

# 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-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**September 3, 2023**  
**Psalm 63**



## *Mass Intentions*

### **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

### **Monday, September 4 NO MASS**

Weekday In Ordinary Time

### **Tuesday, September 5 Mass at 8:30AM**

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: Ben Duran (D) By: Sauser Family

### **Wednesday, September 6 Mass at 8:30AM**

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: Donald Stewart (D) By: Sauser Family

### **Thursday, September 7 Mass at 8:30AM**

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: Tom Mann (D) By: Friend0s

### **Friday, September 8 Mass at 8:30AM**

The Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

For: Prescilla Ruybal (D) By: Sauser Family

### **Saturday, September 9 Mass at 4:00PM**

St. Peter Claver, Priest

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

### **Sunday, September 10 Mass at 9:00AM**

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

For: Patriots Day By: KofC #3138



**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 September 3**

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;

Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mt 5:1-4a; Ps:13.6abc; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54: 3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5



## THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

*“See to it that you refrain from harsh words. But if you do speak them, do not be ashamed to apply the remedy from the same lips that inflicted the wounds.” St. Francis of Paola*

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 9, 4:00PM Mass**

**EMHC:** Shirley Moroney

**Lector:** Lew Maris

**Sacristan:** Roger Moroney

**Collections:** OPEN

**Sunday September 10, 9:00AM Mass**

**EMHC:** Kathy & Glenn Pence

**Lector:** Karen Taylor

**Sacristan:** Patty Schmidt

**Collections:** Bruce Bohne

**September Church Linens** - Kathy Pence

**Counter(s), Tuesday September 5** - Lew Maris



**Fiscal Year 2023/20224**

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

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

**August 26/27: \$3,345**

**Online Giving: \$588**

**Difference: \$1,379 More—Thank You!!**



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

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

*Collected: \$7,894 Percent of Goal Collected: 86%*

**Today's 'Wisdom Of The Saints' Author**

St. Francis of Paola

(March 27, 1416 – April 2, 1507)



Francis of Paola was a man who deeply loved contemplative solitude and wished only to be the "least in the household of God." Yet, when the Church called him to active service in the world, he became a miracle-worker and influenced the course of nations.

After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, he began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave near Paola, on Italy's southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis established a Rule for his austere community and sought Church approval. This was the founding of the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474.

In 1492, Francis changed the name of his community to "Minims" because he wanted them to be known as the least (*minimi*) in the household of God. Humility was to be the hallmark of the brothers as it had been in Francis's personal life. Besides the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Francis enjoined upon his followers the fourth obligation of a perpetual Lenten fast. He felt that heroic mortification was necessary as a means for spiritual growth.

It was Francis's desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He began to use the gifts he had received, such as the gifts of miracles and prophecy, to minister to the people of God. A defender of the poor and oppressed, Francis incurred the wrath of King Ferdinand of Naples for the admonitions he directed toward the king and his sons.

Following the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. While ministering to the king, Francis was able to influence the course of national politics. He helped to restore peace between France and Brittany by advising a marriage between the ruling families, and between France and Spain by persuading Louis XI to return some disputed land. Francis died while at the French court.

**Reflection**

The life of Francis of Paola speaks plainly to an overactive world. He was a contemplative man called to active ministry and must have felt keenly the tension between prayer and service. Yet, in Francis's life it was a productive tension, for he clearly utilized the fruits of contemplation in his ministry, which came to involve the workings of nations. He responded so readily and so well to the call of the Church from a solid foundation in prayer and mortification. When he went out to the world, it was not he who worked but Christ working through him—"the least in the household of God."

**THE BEATITUDES**

***"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."***

*Each of the Beatitudes carries a timeless element, one always pertinent to the life of the Christian, of the disciple. The Lord's call to become a peacemaker and to renounce violence at all times is not an easy one, but neither is the one commanding us to love our enemies.*

*It is when we are confronted with these hard teachings from the Master that we realize the practice of true Christianity is not a comfortable one. Indeed it is a difficult task we are given when we are tasked with heeding the counsels and teachings of such a Master.*

*Throughout the centuries there have always been people trying to interpret how a Christian must respond to the evil of violence, going so far in some cases as to justify the recourse to weapons, thus rendering violence for violence. And yet, what we learn from the simplicity of the Master's teachings is that we are given only one alternative, one choice: that of working for and promoting peace between individuals, families, nations, churches, and all other people and groups in all situations.*

*The Christian is invited by this particular Beatitude to heed the words and example of the Lord by fostering understanding, healing and harmony between peoples in all conflicting situations and on every occasion where He encounters alienation and discord. Jesus doesn't simply tell us to keep peace of mind or peace in our hearts: He commands us to actively become peacemakers. It is not sufficient to simply just wish or pray for peace.*

*Simplicity tells us that all real and honest peacemaking begins first in our own hearts. It is impossible to pursue the works of peace while being in conflict with ourselves, with God, or with our neighbor, who is our brother. Gospel simplicity wisely alerts us that to become true peacemakers in our day we must actively cultivate the works of justice. We must acknowledge those structures in our present society that are unjust and corrupt and work for positive change through non-violent means. Becoming a peace artisan—a peacemaker—implies great courage, fidelity to God's Word, much prayer, and hard work.*

*We must do this in a Christian way, without pride, coercion, manipulation, deception or any other negative means.*

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

**What do you call a kangaroo's lazy joey?  
A pouch potato.**

