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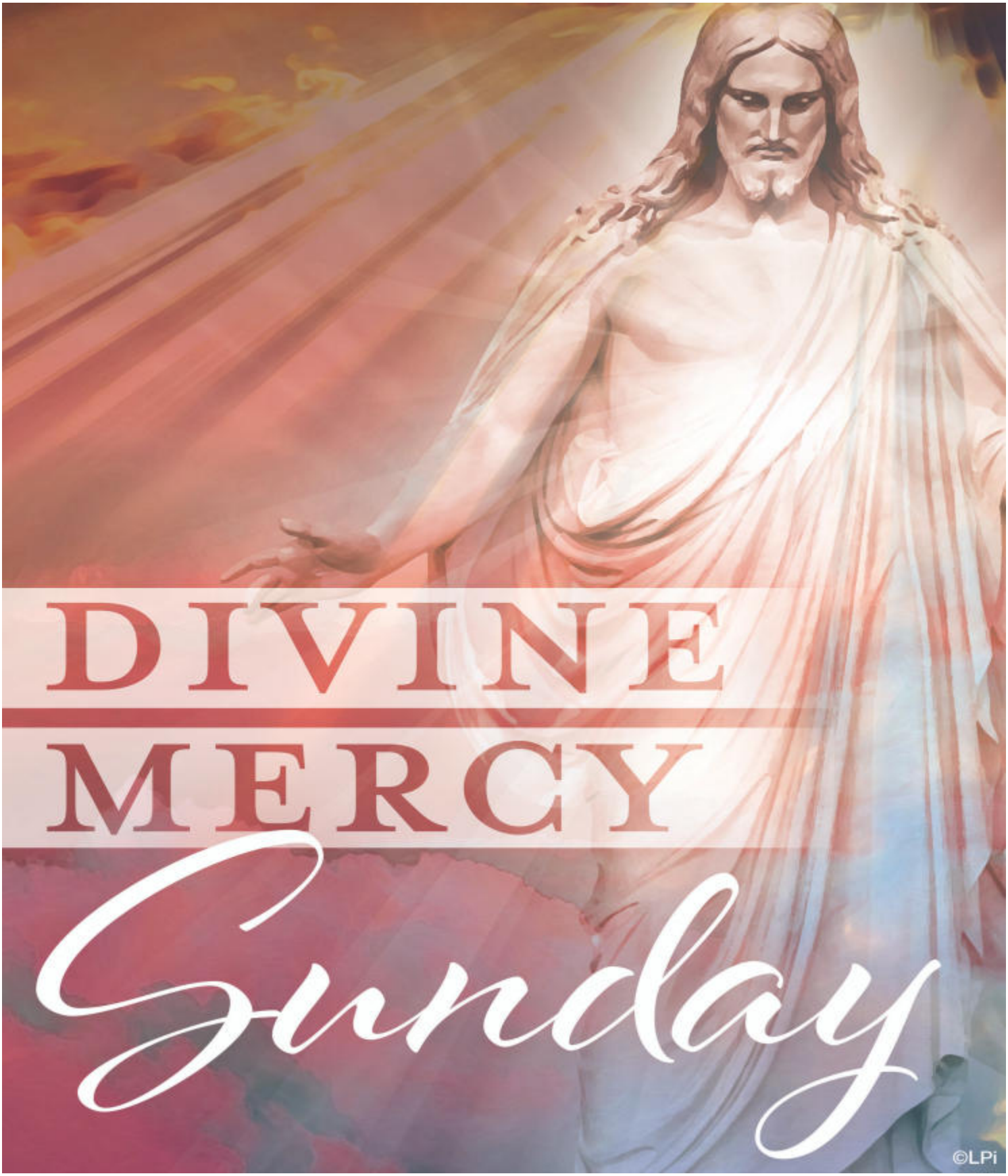


Fr. James' Reflection ~

Today's Lesson, or First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, 2:42-47, is one of the New Testament passages that together might almost be called the Church's Constitution. The Church, in Apostolic Times and today, and in all the ages in between, has four essential activities. "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life ("fellowship" would be a less clunky translation of the Greek "koinonia"), to the Breaking of Bread, and to the Prayers" . The three essential activities of the Church, from which all other activities flow and to which they lead, are Teaching, Fellowship, the Eucharist, and Common Prayer.

When I examine my efficacy as a Pastor, it must be in terms of those four things. How effectively do I lead and encourage Teaching about the beliefs and practices of Catholic Christianity? How effectively do I lead and encourage the coming together of Lander's Catholic Christians in Fellowship? How reverently and inspiringly do I celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist? How effectively do I lead and encourage other forms of Common Prayer?

The same four categories must be used when we together examine our efficacy as a Parish.

For you as Catholics, I encourage examination based on those same four categories from Acts 2:42-47: Teaching, Fellowship, Eucharist, and Common Prayer.

Teaching, of course, is twofold. Are you teachable, willing to listen to the Preaching, and willing to seek instruction about Christian Doctrine? On the other hand, are you able to provide some explanation of Catholic doctrine and practice to those who are curious, and do you assist, perhaps as parents or perhaps as catechists (or both)? Quite recently a young man inspired me, somewhat, describing how he attempted to answer some questions his girlfriend had about Catholic beliefs and practices, and then asking me for further clarification about a couple of them.

Fellowship is both formal and informal, naturally. When the Parish offers Fellowship activities, such as refreshments after Mass or the Lenten Fish Fries (which got off to a good start before their sudden cancellation), do you participate? Do you have Catholic friends with whom you spend time, recognizing that when you do so there is present, in addition to normal friendship, the spiritual element of Fellowship?

The Most Holy Eucharist is the center of the Church's Sacramental Life, the supreme way in which the Lord Jesus Christ is present among His Church, and the beating heart of the Mystical Body of Christ, from which all the Members derive spiritual life. When you can, do you participate in the liturgical celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday? Do you extend that celebration through the Week, by daily Mass, formal Eucharistic Adoration, or even the informal Adoration of just stopping by the Church to spend some time in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord?

Young Adults Group

All HR Young Adult events will be put on hold until further notice. In the meantime, if you're interested in either running errands or making phone calls to those isolated due to social distancing measures, please call or text Sarah at 349-2446.

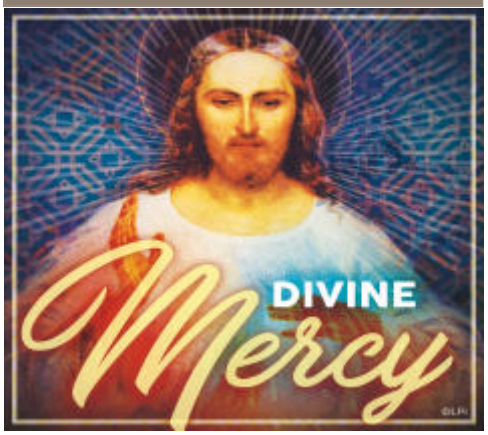
We hope to hold a late Easter season or Pentecost celebration event, if possible. Stay tuned or join our FB group ("Holy Rosary Young Adults") for more information!

Finally, young adults of the parish will be running one of the beer stands at the Lander 4th of July rodeo. More information to come!

Spiritual Communion

Even if one cannot sacramentally receive the Eucharist, everyone should be aware of the practice of making a spiritual communion. Here is one traditional prayer:

O my Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



From the Bishop's Office:

In the spirit of justice and transparency, the Diocese of Cheyenne must report that two credible allegations of sexual misconduct with adolescent females have been made against Fr. Joseph Fraher, a priest of the Diocese of Cheyenne.

These occurred in the 1950's when he was assigned to the parishes in Sheridan and Ranchester. The first allegation was reported in 1990, and we became aware of it in March 2019 due to the clergy file review. After the June 2019 publication of the list of Catholic clergy with substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of minors, the second allegation was reported in August 2019.

Father Fraher has also served in parishes located Newcastle, Rock Springs, Lander, Jeffrey City, Hudson, Laramie, Riverton, Gillette, Worland, Wheatland, and Chugwater, as well as St. Rose of Lima Parish and the St. Joseph's Children's Home in Torrington. He was ordained in 1950 and retired in 1995. Fr. Fraher currently resides in Cheyenne.

Father Fraher has been restricted from celebrating the sacraments publicly and also from any contact with minors. The Diocese has provided outreach to the victims, from 1993 to 2008 and from August 2019 to present.

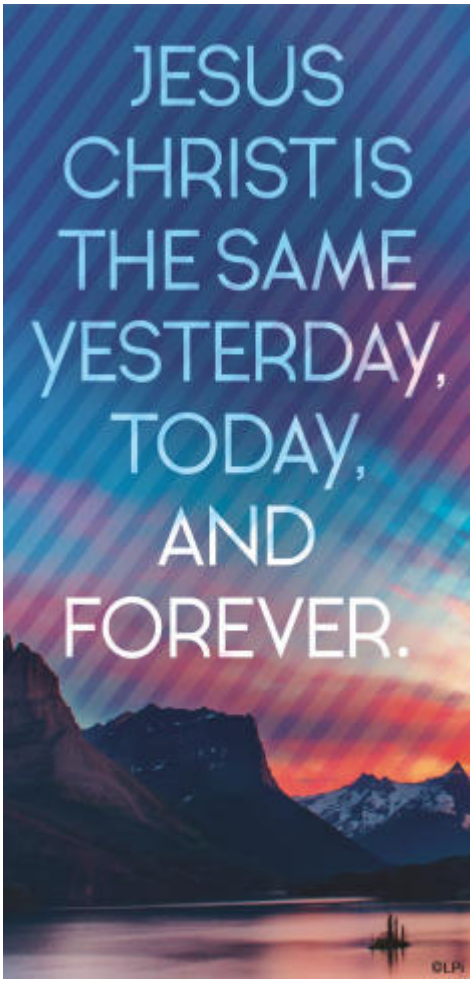
If you or anyone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, or if you suspect abuse of a minor, we urge you to contact your local law enforcement agency of the Department of Family Services.

Upon notification of authorities or if you have questions, please contact Chancellor Jean Chrostoski at 307-638-1530, ext. 105 (jchrostoski@dioceseofcheyenne.org) or Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Adams at 307-220-0485 adamsmaryj@outlook.com).

Online Giving

As you know, our Parish expenses will continue even though there will be no Sunday basket collection for the next several weeks. We understand these are difficult times especially financially, but if you would like to still make your Sunday donation you may sign up for online giving by visiting our website (www.holyrosarylander.org).

You may also give electronically with your phone or texting. Instructions for all three ways are on a card in the pews or on the bulletin board. You can also simply mail your donation to our office at Holy Rosary Church, PO Box 1047, Lander, WY 82520. We would be most grateful.



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Parish Ministries Information

CCD Schedule

Grades K-6: Wednesday | 3:00-4:00 PM
Confirmation Classes: Wednesday | 3:00-4:30 PM (Sept.-May)

Youth Group

Wednesday | 7:30-9 PM | TBD

Knights of Columbus

Ray Malek, Grand Knight | 307-332-3590
Meets 1st & 3rd Monday | 7:30 PM

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Peggy Whiteplume, President | 332-7586
Meets last Tuesday (quarterly) | 6:30 PM

Stewardship

For where your treasure is, there will your heart also be. Luke 12:34

Holy Rosary's Weekly Collection for April 12:

Envelopes.....$3445.00
Electronic giving $1169.23

2019-20 Living & Giving Diocesan Appeal

Update as of April 15, 2020

	Holy Rosary Church	Ascension Church
Goal:	$28,996.00	$4,125.00
Actual:	$27,027.00	$2,705.00

Thank you so much for responding to our request for your participation.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council #5447 will award up to two scholarships this year in the amount of $500 per scholarship. All applications and forms for the scholarship must be completed and submitted no later than May 15, 2020. Please call the office at 332-4952 and leave a message on the answering machine or contact Eliner at eshields4hr@gmail.com as she is working from home. An application will either be mailed to you or set up a time to meet at the office.

Inspirational Resources

Other links that you may also view for spiritual inspiration throughout these challenging times:

Holy Father	www.popesprayerusa.net
Diocesan Website	www.dioceseofcheyenne.org
Word on Fire	www.wordonfire.org (Bishop Barron)
EWTN	www.ewtn.com
Ascension Press	www.ascensionpress.com (Jeff Cavins and Fr. Mike Schmitz)
Augustine Institute	www.augustineinstitute.org
FORMED	www.formed.org
St. Paul Center	www.stpaulcenter.com - Scott Hahn

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On the Diocesan website, www.dioceseofcheyenne.org, there are policies and procedures regarding the COVID-19 virus. There is also theological reasons for procedures during this time. They are updating their website often.

Join Us for The 2020 Wyoming School of Catholic Thought

The Wyoming School of Catholic Thought is Wyoming Catholic College's adult learning week. Led by Wyoming Catholic College faculty, the 2020 school will explore "Beauty is Truth: Science and the Catholic Imagination." The dates are Sunday, June 7 through Friday, June 12 at the college. More information can be found at the college website or by contacting Jim Tonkowich at james.tonkowich@wyomingcatholic.edu.

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