



**Christ calls Apostles Peter and Andrew as fishermen**  
Mosaic from the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo in Ravenna, Italy  
Unknown artist (6th century)

**From the constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the  
Second Vatican Council  
Christ is present to his Church**

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.*

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 January 2024

Sacred Heart, Ronan  
Immaculate Conception, Polson  
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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*This week's office hours:\**

Wednesday & Friday 10 am-12 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-5:00 pm

*\*Subject to change based on weather*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday**

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm  
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm  
Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

**Sunday**

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am  
Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am  
Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

**Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday**

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm  
Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Wednesday  
Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

**Friday**

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am



**Coffee & Donuts**

Sacred Heart

January 21<sup>st</sup> following 9:00 am Mass

**Parish Breakfast**

Immaculate Conception

January 21<sup>st</sup> following 11:00 am Mass



# Welcome

*Sophia Lois Bras*

Baptized November 26<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception



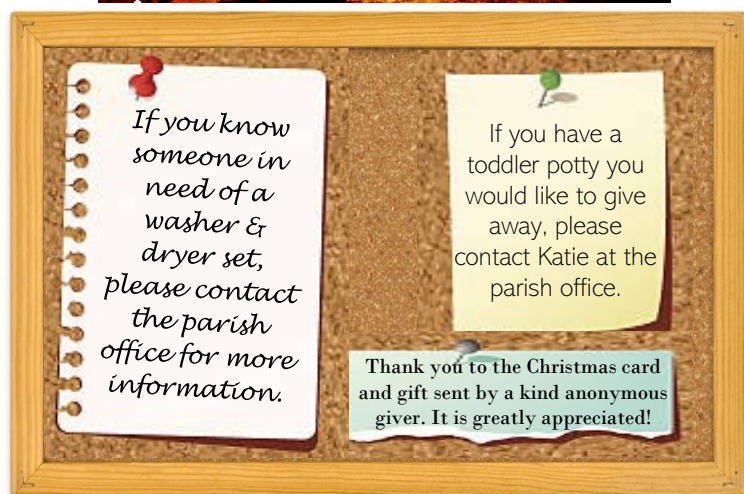
*Charlotte Jo-Anne Krell*

Baptized January 14<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception

to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

### The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle January 25<sup>th</sup>

Saul, a student of the great Pharisee rabbi Gamaliel, had persecuted Christians, but was suddenly converted on the road to Damascus when our Lord appeared to him in His resurrected glory (Acts 9:1-9). From this point, he took the name Paul, and would become the "Apostle to the Gentiles."



### Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.

The Food Pantry also utilizes plastic grocery bags!



### Humbly asking for your prayers

Marylalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, the Sandler Family, Ryan Johnson.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

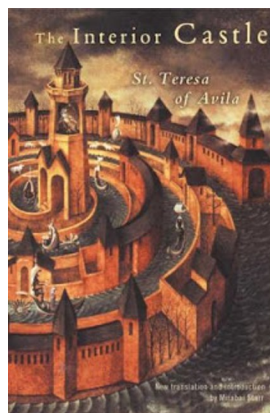
**Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2**

### The Holy Father's prayer intention for January

**For the gift of diversity in the church:** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthoney Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck.



### Adult Education resumes Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

We will read and discuss the first four dwelling places described in St. Teresa of Avila's *The Interior Castle* and then move on to consider her commentary on the Our Father found in *The Way of Perfection*.

### Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

*Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Repose of the soul of Debra Mendoza, rb Rita Rehbein/  
Intentions of Rosario Mendoza, rb Rita Rehbein

#### Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish/  
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

#### Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

*St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr*

*St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*

Repose of the Soul of Sr. Helen Haigh, CSJP (Sr. Mary Leo),  
rb Teri Daigneault

#### Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder, and Doctor of the Church*

Intentions of Tyler McGee, rb Katie Devlin

#### Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

*The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

Intentions of John M. Neis, rb Katie Devlin

#### Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

*St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops*

Intentions of Peyton Devlin, rb Katie Devlin





### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendor,  
strength and honor in his holy place.*

Collect:

*Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5,10

RESPONSORIAL: Ps. 25:4-5,6-7,8-9;

R. *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 7:29-31

ALLELUIA: *The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe  
the Gospel.* - Mk 1:15

GOSPEL: Mk 1:14-20

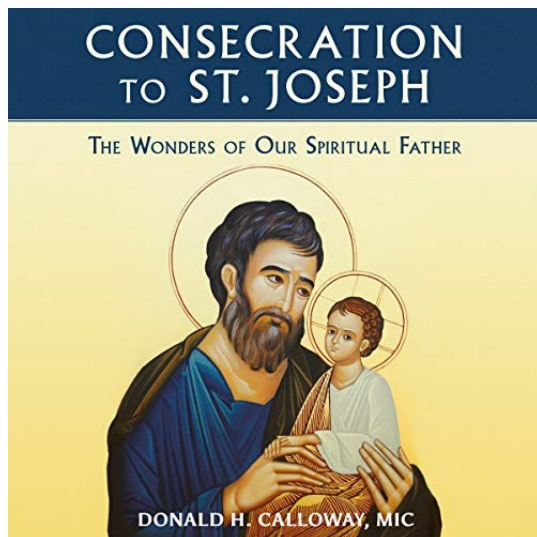
Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*All Christ's faithful are to "direct their affections rightly, lest  
they be hindered in their pursuit of perfect charity by the use  
of worldly things and by an adherence to riches which is  
contrary to the spirit of evangelical poverty." (CCC 2545)*

**For consecration to Saint Joseph on the  
Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19<sup>th</sup>, begin  
your 33 day preparation on February 16<sup>th</sup>!**

Fr. Donald Calloway's book may be purchased  
from the parish bookstore (in the parish office\*).

\*See page 1 for office hours.



#### ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital  
Chapel



Fridays at  
9:00 am

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available on YouTube  
and can be found by  
searching the full name  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson.



## January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

*The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no.  
373, designates January 22 as a particular day of  
prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the  
Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the  
Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22  
(or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday)  
shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the  
full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to  
life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the  
human person committed through acts of abortion."*

**"A great prayer for life is  
urgently needed, a  
prayer which will rise up  
throughout the world.  
Through special  
initiatives and in daily  
prayer, may an  
impassioned plea rise to  
God, the Creator and  
lover of life, from every  
Christian community,  
from every group and  
association, from every  
family and from the heart  
of every believer."**

*Evangelium vitae, 100*



#### Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>

##### Immaculate Conception

\$106,226 of \$185,000 (57%)

##### Sacred Heart/St. Joseph

\$22,254 of \$44,500 (50%)

##### I.C. Building Fund Progress:

\$4,795 of \$20,000 (24%)



**Thank you for your generosity!**



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A CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC LIFE

## Campaign Prayer

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O Lord, my God, teach my heart this day  
where and how to see You, where and how to find You.

You have made me and remade me,  
and You have bestowed on me  
all the good things I possess, and still I do not know You.  
I have not yet done that for which I was made.

Teach me to seek You,  
for I cannot seek You unless You teach me,  
or find You unless You show Yourself to me.

Let me seek You in my desire;  
let me desire You in my seeking.

Let me find You by loving You;  
let me Love You when I find You.

AMEN

— St. Anselm



### **NEW Counseling Program Available!**

Catholic Social Services of Montana is excited to announce the launch of its new mental health counseling program. We are actively accepting new clients. Below are more details:

- We have licensed counselors available to talk or listen.
- No topic is too big or too small for us to address. If we can't tackle it, we'll work with you to provide a referral.
- You can meet with us from your computer, cell phone, or any other online mobile device. If you live in or want to travel to Helena, you can meet in-person with us.
- We're Catholic. Faith can be a part of our conversation if you'd like, but that is not required. We are here for everyone.
- Your first session is free. If you choose to schedule another session, we accept insurance and private pay and offer reduced private pay rates if you meet qualifying standards.

*To get started, you can call (406)442-4130 or visit [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org).*