

# 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

**Sunday Of Divine Mercy**  
**His mercy endures forever.**

**April 27, 2025**

**Psalm 22**



### Saturday, April 26 Mass at 4:00

Saturday Within The Octave Of Easter

For: William Schluter (D) By: Family

### Sunday, April 27 Mass at 9:00AM

Sunday Of Divine Mercy

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

### Monday, April 28 NO MASS

Easter Weekday

### Tuesday, April 29 Mass at 8:30AM

St. Katherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

For: Souls In Purgatory and Blessed Virgin Mary

By: Private

### Wednesday, April 30 Mass at 8:30AM

Easter Weekday

For: Julie Owens (D) By: Private

### Thursday, May 1 Mass at 8:30AM

Easter Weekday

For Gary Loebig (L) By: Family

### Friday, May 2 Mass at 8:30AM

Followed by First Friday Prayer Service

St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

For: Souls In Purgatory and Blessed Virgin Mary

By: Private

### Saturday, May 3 Mass at 9:00AM

Followed by the Saturday Rosary Service

This Mass does not meet your weekend obligation

### Saturday, May 3 Mass at 4:00PM

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

For: Living and deceased parishioners

of St. Mary of the Rockies

### Sunday, May 4 Mass at 9:00AM

Third Sunday Of Easter

For: Rick Timko (D) By: Private

Mass Intentions



**Bret Melby, Alma Jerome, Mike Pesta,  
Maddie Mann, Mary Beth Raichart,  
Karen Satriano, Sharon Fous,  
Kristin Walace, Pearl Hartling,  
Randy Whitesell, Albert Rhein & Family,  
Michele Salentine, Jean Anne Saiz,  
Hope Pinkelman**

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 April 27

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14



***“This morning my soul is greater than the world since it possesses You, You whom heaven and earth do not contain.” Saint Margaret of Cortona***

We strive to be the living presence of Jesus Christ in our community life, our worship of God and forming our children and adults in the Catholic Faith. We, as a parish, believe in good stewardship of what God has given us by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others.

**Saturday May 3, 4:00PM Mass****EMHC:** Shirley Moroney**Lector:** Bob Salentine**Sacristan:** Roger Moroney**Collections:** Lynn & Bob Salentine**Sunday May 4, 9:00AM Mass****EMHC:** OPEN**Lector:** Rosalina Miller**Sacristan:** Patty Schmidt**Collections:** Tom Karnowka**May Church Linens** - Juanita Kursevich**Counter(s), Tues., April 29** - Shirley & Roger Moroney**Fiscal Year 2024/2025****Offertory Budget:** \$132,800**Weekly Offertory Budget:** \$2,554**April 19/20:** \$2,878**Online Giving:** \$718**Difference:** \$1,042 More—Thank you!**2025 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$9,046***Pledged:* \$5,689    *Percent of Goal Pledged:* 63%*Collected:* \$3,408    *Percent of Goal Collected:* 38%**Encountering Christ Our Hope**

*Pope Francis gives us a clear vision for the Jubilee Year of Hope (December 24, 2024-January 6, 2026): "For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of gratitude, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the*

*'door' of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as 'our hope.'"* (continued from previous bulletins)

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Hope - "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20) Jesus promised that He would always be with us in the heart of the Church. This promise is fulfilled most profoundly in the Holy Eucharist, which is the *Sacrament of Hope* because Jesus is always with us, feeding and nourishing us on our journey to heaven. Jesus is always waiting for us in the Eucharist and inviting us to a personal encounter with Him so that we can have fullness of life with Him now and for all eternity. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* encourages us: "The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in His Eucharist and that He is there in our midst. However, His presence is veiled. Therefore we celebrate the Eucharist awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," asking 'to share in Your glory when every tear will be wiped away. On that day we shall see You, our God, as You are. We shall become like You and praise You forever through Christ our Lord'"

In the Eucharist we also encounter the victorious Christ and experience here and now the hope of our future glory of everlasting life with Him in heaven. "Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:54) When we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we are already sharing in Christ's victory over sin and death—this victory is not a future event but is happening here and now. Man is created for that true and eternal happiness which only God's love can give. Even though we remain 'aliens and exiles' in this world, through faith we already share in the fullness of risen life. The Year of Hope, coinciding with the National Eucharistic Revival, provides an excellent opportunity to encounter Jesus more deeply in the Eucharist, particularly through inspiring liturgical catechesis, reverent celebrations of the Liturgy, and especially through encouraging Eucharistic adoration in our parishes.

## PURGATORY

### WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES

*Consent and Cooperation Are Required.* This process of repair and reparation doesn't take place instantaneously by some divine action—not in this life, and not in the next. By its very nature, it requires not only our consent, but also our cooperation.

Consider this analogy: Suppose a driver injures himself and totals another person's car in a collision because of his willful recklessness. As the ambulance arrives at the hospital, he expresses remorse for his misbehavior. In response, the other driver forgives him—that is, the other driver chooses to let go of the personal offense and not hold it against him, not seek to take him to court and sue him, or not exact revenge in other ways.

Nevertheless, other consequences of the reckless driver's sin must still be dealt with: His broken bones must be set. The wrecked cars must be paid for. His driver's license might even be suspended until he successfully completes a course that trains drivers to be responsible.

This process will not be pleasant. Having broken bones set is painful. Paying for a wrecked car is costly. Learning to change lifelong habits is wearying.

Even so, the process is restorative—a matter of both mercy (the repairs) and justice (the reparation). In the end, the reckless driver, by submitting to the process and cooperating with it, will be a new person.

The truth is that we've all wrecked our lives, and the lives of others, to one extent or another. Whether in this life or the next, however, God doesn't bypass our free will to fix the situation, as if we were robots to be rewired. Instead, we undergo a process to undo what we have done: paying our debts, letting go of whatever binds us, straightening out whatever is crooked within us, learning to "drive" right. (continued in next bulletin)

**First Friday Prayer Service, May 2nd directly following 8:30AM morning Mass.**

**Saturday Rosary Service, May 3rd directly following 9:00AM Mass. This Mass does not meet your weekend Mass obligation.**



*I tried to play Frisbee with my dog.  
Waste of time.  
I need a flatter dog.*