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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

“If there be a true way that leads to the Everlasting Kingdom, it is most certainly that of suffering, patiently endured.” St. Colette
Saturday July 15, 4:00PM Mass
EMHC: Luci Berardi
Lector: Lew Maris
Sacristan: OPEN
Collections: OPEN
Sunday July 16, 9:00AM Mass
EMHC: Grace Velasquez & Douglas Gould
Lector: Laura Reid
Sacristan: Patty Schmidt
Collections: Bruce Bohne
July Church Linens - Shirley Moroney
Counter(s), July 10 - Lew Maris

Today's 'Wisdom Of The Saints' Author
St. Colette
(January 13, 1381 – March 6, 1447)

Colette did not seek the limelight, but in doing God’s will she certainly attracted a lot of attention. Colette was born in Corbie, France. At 21, she began to follow the Third Order Rule and became an anchoress, a woman walled into a room whose only opening was a window into a church.

After four years of prayer and penance in this cell, she left it. With the approval and encouragement of the Pope, she joined the Poor Clares and reintroduced the primitive Rule of St. Clare in the 17 monasteries she established. Her sisters were known for their poverty—they rejected any fixed income—and for their perpetual fast. Colette’s reform movement spread to other countries and is still thriving today. Colette was canonized in 1807. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on March 6.

Reflection
Colette began her reform during the time of the Great Western Schism (1378-1417) when three men claimed to be Pope and thus divided Western Christianity. The 15th century in general was a very difficult one for the Western Church. Abuses long neglected cost the Church dearly in the following century. Colette’s reform indicated the entire Church’s need to follow Christ more closely.

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THE BEATITUDES

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

When Jesus accepted to endure the pain and sorrow of carrying and ultimately dying on the cross, He ushered in a whole new paradigm for those who believed in Him and would follow Him to the end. Through the cross and that utterly raw form of suffering He endured during His crucifixion, Christ somehow overcame the power of evil. Through His patient endurance of pain, sorrow, and seemingly human defeat, Jesus triumphs over the dark powers of the world and opens heaven for us. He pours over us His tender mercy with the graciousness of His immeasurable love.

During our earthly journey, we are sometimes confronted with the mystery of suffering with hardships and sorrow. It is at those very moments when we hear the Lord’s voice inviting each of us to identify and share in the mystery of His own suffering.

Grief, sorrow, suffering—however one may choose to describe it, it is part and parcel of all human existence. Sooner or later it penetrates the life of every one of us. The spirit of this particular Beatitude prepares us to accept the challenge of these harsh realities as they enter into our individual lives.

Whatever the cause of our sorrow, this Beatitude gives us the opportunity to bring meaning to an otherwise totally negative experience. Sometimes the pain and sense of loss is such that we feel ready to succumb to its pressure. It is then that we hear Jesus’ promise of consolation. His words come to our rescue and fill us with new hope. His promise to relieve us from our pain then becomes deeper than the pain itself. How much greater our sorrow would be if it were devoid of meaning and God wasn’t close by to sustain us?

(Excerpted from Simply Living The Beatitudes, by Brother Victor-Antoine d’Avila-Latourette continued in the next bulletin.)

St. Mary of the Rockies Social Hour
Free coffee and donuts. Come join us!
Sunday, July 9th, Church basement

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