

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

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

I will praise Your name forever, my king and my God.

May 18, 2025

Psalm 145



Saturday, May 17 Mass at 4:00PM

Easter Weekday

For: Aidan Karishiski (D) By: Private

Sunday, May 18 Mass at 9:00AM

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

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

Monday, May 19 NO MASS

Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 20 Mass at 8:30AM

Easter Weekday

For: Mary Pizarchik (D) By: Private

Wednesday, May 21 Mass at 8:30AM

Easter Weekday

For: Regina Carter (L) By: Family

Thursday, May 22 Mass at 8:30 AM

Easter Weekday

For: John Elliott (D) By: Daughter

Friday, May 23 Mass at 8:30AM

Easter Weekday

For: Souls In Purgatory & Blessed Virgin Mary

By: Private

Saturday, May 24 Mass at 4:00PM

Easter Weekday

For: Richard "Dick" Thomas (D)

By: KofC #3138

Sunday, May 25 Mass at 9:00AM

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

For: Souls In Purgatory & Blessed Virgin Mary

By: Private

Mass Intentions



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome, Mike Pesta,
Maddie Mann, Mary Beth Raichart,
Karen Satriano, Sharon Fous,
Kristin Wallace, 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 May 18

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-1;

Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145: 10-13ab, 21;

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21



God of all forgiveness,

I want to learn forgiveness as You did from the cross.

Break through the barriers of my hardened heart. (franciscanmedia.org)

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 24, 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Shirley Moroney

Lector: Steve Bort

Sacristan: Gretchen Dyson

Collections: Jean Bort

Sunday May 25, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Grace Velasquez

Lector: Zak Dombrowski

Sacristan: OPEN

Collections: Tom Karnowka

May Church Linens - Juanita Kursevich

Counter(s), May 19 - Laura Reid



Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Offertory Budget: \$132,800

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554

May 10/11: \$808

Online Giving: \$978

Difference: \$768 Less



2025 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$9,046

Pledged: \$5,689 Percent of Goal Pledged: 63%

Collected: \$3,621 Percent of Goal Collected: 40%



Encountering Christ Our Hope

Pope Francis gave 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.'"

Restoring the Initiative to God

Finally, we need to turn to prayer and with faith and hope ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in our Christian life. God has a plan and a purpose for our lives, our families and our ministries and apostolates, and we need to more readily discern and know His plans. Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, in a retreat for the United States bishops in 2019, explained the importance of *restoring the power and initiative to God* through prayer and discernment. "We need to restore the power to God: the power of deciding, the initiative, the freedom to intervene at whatever moment in the life of the Church. In other words, we need to put our trust back in God, not in ourselves. The Church is not a rowboat driven by the strength and skill of the arms of those who are in it; instead it is a sailboat driven by the wind that blows it along 'from above.' No one knows where it comes from or where it goes (Jn 3:8) - but the wind is caught by the 'sail' of prayer."

In this Year of Hope, I invite the entire Diocese of Colorado Springs to join me in offering in prayer our diocese, parishes, apostolates, and families so that the Holy Spirit will reveal more clearly to us His plan and how He desires to use all of us to bring Christ's hope and joy to the world.

—Bishop Golka

(continued in future bulletins)

Alligators can grow up to twenty feet, but most only grow four.



PURGATORY

WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES

(cont. from previous bulletins)

The Process Has Already Begun

Of course, this process has already begun in the lives of the faithful on earth. Through acts of penance and through accepting in faith the inescapable sufferings of the present life, we can be purged of sin's effects and grow in holiness. But most of us will still need to complete the process of purging away the consequences of sin.

For this reason, God has graciously provided purgatory for our cleansing. It will not be a third possible destination after death, different from hell and heaven, as some have mistakenly believed. It will be instead a process that ultimately leads us to heaven.

Once we understand the nature and purpose of purgatory, we will welcome the reality. It's an expression of God's mercy. In His desire to save us, He loved us enough to send His Son to die for us, and He loves us too much to leave us the way we are. (Our Sunday Visitor)

What is a Mass Intention? Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to the rubrics the Church provides for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. A Mass intention is a specific petition for which the Mass is offered. Mass intentions can be requested on behalf of another living person—for example, the healing of someone who is sick—or to commemorate a wedding anniversary. However, Mass intentions are most commonly offered in remembrance of a person who has died.

We don't "pay for Masses," because we cannot possibly afford it, since the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is infinite. But it's good for the faithful to request a Mass for a specific intention and at the same time to make an offering to the priest to help support him. The usual stipend for the priest is \$10.

If you would like to offer a Mass intention for friends, family or a loved one, please call the office. 303-838-2375