Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Psalm 23

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

Readings for the week of April 30

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 29 Mass at 4:00PM
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary of the Rockies

Sunday, April 30 Mass at 9:00AM
Fourth Sunday Of Easter
For: Clyde Johnson (D) By: Friend

Monday, May 1 NO MASS
Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 2 Mass at 8:30AM
St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
For: Sarah Beall (D) By: Friends

Wednesday, May 3 Mass at 8:30AM
St. Philip and St. James, Apostles
For: Clyde Johnson (D) By: Friends

Thursday, May 4 Mass at 8:30AM
Easter Weekday
For: Bruce Moellmer (L) By: Friend

Friday, May 5 Mass at 8:30AM
Easter Weekday
For: Pat Berres (D) By: Family

Saturday, May 6 Mass at 4:00PM
Easter Weekday
For: Norb & Margaret Salentine (D) By: Family

Sunday, May 7 Mass at 9:00AM
Fifth Sunday Of Easter
For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary of the Rockies

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.

Prayer Requests

Bret Melby, Alma Jerome, Tom Mann, Lauren Kott Jorgensen, Jean Poppe, Frank Berardi, Manda Storrer

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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

“You will not see anyone who is truly striving after his spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.” St. Athanasius

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**GOD’S SALVATION**

**LAW AND GRACE**

Called to beatitude but wounded by sin, man stands in need of salvation from God. Divine help comes to him in Christ through the law that guides him and the grace that sustains him.

**The Old Law** - The Law remains the first stage on the way to the kingdom. It prepares and disposes the chosen people and each Christian for conversion and faith in the Savior God. The Old Law is a preparation for the Gospel. It prophesies and presages the work of liberation from sin which will be fulfilled in Christ. Finally, the Law is completed by the teaching of the prophets which set its course toward the New Covenant and the Kingdom of heaven.

**The New Law or the Law of the Gospel** - The New Law or the Law of the Gospel is the perfection here on earth of the divine law, natural and revealed. It is the work of Christ and is expressed particularly in the Sermon on the Mount. It is also the work of the Holy Spirit. The New Law is the grace of the Holy Spirit given to the faithful through faith in Christ. It works through charity. It uses the Sermon on the Mount to teach us what must be done and makes use of the sacraments to give us the grace to do it. The Law of the Gospel fulfills, refines, surpasses, and leads the Old Law to its perfection. In the Beatitudes, the New Law fulfills the divine promises by elevating and orienting them toward the kingdom of heaven. It is addressed to those open to accepting this new hope with faith - the poor, the humble, the afflicted, the pure of heart, those persecuted on account of Christ - and so marks out the surprising ways of the Kingdom.

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**SPRING MEDITATIONS**

Springtime usually has connotations of freshness, energy, and enthusiasm, but that’s not how we tend to think of wisdom. We tend to associate wisdom with age and experience, while spring is the season of youth and inexperience.

Spring’s contribution to wisdom can be summed up like this: New beginnings are always possible. Spring is a new season, a fresh and bright season. And no matter how cold and long the winter, spring always follows; it always begins again. Wisdom has to do with knowledge in action. Professors and intellectuals can have an abundance of knowledge, but unless that knowledge has helped them learn the art of living, we don’t call them wise. An uneducated peasant may have less book knowledge, but if the knowledge that such a person gleaned from nature and from life reaches not only his mind but his heart, he may be wiser than any professor.

Like spring, we can also begin again. Failure is never final in this life or on this beautiful God-given earth. We can always have a fresh start. The losses from what passed before are real and we can’t ignore them or pretend they don’t hurt. The damage from winter is true damage. But even so, we can always begin again.

**Reflect** - The human spirit resonates with the conviction that new beginnings are always possible, a truth woven into the most native rhythms of life on earth. Allow this truth to penetrate not only your mind but also your heart. New beginnings are always possible, even right here and right now.

*(Spring Meditations by John Bartunek, LC, STHD)*

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**Why did Mozart kill all his chickens?**

When he asked them to name the world’s best composer, they all said, “Bach bach bach!”

**Fiscal Year 2022/2023**

- Offertory Budget: $132,800
- Weekly Offertory Budget: $2,554
- April 22/23: $1,189
- Online Giving: $448
- Difference: $917 Less

**2023 Returning God’s Gifts Goal: $9,211**

Pledged: $7,929  Percent of Goal Pledged: 87%
Collected: $5,724 Percent of Goal Collected: 62%

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**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, May 10th