

St. Mary of the Rockies
Catholic Church

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Good News!

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 22:20–26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 / Matthew 22:34–40

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"Love makes the world go 'round." Or another saying: "Love is all you need." Love, so necessary, so welcome, and seemingly so elusive. How can something be so needed, so valued, and so treasured and at the same time be so rare and even, at times, so difficult? Philosophers, poets, and scribes all provide different insights, each capturing something of the truth yet remaining somehow incomplete.

Jesus changes the context: love understood not as a feeling or as an emotion, but as a commandment. In God's kingdom, love is not something you pursue or something you hope to find. Living in God's kingdom, love is something you do. It is core; it is essential. It is how you live. It is how you form your judgments and perceptions. It is what energizes your choices and your decisions.

We come closer and closer each day to loving God fully when we understand the need to embrace the "unspoken" commandment: "[Jesus said,] 'For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'" (Matthew 16:25). ●

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24: ***Vigil of XXX Sunday in OT***
4:00PM: For: Vincent Kraft (D)
Sunday, October 25: XXX Sunday in OT
9:00AM: For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St Mary of the Rockies
Monday, October 26: *Ordinary Time*
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 27: *Ordinary Time*
8:30AM: For: Stella Wladylaw Blachut (L)

Wednesday, October 28: Ordinary Time
8:30PM: For: Brian Kraft (L)

Thurdsay, October 29: Ordinary Time
8:30AM: For: Katarzyna & Chris Blachut (L)

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

Saturday, October 31: **Vigil of All Saints**
4:00PM: For: Father John Auer (D)

Sunday, November 1: **All Saints Day**
9:00AM: For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St Mary of the Rockies

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 17/18, 2026
1,269.00
Online Giving: $1,263.50

2026 Diocesan Ministry Appeal
Goal: $9,038
Collected: $9,140 (101%)

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 31, 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Shirley Maroney

Lector: Karen Taylor

Sacristan: Roger Moroney

Collections: OPEN

Sunday Nov. 1, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Glenn & Kathy Pence

Lector: Tom Karnowka

Sacristan: Patty Schmidt

Collections: Tom Karnowka

November Church Linens

Melanie Brown

Counter(s), October 26

Laura Reid & Abby Theobald

We will be doing the November Prayer basket again this year and there are remembrance envelopes in the pews for your use. It is not necessary for a financial donation but any would be appreciated. These Mass intentions will be offered calendar year 2027. Please place your envelope in the basket in front of the altar.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1
Weekday	*Weekday*	*Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles*	*Weekday*	*Weekday*	*Weekday*	*All Saints*
Eph 4:32—5:8	Eph 5:21–33	Eph 2:19–22	Eph 6:10–20	Phil 1:1–11	Phil 1:18b–26	Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
Lk 13:10–17	Lk 13:18–21	Lk 6:12–16	Lk 13:31–35	Lk 14:1–6	Lk 14:1, 7–11	1 Jn 3:1–3
						Mt 5:1–12a

Dear Padre

October 25, 2026

I occasionally need to be reminded why I should remain Catholic. Can you help?

Whether our faith was inherited at birth or adopted later, it's healthy to periodically reexamine our beliefs and practices with the intent to grow closer to God. Saint Paul uses the metaphor of moving beyond milk to solid food to explain our maturing faith. (See Hebrews 5:12–14). Questions or doubts are not necessarily signs of crisis or disloyalty to God or the Church. Indeed, it's often when we challenge pat answers that God moves us to a deeper meaning and stronger relationship—that is, if we're steadfast on the path to holiness. People remain Catholic for numerous reasons, including:

- the Church's belief in God's goodness to us through the sacraments;
- a 2,000-year tradition of living the gospel in a universal, multicultural community of faith;
- a proven track record as an agent for personal and spiritual growth and social transformation.

When Church members' behavior is contrary to Christ's mission, and our confidence to remain is tested, it's good to recall that the Church is divinely fortified and humanly composed. People remain Catholic because the Church exists to bring us into full communion with God, through Christ, by working toward the fullness of the kingdom. "The Church 'is the visible plan of God's love for humanity,' because God desires 'that the whole human race may become one people of god, form one body of Christ, and be built into one temple of the Holy Spirit'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 776). ●

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