

St. Mary of the Rockies

Catholic Church

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Good News!

October 18, 2026
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b / Matthew 22:15–21

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Jesus had to know something was up when both the Pharisees and the Herodians approached him together. Pharisees and Herodians were never together. Herodians survived by cooperating with the Roman Empire. The Pharisees found such cooperation an affront to God's law.

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" they asked. It was a trap. If he answered "no," the Herodians could report him to the Romans for fomenting rebellion. If he answered "yes," the crowd watching would see Jesus as a sellout to an unpopular foreign power. But Jesus did not take the bait. He refused to give a "yes" or a "no," instead allowing onlookers to see that his Pharisee and Herodian challengers were carrying the Roman coin in their pockets—hence participating in the Roman economy—whereas he did not even possess the coin they were asking about. He was living and working for a different ruler altogether. Their question was outside his realm of concern.

So often we, too, can find ourselves trapped in heated political conversations where questions are asked in such a way that they seem to allow only a yes-or-no answer. The askers want to reveal, "Are you with us or are you against us?" as if there are no other options. As followers of Jesus, we know that there are issues of ultimate concern for us—"battle hills worth dying on." Jesus himself had one: Calvary. But Jesus himself did not feel as if he needed to take a stand on every hot political issue of his day. Sometimes he sidestepped those conversations. So can we. ●

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17: Vigil of XXIX Sunday in OT
4:00PM: For: Linda and Bart Pearlman

Sunday, October 18: XXIX Sunday in OT
9:00AM: World Missions

Monday, October 19 NO MASS
Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday, October 20: *Ordinary Time*
8:30AM: For: Souls in Purgatory & Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, October 21: Ordinary Time
8:30PM: For: Jozefa Blachut (D)

Thurdsay, October 22: Ordinary Time
8:30AM: For: Kazimerz Blachut (D)

Fridsay, October 23: Ordinary Time
8:30AM: For: Maria Kaim (D)

Saturday, October 24: Vigil of XXX Sunday in OT
4:00PM: For: Vincent Kraft

Sunday, October 25: XXX Sunday in OT
9:00AM: For: Souls in Purgatory & Blessed Virgin Mary

Joke of the week:

What do you call a magic dog? - A labracadabrador

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Masses
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM
Thursday: 9:10 - 9.50 AM
and by appointment

Holy Days
9:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Holy Hour
Thursday: 9:00am-10:00 AM

Rosary
8.30 AM - Every Sunday before Mass

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget: $132,800
Weekly Offertory Budget: $2,554
October 10/11: $2,984.60
Online Giving: $949

2026 Diocesan Ministry Appeal
Goal: $9,5038
Collected: $9,502 (105%)

PRAY FOR...

Bret Melby, Mike Pesta, David Reid Sr., Virginia Smith, Martha Cassidy, Cecilia Bretz, Gina Reitz, Julie Nelson, Ron Wood, Carol Jarecke

May Jesus, the Divine Physician, restore them to the fullness of llfe and health and liberate them from all afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

MINISTRIES

Saturday October 24, 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Luci Berardi

Lector: Janice Kraft

Sacristan: Roger Moroney

Collections: OPEN

Sunday October 25, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Glenn & Kathy Pence

Lector: Laura Reid

Sacristan: Open

Collections: OPEN

October Church Linens

Shirley Maroney

Counter(s), October 26

Shirley & Roger Maroney

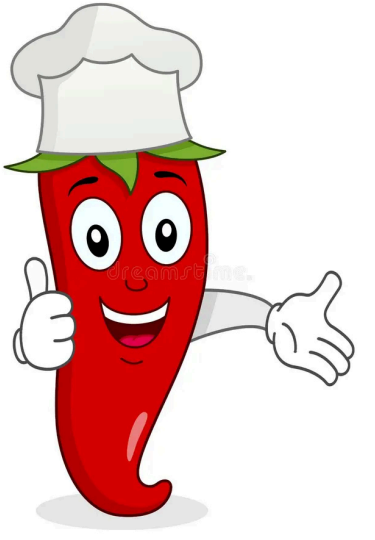
SAVE THE DATE !!

Chili cook off and silent auction.

Saturday, October 24th 5:00PM, after Mass

Handouts in the pews with detailed information.

Please help us plan for this event by signing up on the forms which are located on the side table and in the lobby of the church before October 18th if you plan to participate in the chili cook off or donate an item to the silent auction.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 19 *Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs* Eph 2:1–10 Lk 12:13–21	October 20 *Weekday* Eph 2:12–22 Lk 12:35–38	October 21 *Weekday* Eph 3:2–12 Lk 12:39–48	October 22 *Weekday* Eph 3:14–21 Lk 12:49–53	October 23 *Weekday* Eph 4:1–6 Lk 12:54–59	October 24 *Weekday* Eph 4:7–16 Lk 13:1–9	October 25 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time* Ex 22:20–26 1 Thes 1:5c–10 Mt 22:34–40

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

Dear Padre

October 18, 2026

What does it mean when it says we're in Cycle A or B or C? Or Years I and II?

When the bishops of the Church at the Second Vatican Council in 1963 called for a revision of our liturgy, they asked that "The treasures of the Bible…be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way, a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 51).

At Sunday Masses, the Scriptures are divided up over three years (called Years A, B, and C). At these Masses, the gospel is the primary reading. The first reading, taken from the Old Testament, and the responsorial psalm touch upon the same theme as the gospel. In the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading follows consecutive passages from the letters of Paul or the other apostles, independent of the other readings.

At weekday Masses, most of the Bible is read over a period of two years. Odd-numbered years are Year I, and even-numbered years are Year II.

All of this should help us open those treasures that the Church says are ours in the Scriptures. ●

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