

# 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

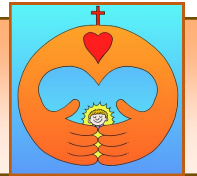
## Adoration

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-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**September 17, 2023**  
**Psalm 103**



## *Mass Intentions*

### Saturday, September 16 Mass at 4:00PM

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
For: Ray & Juanita Johnson (D) By: Friends

### Sunday, September 17 Mass at 9:00AM

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

### Monday, September 18 NO MASS

Weekday In Ordinary Time

### Tuesday, September 19 Mass at 8:30AM

Weekday In Ordinary Time  
For: Mary Beth Ostrowski (L) By: Johnson Family

### Wednesday, September 20 Mass at 8:30AM

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and  
Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs  
For: Don Velasquez (D) By: Family

### Thursday, September 21 Mass at 8:30AM

St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist  
For: Hazel Dugas (D) By: Danielle Miller

### Friday, September 22 Mass at 8:30AM

Weekday In Ordinary Time  
For: Gregory Johnson (L) By: Johnson Family

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

St. Pius of Pietrelcina  
For: Tom Mann (D) By: Friends

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

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



**Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,**

**Lauren Kott Jorgensen, Richard Timko,**

**Chelsea Craver**

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 17

**Sunday:** Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;

Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; 1 Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15



## THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

*“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”*

*St. Francis of Assisi*

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 23, 4:00PM Mass**

**EMHC:** Luci Berardi  
**Lector:** Janice Kraft  
**Sacristan:** Gretchen Dyson  
**Collections:** OPEN

**Sunday September 24, 9:00AM Mass**

**EMHC:** Grace Velasquez & Douglas Gould  
**Lector:** Laura Reid  
**Sacristan:** Tom Karnowka  
**Collections:** OPEN

**September Church Linens** - Kathy Pence  
**Counter(s), September 25** - Felix Beall



**Fiscal Year 2023/20224**  
**Offertory Budget: \$132,800**  
**Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554**  
**September 9/10: \$1,605**  
**Online Giving: \$1,570**  
**Difference: \$621 More—Thank you!**



**2023 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$9,211**  
Pledged: \$9,149    Percent of Goal Pledged: 99%  
Collected: \$8,750    Percent of Goal Collected: 95%

**The Seven Sorrows of Mary**

The Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15.

**Third Sorrow: Search for the Child in Jerusalem**

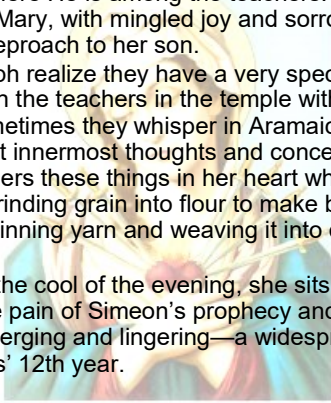
*"After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have you done this to us?'" (Lk 2:46, 48).*

Terror seizes Mary's heart when she discovers that her son is missing. On the third day, while walking by the temple, the anxious mother hears the sweet sound of Jesus' voice.

"Joseph, look! There He is among the teachers!" They run to Jesus' side, and Mary, with mingled joy and sorrow, speaks words of gentle reproach to her son.

Mary and Joseph realize they have a very special son—who amazes even the teachers in the temple with His intelligence. Sometimes they whisper in Aramaic at night, sharing their most innermost thoughts and concerns. Often, young Mary ponders these things in her heart while performing her daily tasks, grinding grain into flour to make bread, milking the goats, and spinning yarn and weaving it into clothing for her family.

Sometimes, in the cool of the evening, she sits on the flat roof of their home, the pain of Simeon's prophecy and of Jesus' disappearance merging and lingering—a widespread pain in that April of Jesus' 12th year.



**Fourth Sorrow: Mary meets Jesus on His way to the Cross**

*"And carrying the cross Himself..." (Jn 19:17). "A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented Him." (Lk 23:27).*

Mary's life remains hidden—hidden in God. A widow now, she lives an inconspicuous life, pondering and accepting the mystery of her unique role and that of her son. When news of His miracles reach her at Nazareth, she rejoices. But the disturbing news of the tension mounting in Jerusalem concerning an upstart named Jesus makes her apprehensive. She knows the sword is poised to pierce her heart more deeply. Yet she goes to Jerusalem for the Passover feast, hoping Jesus will be there. Mary helps prepare the Passover meal. Quickly she dishes out the bitter herbs and vinegar and carries them to the Upper Room. Here, Mary participates in the first Eucharist.

Perhaps one of the holy women finds Mary and tells her that Jesus has been arrested. "I must go to Him!" she cries. Mary pushes her way through the shouting, cursing mob. She sees her son carrying His cross. Mary's heart breaks in unspeakable sorrow. Their eyes meet and speak volumes of love in a frozen moment of anguished silence, "Trust, Trust," Jesus' heart speaks to hers.

*Jeanette Martino Land (franciscanmedia.org) Continued in next bulletin.*

**THE BEATITUDES**

***"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."***

*When we consider this particular beatitude and all its implications, we realize that no sensible person, no one among us in the right mind, makes the choice to be persecuted and suffer. It is not in our nature to be masochistic or to seek insults and slander. Jesus was not saying this as He uttered this beatitude. What He implied is that there are times when God allows us to undergo the experience of suffering and persecution for the sake of our own good, sometimes for the welfare of others, and, of course, always for the sake of the kingdom of God.*

*There is forever a cost to all true discipleship, and Jesus didn't mince words when He counseled His disciples that in order to follow Him they must also take up the cross as He did Himself. Jesus, the Son of the living God, was rejected, persecuted, forced to carry the cross, and even died crucified on it—all for the sake of reconciling the world, each of us sinners, to the Father. He accepted to be condemned by His fellow men and crucified by the Romans for the sake of our salvation. Through His own personal suffering, He wished to open the doors to the kingdom for all and for all time.*

*God does not wish to impose suffering on us out of vengeance or chastisement or any other human reason. The only reason He allows it or permits it in our lives is because at the end, a greater good comes out of it. Jesus suffered intensely during His Passion, from the agony in the garden to His last breath on the cross, but out of all that came the priceless gift of our redemption, the reconciliation of humanity, and the whole world with God, its author and creator.*

*The Father, in allowing us to share in the sufferings and persecution Jesus went through for our sake, brings us closer in union and deeper conformity with His only begotten Son, the Son who is the source of His eternal joy. And as true disciples of the Lord, called to endure from time to time the pain and mystery of the cross, we must always keep in mind that at the end, the joy of the resurrection awaits each of us. May the Lord grant that one day, through the pain of the cross, we will arrive safely to the joy of eternal Light.*

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

**What would happen if you threw all the books in the ocean? It would cause a title wave.**

