



**Christ in the House of Martha and Mary**  
Van Vermeer (1632-1675)

This week, please enjoy an address from the Holy Father on the occasion of the ecumenical pilgrimage of Greek Orthodox, Byzantine Catholics, and Latin Catholics to Rome, Constantinople, and Nicea, to commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea.

**ADDRESS OF POPE LEO XIV  
TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE ORTHODOX-CATHOLIC  
ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE  
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Thursday, 17 July 2025**

My dear brothers and sisters,

I offer a cordial greeting to all of you, especially to Metropolitan Elpidophoros and Cardinal Tobin and I thank them for arranging this meeting as part of your pilgrimage. You are all very welcome. I am sorry that I am a little bit late. Several meetings were scheduled this morning. But I am very happy to have this moment to spend with you in this beautiful place, Castel Gandolfo.

You have set out from the United States, which as you know, is also my native country, and this journey is meant to be a return to the roots, the sources, the places, the memorials of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Rome, and of the Apostle Andrew in Constantinople. It is also a way to experience anew and in a concrete way the faith that comes from listening to the Gospel, hearing the Gospel handed down to us by the Apostles (cf. *Rom* 10:16). It is significant that your pilgrimage is taking place this year, in which we celebrate one thousand seven hundred years of the Council of Nicaea. The Symbol of Faith adopted by the assembled Fathers remains – together with the additions made at the Council of Constantinople in 381 – the common patrimony of all Christians, for many of whom the Creed is an integral part of their liturgical celebrations. Then too, by a providential coincidence, this year the two calendars in use in our Churches coincide, with the result that we were able to chant as one the Easter Alleluia: “Christ is risen! He is truly risen!”

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*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

20 July 2025

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

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**This week's office hours:**

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday** at 6:00 pm

*Confessions are available at 5:00 pm*

*Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm*

**Sunday** at 11:00 am

*Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am*

**Wednesday** at 12:10 pm

*Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.*

**SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday** at 9:00 am

**Friday** at 9:00 am, followed by a Holy Hour

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third Saturday** of each month at 4:00 pm.



Marie Smith, a longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart, passed away in Billings on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Her interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Ronan at 11:00 am on July 21<sup>st</sup>, with a reception following at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

**Parish Offertory Progress Report**

*Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Immaculate Conception**

\$14,997 of \$183,150 (8%)

**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**

\$2,624 of \$48,393 (5%)

**I.C. Building Fund Progress:**

\$50 of \$12,000 (0%)

**S.H. Building Fund Progress:**

\$432 of \$1,349 (32%)



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Those words proclaim that the darkness of sin and death have been vanquished by the Lamb that was slain, Jesus Christ our Lord. This inspires us with great hope, for we know that no cry of the innocent victims of violence, no lament of mothers mourning their children will go unheard. Our hope is in God, yet precisely because we constantly draw from the inexhaustible source of his grace, we are called to be witnesses and bearers of hope. The Catholic Church is presently celebrating our Jubilee year whose motto, chosen by my predecessor Pope Francis, is "*Peregrinantes in Spe*", that is, pilgrims in hope. Your Eminence, Metropolitan Elpidophoros, your very name tells us that you are a bearer of hope! It is my hope that your pilgrimage will confirm all of you in the hope born of our faith in the risen Lord!

Here in Rome, you have spent time in prayer at the tombs of Peter and Paul. As you now visit the See of Constantinople, I would ask you to bring greetings and my embrace, an embrace of peace, to my venerable brother Patriarch Bartholomew, who so kindly attended the Holy Mass for the inauguration of my pontificate. I hope to be able to meet you again, in a few months, to take part in the ecumenical commemoration of the anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

Your pilgrimage is one of the abundant fruits of the ecumenical movement aimed at restoring full unity among all Christ's disciples in accordance with the Lord's prayer at the Last Supper, when Jesus said, "that they may all be one" (*Jn 17:21*). At times, we take for granted these signs of sharing and fellowship that, albeit not yet signifying full unity, already manifest the theological progress and the dialogue of charity that have marked recent decades. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1965, on the eve of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, my predecessor Saint Paul VI and the Patriarch, Athenagoras signed a Joint Declaration removing from memory and the midst of the Church the sentences of excommunication that followed the events of the year 1054. Before then, a pilgrimage like your own would probably not even have been possible. The work of the Holy Spirit created in hearts the readiness to take those steps as a prophetic presage of full and visible unity. For our part, we too must continue to implore from the Paraclete, the Consoler, the grace to pursue the path of unity and fraternal charity.

Unity among those who believe in Christ is one of the signs of God's gift of consolation; Scripture promises that "in Jerusalem you will be comforted" (*Is 66:13*). Rome, Constantinople and all the other Sees, are not called to vie for primacy, lest we risk finding ourselves like the disciples who along the way, even as

Jesus was announcing his coming passion, argued about which of them was the greatest (cf. *Mk 9:33-37*).

In his Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis noted that "the Holy Year will also guide our steps towards yet another fundamental celebration for all Christians: 2033 will mark the two thousandth anniversary of the redemption won by the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 6). Spiritually, all of us need to return to Jerusalem, the City of Peace, where Peter, Andrew and all the Apostles, after the days of the Lord's passion and resurrection, received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and from there bore witness to Christ to the ends of the earth.

May our return to the roots of our faith make all of us experience the gift of God's consolation and make us capable, like the Good Samaritan, of pouring out the oil of consolation and the wine of gladness on today's humanity. Thank you.



### Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

#### Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish

**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Repose of the Soul of Reginald Dumontier

#### Immaculate Conception

**Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** *Vigil of 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Repose of the Soul of Teri Hughes, rb Pat Hughes

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

**Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Repose of the Soul of Craig Matelich, rb Semmens Family

#### ***Humbly asking for your prayers***

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, Kathy Collicot, Rod Clairmont, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Doug Morigeau, Diane Monahan.

*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 July**

**For formation in discernment:** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

#### ***Please pray for our seminarians!***

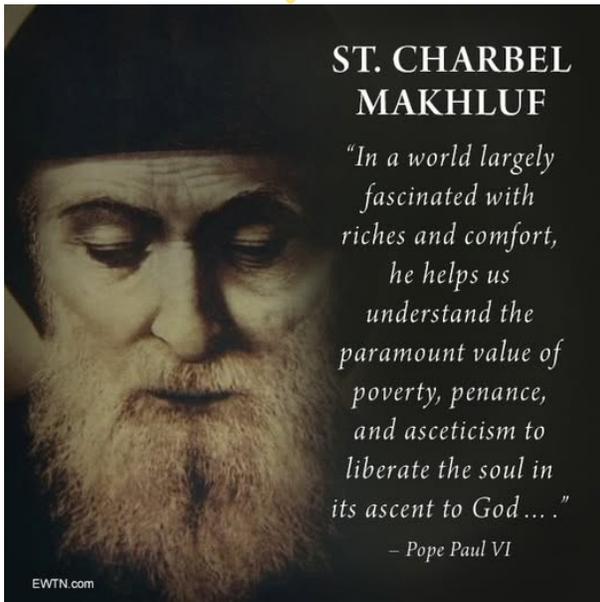
Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith.





# Knights of Columbus®

To our new parishioners at Immaculate Conception: If you are a member of the Knights of Columbus, our suspended local parish council will be reinstated this coming fall. If you are interested in continuing your participation in the Knights, please call John Winegart at 406-270-6655.



## ST. CHARBEL MAKHLUF

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— Pope Paul VI



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### ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Fridays at 9:00 am



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

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

Collect:

*Show favor, O Lord, to your servants  
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,  
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,  
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.  
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: Gn 18:1-10a

Responsorial: Ps. 15:(1)2-3,3-4,5

R. *He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

Alleluia Verse: Cf. Lk 8:15: *Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart*

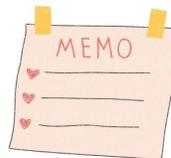
*and yield a harvest through perseverance.*

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life.21 With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ22 and into the joy of the Trinitarian life. (CCC 1721)*

## Notice to our summer parishioners!



Please register with the parish office so we can better keep in contact with you.

This information is also valuable for our annual parish count, which is used by the parish and the diocese to track statistics.

And if you are new to the parish, please register with the parish office. Thank you!

## Food Pantry Necessities—Polson

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 Food Pantry basket at the entrance of the church.

The Food Pantry also utilizes plastic grocery bags!

In **Ronan** a bin is again available for collecting food items. Please talk to Fr. Brooks for more information and how you might help with this effort.

*Celebrating*  
**MARRIAGE**

WITH BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER

**MASS // INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF COUPLES //  
RECEPTION //**

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH – MISSOULA**

**Friday, August 8th**

BISHOP VETTER EXTENDS A WARM INVITATION TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES,  
FROM THE NEWEST OF NEWLYWEDS TO THOSE WHO HAVE  
COMMEMORATED OVER SIX DECADES, TO A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION.

**EVENT DETAILS**

AUGUST 8TH // BEGINS WITH 6:00PM MASS AT ST. ANTHONY PARISH  
// RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL // HEAVY  
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