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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 <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Saturday Evening 3:00PM - 3:45PM Thursday Morning 9:00AM - 10:00AM

## The Epiphany Of The Lord

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you..

#### 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

## January 7, 2024 Psalm 72



### The Wisdom Of The Saints

"Every fall, even if it be very grave and repeated, serves us always and only as a little step towards a higher perfection." St. Maximilian Kolbe

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 13, 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Janice Kraft Lector: Bob Salentine Sacristan: Roger Moroney Collections: Lynn & Bob Salentine <u>Sunday January 14, 9:00AM Mass</u> EMHC: Grace Velasquez & Robert Gould Lector: Rosaline Miller Sacristan: Patty Schmidt Collections: Bruce Bohne January Church Linens - Kathy Pence Counter(s), Monday, January 8 - Felix Beall



## Patron Saints For Modern Challenges

AIDS and People Experiencing Discrimination

Many readers will remember the days when **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga** (1568-1591) was held up as a model of purity for young people. And he was an excellent model—as a member of one of Renaissance Italy's most powerful ruling families, he was expected to be sexually promiscuous. But the devout, seriousminded Aloysius avoided boys his own age whom he considered morally loose, and walked out of any social function that took a turn toward the lascivious.

When Aloysius entered the Jesuit novitiate in Rome, he was assigned to work in one of the city's hospitals. He hated the job. Aloysius was squeamish and 16th-century hospitals were far from tidy and antiseptic. In January 1591, plague struck Rome.

The need for nurses was so great that even the Jesuits' Father General worked in the wards. In spite of his dread of the disease, Aloysius summoned all his courage and set to work. He went out into the streets and carried the sick and the dying to the hospital. He washed the patients, dressed them in fresh clothes, fed them and found them a bed or at least a pallet to lie on. He did not shrink from any task, no matter how repulsive. Such close contact with a deadly illness proved fatal. Within a few short weeks, Aloysius contracted the plague and died. He was 23 years old.For his compassion and courage in the face of an incurable disease, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga has become the patron of bothAIDS sufferers and their caregivers.

Saint Martin de Porres (1575-1639), the patron of all those who suffer discrimination, knew prejudice from the moment of his birth. His unmarried mother, Ana Velazquez, was a freed slave. His father, Don Juan de Porres, was a Spanish gentleman. Because Martin was born with the features and dark complexion of his African mother, Don Juan refused to acknowledge his illegitimate son.

Martin had a calling to the religious life, but his ancestry proved to be a liability. By law in Peru, descendants of Africans and Indians were barred from becoming full members of religious orders. The only route open to Martin was to ask the Dominicans of Holy Rosary Friary in Lima to accept him as a donado, a layman who performed menial tasks in the friary in return for the privilege of wearing the habit and living in the religious community.

After eight years at Holy Rosary, the prior, Juan de Lorenzana, decided to turn a blind eye to the law and permit Martin to take his vows as a Dominican brother. But Holy Rosary was home to 300 men, and not all were as open-minded as Prior de Lorenzana. One of the novices called Martin a "mulatto dog." One of the priests mocked him for being illegitimate and descended from slaves. Incredibly, a lifetime of scorn and insults did not turn Martin into an angry, resentful man. He bore sneers and contempt with heroic patience. It would be going too far to say that by his example he converted every bigot in Peru but, by the time hedied, Martin had won the affection and respect of many of his fellow Dominicans as well as a host of people outside the friary. Fiscal Year 2023/20224 Offertory Budget: \$132,800 Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554 December 23/24 & 30/31: \$9,367 Online Giving: \$1,830—2 Weeks Total Difference: \$



2024 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$8,117 Pledged: \$ Percent of Goal Pledged: % Collected: \$ Percent of Goal Collected: %

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

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#### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

<u>Communion</u> - The Priest prepares himself by a prayer, said quietly, so that he may fruitfully receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful do the same.

Then the Priest shows the faithful the Eucharistic Bread, holding it over the paten or the chalice, and invites them to the banquet of Christ. Along with the faithful, he then makes an act of humility using the prescribed words from the Gospel. The faithful receive the Lord's Body from the consecrated hosts and may partake of the chalice.

While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament the Communion Chant is begun. Its purpose is to express the spiritual union of the communicants and to show gladness of heart. The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful.

When the distribution of Communion is over. The Priest and faithful pray quietly for a time. To bring to completion the prayer of the People of God, and also to conclude the whole Communion rite, Priest pronounces a single Prayer after Communion in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated.

The Concluding Rites - To the concluding rites bring the following:

A) Brief announcements, should they be necessary;

B) The Priest's greeting and blessing;

C) The dismissal of the people so that each may go back to doing the good works, praising and blessing God;

D) The kissing of the altar by the Priest, followed by a profound bow to the altar by the Priest.

(Excerpted from The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

# St. Mary of the Rockies Social Hour Free coffee and donuts. Come join us!

Sunday, January 14, Church basement after Mass

*Just seen a burglar kicking in his own front door. Must have been working from home.* 



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