

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31, 2023
Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways. Psalm 128



Saturday, December 30 Mass at 4:00PM

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

Sunday, December 31 Mass at 9:00AM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
For: Jeff Wagner (D) By: Family

Monday, January 1 NO MASS

Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

Tuesday, January 2 Mass at 8:30AM

Saints Basil the Great and Nazianzen, Bishops,
Doctors of the Church

For: Don Jarecke (D) By: Private

Wednesday, January 3 Mass at 8:30AM

Christmas Weekday

For: Mike Peterson (D) By: Private

Thursday, January 4 Mass at 8:30AM

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

For: Rick Timko (D) By: Private

Friday, January 5 Mass at 8:30AM

First Friday Service After Mass

St. John Newmann, Bishop

For: Rick Timko (D) By: K of C Assembly

Saturday, January 6 Mass at 9:00AM

Saturday Rosary Devotion After Mass

Saturday, January 6 Mass at 4:00PM

Christmas Weekday

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

Sunday, January 7 Mass at 9:00AM

The Epiphany Of The Lord

For: Don Jarecke (D) By: K of C Assembly



**Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,
Lauren Kott Jorgensen,
Chelsea Craver, Alex Young,
Sharon Fous, Jessica Shaull,
Melanie Brown, Maddie Mann, Mary Beth Raichart**

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

Readings for the week of December 31



Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5;

Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1-3, 6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

The Wisdom Of The Saints

"A single act of pure love pleases Me more than a thousand imperfect prayers."

St. Faustina (from a vision of Jesus)

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 January 6, 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Shirley Moroney

Lector: Steve Bort

Sacristan: Gretchen Dyson

Collections: Jean Bort

Sunday January 7, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Ginny & John Pawlik

Lector: Laura Reid

Sacristan: J. Merritt

Collections: J. Merritt

January Church Linens - Kathy Pence

Counter(s), Tuesday January 2 - Laura Reid



Fiscal Year 2023/20224

Offertory Budget: \$132,800

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554

December 23/24: Not Available

Online Giving: Not Available At Time Of Printing

Difference: Not Available

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

Pledged: \$ Percent of Goal Pledged: %

Collected: \$ Percent of Goal Collected: %

Patron Saints For Modern Challenges

Television and Homeless People

With **Saint Clare of Assisi** we come to one of those infrequent instances when a pope assigned the area of patronage himself. In 1958, Pope Pius XII named Saint Clare patron of television. He based his decision on the testimony of one of the witnesses in Clare's canonization proceedings.

One Christmas Eve, Clare was so ill she could not leave her bed to attend Midnight Mass. After all the nuns had left for the chapel, Clare sighed and said, "Look, Lord God, I have been left here alone with you." At that moment, she had a vision of the Mass. Not only could she see what was happening in the distant church, but she could also hear the organ music and the singing as clearly as if she were present. Pope Pius interpreted this miracle as the first live broadcast.

Christ once said of himself, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head" (Luke 9:58). In his zeal to imitate Our Lord, **Saint Benedict Joseph Labré** (1748-1783) decided to apply these words literally to his own life. He became a full-time pilgrim. Year after year he walked from one great shrine in Europe to another. He never begged, but relied on whatever strangers were moved to give him. He slept outdoors, and he never had a home.

In 1774, at age 26, Benedict Joseph decided to remain permanently in Rome. He lived in the Colosseum, attended Mass daily at the Church of Santa Maria dei Monti nearby, and spent his days visiting the churches of Rome. Yet Benedict Joseph was not a romantic figure. He never bathed or washed his clothes. Some custodians, offended by the look and the smell of him, drove him out of their churches.

When Benedict Joseph died, however, all his eccentricities were forgotten, or at least forgiven. Immediately he became the focus of a grassroots devotion. The priests of Santa Maria dei Monti had a death mask made of his face, preserved his filthy rags as relics and buried him in the church he loved.

After a rigorous investigation to make certain that he was neither mentally disturbed nor a fraud, Pope Leo XIII canonized Benedict Joseph Labré in 1883. Since then he has been popularly acclaimed as patron saint of homeless people.

(franciscanmedia.org)

Do you know why horses have low divorce rates? They have stable relationships.



The Structure of the Mass, Its Elements, and Its Parts

(continued from previous bulletin)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Communion Rite - The celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Banquet. In accordance with the Lord's command, His Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those of the faithful present who are properly disposed.

The Lord's Prayer - In the Lord's Prayer a petition is made for daily bread which for Christians means the Eucharistic Bread. The Priest pronounces the invitation to the prayer, and all the faithful say the prayer with him. The Priest alone adds the embolism, developing the last petition of the Lord's Prayer, asking for deliverance from the power of evil for the whole community of the faithful.

The Rite of Peace - There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for the whole human family. The faithful express to each other their communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament. It is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest.

The Fraction of the Bread - The Priest breaks the Eucharistic Bread. The gesture of breaking bread, done by Christ at the Last Supper, signifies that the many are made one body by receiving communion from the Bread of Life. The fraction, or breaking of the bread, is begun after the sign of peace and this rite is reserved to the Priest and the Deacon.

The Priest breaks the bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. The *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) is usually sung by the choir or cantor with the congregation replying. This invocation accompanies the fraction of the bread and concludes with the words *grant us peace*.

(continued in the next bulletin)

(Excerpted from The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)



Easy fundraising for the Church - Both King Soopers and Safeway participate in a shoppers' reward program which donates a percentage of the money spent at their store to St. Mary of the Rockies. The Safeway

program has a reloadable card and each time you add money to that card a percentage is donated to the Church. With King Soopers you do not need a separate card. You add your existing loyalty card account information to their website and a percentage of what you spend goes to the Church. You can find a link to sign up on the Church's website.



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