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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

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
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Saturday, August 26  Mass at 4:00PM
Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Clyde Johnson (D) By: Friends

Sunday, August 27  Mass at 9:00AM
Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
For: Living and deceased parishioners of St. Mary of the Rockies

Monday, August 28  NO MASS
St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, August 29  Mass at 8:30AM
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
For: Luke Martinez (D) By: Sauser Family

Wednesday, August 30  Mass at 8:30AM
Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Art Tonelli (D) By: Grace Velasquez

Thursday, August 31  Mass at 8:30AM
Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Wida Olsson (L) By: Friend

Friday, September 1  Mass at 8:30AM
Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Reid Family By: Private

Saturday, September 2  Mass at 9:00AM
Saturday Rosary Devotion After Mass

Saturday, September 2  Mass at 4:00PM
Weekday In Ordinary Time
For: Mark Elliott By: Family

Sunday, September 3  Mass at 9:00AM
Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
For: Living and deceased parishioners of St. Mary of the Rockies

Readings for the week of August 27

Sunday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 6a-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Monday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Thes 3:1-5; Ps 90:3-5; 12a-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Thursday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

The Wisdom of the Saints

“If you are angry at your neighbor, you are angry at God… Honor your neighbor and you have honored God.” St. Ephrem the Syrian

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The Holy Gospels never cease to remind each of us that the Kingdom of God is within us—within the depths of our own hearts and not anywhere else. To lose sight of that unique place, the center of our own being, is to diminish our capacity for the genuine purity of heart required for the vision of God.

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