

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

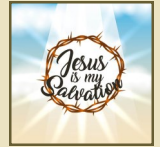
Thursday Morning 9:00AM concluding with
Benediction at 10:00AM

For weddings, contact the office six months in advance
Other Sacraments, contact the office
Religious Education, contact the office

Second Sunday Of Advent

December 10, 2023

Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85



Saturday, December 9 Mass at 4:00PM

Weekday In Ordinary Time

For: Larry Donmeyer (D) By: Friends

Sunday, December 10 Mass at 9:00AM

Second Sunday Of Advent

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

Monday, December 11 NO MASS

Advent Weekday

Tuesday, December 12 Mass at 8:30AM

Our Lady of Guadalupe

For: Chris B. (D) By: Sauser Family

Wednesday, December 13 Mass at 8:30AM

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

For: Betty Cruz (D) By: Sauser Family

Thursday, December 14 Mass at 8:30AM

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

For: Quent Skaggs (D) By: Grace Velasquez

Friday, December 15 Mass at 8:30AM

Advent Weekday

For: Joshua Romero (D) By: Grace Velasquez

Saturday, December 16 Mass at 4:00PM

Advent Weekday

For: Tom Mann (D) By: Dee Proffit

Sunday, December 17 Mass at 9:00AM

Third Sunday Of Advent

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



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,

Lauren Kott Jorgensen, Rick Timko,

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 the Lord.

Readings for the week of December 10



Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14;

2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 33:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Second Sunday Of Advent: Peace

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

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 December 16 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Luci Berardi
Lector: Janice Kraft
Sacristan: Roger Moroney
Collections: OPEN

Sunday December 17, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Ginny & John Pawlik
Lector: Glenn Pence
Sacristan: J. Merritt
Collections: J. Merritt
December Church Linens - Shirley Moroney
Counter(s), December 11 - Felix Beall



Fiscal Year 2023/20224
Offertory Budget: \$132,800
Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554
December 2/3: \$2,055
Online Giving: \$1,241
Difference: \$742 More—Thank you!

2023 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$9,211
Pledged: \$9,149 Percent of Goal Pledged: 99%
Collected: \$9,496 Percent of Goal Collected: 103%



Saint Who?

Saint Romanus of Le Mans

We all know people who, if you look at their lives, aren't "special"—they are not like Mother Teresa or some great preacher—and yet their commitment to letting Christ soak every thread in their life's fabric is no less profound. They are the quiet saints, the ones who don't get much attention. One of the best examples of them is St. Romanus of Le Mans.

Romanus was a reserved homebody who would have stayed in Italy if his uncle, St. Julian, bishop of Le Mans, had not requested his assistance. God used Romanus to bless that city's people in myriad ways, including conversions, the odd resurrection, and other miracles. And like some star athletes who kneel and point heavenward after scoring, the shy young Italian always gave the credit to God.

Within short order St. Julian ordained his nephew to the priesthood, and then he sent him to evangelize along the Gironde River. There Romanus won even more conversions, especially among the sailors. What makes this odd is that Romanus was inarticulate and scatterbrained. However, he also was sincere. The gospel had so convicted his heart, and he spoke of it so lovingly, that often after hearing him people immediately asked for baptism.

When Uncle Julian died, Romanus would simply not leave the tomb, neither day nor night. And so, when St. Thuribe was elected Julian's successor, he asked Romanus to be the tomb's caretaker. In time Thuribe too died, and Romanus watched over his grave as well. Because the early Christians desired to be buried near the saints, a cemetery began to mushroom around the sepulchers of these two saints, and Romanus became a member of a minor order called the Fossors (Gravediggers). When Christians died, these brothers performed services not unlike those of undertakers today. They also tended the tombs and ministered to the bereaved.

When he perceived that his own race had run its course, Romanus asked Bishop Pavace leave to go to Rome. The bishop gave it on the condition he come back, which he did. Romanus died shortly thereafter. For many centuries his tomb was the site of significant pilgrimages. Then, like a photograph left too long in the sun, remembrance of him faded.

Why St. Romanus of Le Mans deserves our attention and devotion:

Sanctity comes from one thing and one thing only: uncompromising love for God over ourselves and for His will over our own. Our Savior taught us to show that love through our treatment of others. This consists not only in easing their burdens but also in loving them so much that we try to bring them to Christ. St. Romanus is a great example of how to do both very well. *franciscanmedia.org*

*What did Spartacus think when the lion ate his wife?
He was gladiator.*



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

(continued from previous bulletin)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Prayer - Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest calls on the people to lift up their hearts towards the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving. The main elements of which the Eucharistic Prayer consists may be distinguished from one another in this way:

1. The *thanksgiving* in which the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to Him for the whole work of salvation.
2. The *acclamation* by which the whole congregation sings the *Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)*.
3. The *epiclesis* in which the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands become Christ's Body and Blood and that the unblemished Victim to be consumed in Communion may be for the salvation of those who partake of it.
4. The *institution narration and Consecration* - the words and actions of Christ which Christ Himself instituted during the Last Supper, offering His Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, giving them to the Apostles to eat and drink and leaving them with the command to perpetuate the same mystery. *(continued in the next bulletin)*

(Excerpted from The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

The Belles of St. Mary of the Rockies

The Belles of St. Mary is a Women's Ministry that provides fellowship, support, spiritual growth, and opportunities for women to discover their gifts and talents.

The Belles seek to glorify God through supporting the Pastor's vision, working with all other parish ministries and expanding our outreach to the community.

All women are welcome. If you are interested in learning more about the Belles' Ministry please feel free to attend one of our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in the Church's social hall at 2:00PM.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 13th, 2:00pm

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

10:00AM AFTER SUNDAY MASS

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