptist
For: Luke Martinez (D) By: Sauser Family

Wednesday, August 30 Mass at 8:30AM

Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Art Tonelli (D) By: Grace Velasquez

Thursday, August 31 Mass at 8:30AM

Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Wida Olsson (L) By: Friend

Friday, September 1 Mass at 8:30AM

Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Reid Family By: Private

Saturday, September 2 Mass at 9:00AM

Saturday Rosary Devotion After Mass
Saturday, September 2 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Mark Elliott By: Family

Sunday, September 3 Mass at 9:00AM

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
For: Living and deceased parishioners of
St. Mary of the Rockies



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,
Lauren Kott Jorgensen,
Andrea Wilkins

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 27



Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

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

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“If you are angry at your neighbor, you are angry at God... Honor your neighbor and you have honored God.” St. Ephrem the Syrian

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 September 2, 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Shirley Moroney

Lector: Steve Bort

Sacristan: Gretchen Dyson

Collections: Jean Bort

Sunday September 3, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Grace Vleasquez & Donald Gould

Lector: Glenn Pence

Sacristan: Tom Karnowka

Collections: Bruce Bohne

September Church Linens - Kathy Pence

Counter(s), August 28 - Felix Beall



Fiscal Year 2023/20224

Offertory Budget: \$132,800

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554

August 19/20: \$2,393

Online Giving: \$640

Difference: \$479 More—Thank you!



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

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

Collected: \$7,788 Percent of Goal Collected: 85%

Today's 'Wisdom Of The Saints' Author

St. Ephrem, the Syrian (C. 306-June 9, 373)

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syriac Christian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to Edessa, along with many other Christians. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest. Ephrem was said to have avoided presbyteral consecration by feigning madness!

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit."

Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373.

Reflection Many Catholics still find singing in church a problem, probably because of the rather individualistic piety that they inherited. Yet singing has been a tradition of both the Old and the New Testaments. It is an excellent way of expressing and creating a community spirit of unity as well as of joy. An ancient historian testifies that Ephrem's hymns "lent luster to the Christian assemblies." We need some modern Ephrems—and cooperating singers—to do the same for our Christian assemblies today. (franciscanmedia.org)

THE BEATITUDES

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

As we meditate on the meaning of this particular beatitude, we must make an effort to go beyond the usual understanding we generally attach to the word "pure." Some translators use the word "clean" instead of "pure," and thus render the text "Blessed be the clean of heart, for they will see God." In some ways, the word "clean" with its incontestable implication of wholesomeness, simplicity, uncontamination, innocence, and tidiness, comes close to the original understanding granted to this particular beatitude in the early Church.

The early Christians, especially the desert monks and nuns who applied themselves seriously to the practice of the beatitudes, essentially understood this particular beatitude to mean something that deeply affected their entire lives. For them, this beatitude went directly to the core, essence and purpose of the Christian life.

In the Scriptures, the word "heart" implies the organ that is the very center and source of life. When the Bible speaks of the heart, it implies the totality of the person. When Jesus invites His disciples to become pure or clean of heart, He is asking them to become totally, wholly God-centered and to give their undivided attention to God alone. It is by pursuing this path with total simplicity that the Christian arrives to the reward attached by the Lord to this beatitude—the vision of God.

The Holy Gospels never cease to remind each of us that the Kingdom of God is within us—within the depths of our own hearts and not anywhere else. To lose sight of that unique place, the center of our own being, is to diminish our capacity for the genuine purity of heart required for the vision of God.

Purity of heart is not achieved in a single day, month, or even a year. It is rather the product of a long, slow process, a process that is at times cumbersome and monotonous in character.

Communion with God is the goal and promise conferred upon those who take the invitation to follow the ways of this beatitude seriously.

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



Parish Potluck Picnic

Sunday, 10:30 (After Mass)

What do rabbits need after getting caught in the rain?

A hare dryer.



First Friday Devotion, Friday September 1st directly following the 8:30AM Mass.

Saturday Rosary Devotion, Saturday September 2nd directly following the 9:00AM Mass

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