# 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

**December 22,2024** 

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

# Fourth Sunday Of Advent

# Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved. Psalm 80





## Saturday, December 21 Mass at 4:00PM

Advent Weekday

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

### Sunday, December 22 Mass at 9:00AM

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

For: Jane Revell (D) By: Ginny & John Pawlik

Monday, December 23 NO MASS

Advent Weekday

## Tuesday, December 24 Mass at 4:00PM

Christmas Vigil

For: Souls In Purgatory By: Private

## Wednesday, December 25 Mass at 9:00AM

Christmas Day

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

## Thursday, December 26 NO MASS

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

## Friday, December 27 Mass at 8:30AM

St. John, Apostle, Evangelist For: Vincent Kraft (D) By: Family

# Saturday, December 28 Mass at 4:00PM

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

For: Living and deceased parishioners

of St. Mary of the Rockies

#### Sunday, December 29 Mass at 9:00AM

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, And Joseph

For: Rick Timko (D) By: Friends



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome, Works Alex Young, Mike Pesta, Albert Rhein & Family, Jeri Lemkuhl, Maddie Mann, Mary Beth Raichart, Michele Salentine,

Karen Satriano, Sharon Fous, Kristin Walace, Pearl Hartling, Randy Whitesell

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 22



**Sunday:** Mt 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14;

Lk 1:57-60

**Tuesday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Wednesday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17; Mt 10:17-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 **Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

## Fourth Sunday Of Advent: Love

As we anticipate Christmas, let us remember our loving savior, how he came once as a baby that the world through him might be saved, and how he will return in glory. The Lord your God is with you.

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 December 28, 4:00PM Mass

**EMHC:** Shirley Moroney Lector: Steve Bort

Sacristan: Gretchen Dyson Collections: Jean Bort

Sunday December 29, 9:00AM Mass

**EMHC:** Kathy & Glenn Pence Lector: Glenn Pence Sacristan: Patty Schmidt Collections: OPEN

January Church Linens - Kathy Pence



Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Offertory Budget: \$132,800 Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2.554

December 14/15: \$3,195 Online Giving: \$613

Difference: \$!,254 More—Thank You!

2024 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$8,117

Pledged: \$8,625 Percent of Goal Pledged: 106% Collected: \$8,954 Percent of Goal Collected: 110%

## The Fourth Week Of Advent Theme: Love

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, the final beacon of anticipation before the joyous celebration of Christmas, holds profound significance as it culminates the spiritual iourney of preparation and expectation. This pivotal Sunday introduces the theme of love, symbolized by the lighting of the fourth and final candle on the Advent wreath, often referred to as the "Angel's Candle."

As the Angel's Candle is kindled, its radiant glow serves as a poignant reminder of the boundless love that permeates the story of Christ's birth. The Scripture readings for this Sunday often center around the timeless message of divine love, drawing from passages that illuminate the profound significance of God's unconditional love manifested through the gift of His Son.

The imagery of the Angel's Candle evokes the celestial proclamation of Christ's birth, as heralded by the heavenly messengers. It serves as a powerful testament to the transformative power of love, demonstrating that the essence of Christmas lies in the profound and unending love that God bestows upon humanity through the incarnation of His Son.

## MEET ONE OF OUR NEWEST FEMALE SAINTS

St. Marie Leonie Paradis is one of fourteen saints that Pope Francis canonized on October 20, 2024. What do you need to know about this holy woman of God?

- 1.) St. Marie Leonie was just fourteen years old when she entered the community of the Marianites of Holy Cross in 1854.
- 2.) St. Marie Leonie was born in Canada and spent twelve years serving in the United States.
- 3.) She founded The Little Sisters of the Holy Family to provide spiritual and material support for priests so that they are able to concentrate on their own mission.
- 4.) St. Marie Leonie was deeply devoted to the serving priests, education, the Eucharist, and the Blessed Mother.
- 5.) St. Marie Leonie's feast day is May 3. She died on May 3, 1912, after a battle with cancer.

St. Marie Leonie Quotes:

"My trust is unlimited in our Good Mother. She knows our needs and has such great power over the heart of her divine Son."

- St. Marie Leonie Paradis



# **OUR LADY - UNDOER OF KNOTS**

"Mary...is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that He can untangle the knots of our soul..." Pope Francis

The Knots in Our Lives - Our lives have

knots that can seem impossible to untie: Marriage troubles, money problems, unemployment, illness, loneliness, fears, and worries of all kinds. When we find ourselves facing challenges and seem to have no solutions, there is a devotion we can turn to that unties the knots for us so that we might, in the words of Pope Francis, "better unite with God and serve Him always."

The devotion to Mary as "Undoer of Knots" is recent; it's only been around for about thirty years. Pope Francis is credited with bringing it to Argentina. From there, the devotion spread to Brazil and is now rippling throughout the entire Catholic world.

Of course, devotions aren't magic. Just saying words doesn't do anything. But the trust we have in Mary's ability to intercede for us and the faith in God to answer prayer can lead to changes in our lives that we never dreamed possible.

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**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** TUESDAY DECEMBER 24TH. CHRISTMAS VIGIL-4:00PM WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25TH, CHRISTMAS DAY-9:00AM



I wish more people were fluent in silence.