



St. Mary's Catholic Church



28th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

10/11: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Betty Opland ^{r/b} Lana Fortin

10/12: Malta - 5:30 PM: Bruce's children ^{r/b} Darlene & Bruce Cummings

10/13: Malta - 8:30 AM: Repose of Linda Lundstrom ^{r/b} _ Julie & Gary Howell

10/14: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM: Bill Phillips ^{r/b} Cleo Phillips

10/15: Malta - 8:30 AM: Lang Family ^{r/b} Darlene and Bruce Cummings

10/16: Malta - 4:00 PM: Eric Riggs ^{r/b} Julie and Gary Howell

10/17: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—12:30 PM: Darlene's children living and deceased ^{r/b} Darlene & Bruce Cummings

Saco - 8:30 AM: Special Intentions ^{r/b} Lana Fortin

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



Knights of Columbus
Council 2124

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

10/10: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalms 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

10/11: St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day; Romans 1:1-7; Psalms 98:1-4; Luke 11:29-32

10/12: Tuesday in the 28th week of Ordinary Time; Romans 1:16-25; Psalms 19:2-5; Luke 11:37-41

10/13: Wednesday in the 28th week of Ordinary Time; Romans 2:1-11; Psalms 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Luke 11:42-46

10/14: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; Romans 3:21-30; Psalms 130:1-6; Luke 11:47-54

10/15: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Romans 4:1-8; Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11; Luke 12:1-7

10/16: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM; Romans 4:13, 16-18; Psalms 105:6-9, 42-43; Luke 12:8-12

10/17: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—12:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco—8:30 a.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Eric Riggs, Bubba Kielb, Kari Hould, Lewellyn McNamara, Gary Lundman, Greg & Katie Skiff, Lana Fortin, Eric Engebretson, Linda Brown, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Alice McAdams, Linda Lundstrom, Marty Campbell, Alice Hanson, Wink Cole, Barb Darrah, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of

talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“We learn of God’s love through the Scriptures, the testimony of God himself, where we read that ‘whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (Mt 25:40). The scriptures therefore instruct all, including families, to practice charity because Christ is present in every person, especially the poor and needy.”
Pope Francis

Pope Francis’ Intention

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

XXVIII Sunday (B): Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

Today's liturgy reminds us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. But, in reality our "possessions" often possess us, and we become their prisoners. Thus, we violate the First Great Commandment, which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God.

In today's first reading, a learned Jew in Alexandria, bolsters the faith of the Jewish community which was losing its identity, as there was constant temptation to follow Greek philosophy and Greek morality. In his prayer for wisdom, the first-century BC Alexandrian Jewish wisdom teacher identifies wisdom as the greatest possession of all and contrasts it with material possessions. King Solomon chose Wisdom before everything else and received everything else along with her. True wisdom comes from God; it is the ability to see things as God sees them and to understand things as God understands them. Only Divine wisdom can teach us how to live wisely and successfully in life, making wise choices. Since Jesus is Wisdom Incarnate, when we put Jesus ahead of everything else, we receive everything else along with Him. Thus, today's first reading advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence and to seek true

wisdom rather than to seek vanishing realities like riches or political and social influence.

Today's Second Reading, originally, was meant to bolster the Faith of Jewish converts to Christianity. These converts faced the contempt of their former Jewish friends, and they felt regret for the institutions of Judaism, that were either absent or greatly transformed in their new religion, namely Christianity. In this letter St. Paul tries to show them the new religion of Christianity is better than their old Jewish faith. He tells them, "The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword." The living and effective word of God has the power to penetrate our body and soul like a double-edge sword. We should allow the word of God in all its vital power and effectiveness to challenge us and our priorities and goals in life. The sharp word of God confronts, encourages, challenges, nourishes, and inspires all who hear and receive it. Thus, like a double-edge sword, the word has the dual capacity of revealing God and revealing to us who believe in Him.

In today's Gospel, a rich man encounters Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, and Jesus reminds the rich man of the commandments that deal with our

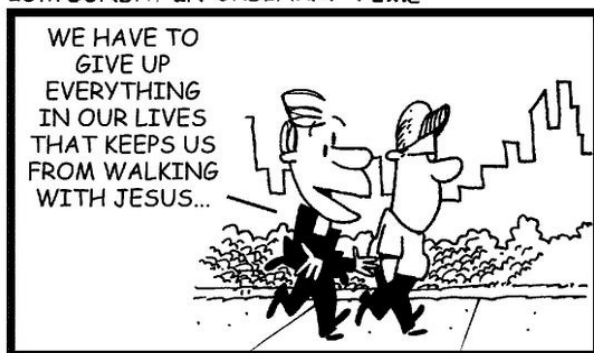
relationships with other people, challenging him to sell what he has and to give the money to the poor. Jesus' challenge exposes two missing pieces in the rich man's life: a sense of compassion for the poor and a willingness to share his blessings with the needy. Jesus shocks the disciples with this challenge to the Jewish belief that material wealth and prosperity are signs of God's blessings, while poverty and difficulties signal His displeasure. Instead, Jesus de-

clares that true religion consists in sharing one's blessings with others rather than hoarding them. Jesus' teaching exposes the shallowness of our own easy assumptions about wealth and raises questions about the real basis of our security and hopes.

Let us pray for the gift of wisdom which will make us generous persons to share God given gift with our needy neighbors, Amen.

- Join the Public Square Rosary on October 16th at noon. It will be at the Veterans Memorial Park.
- The 2022 Raffle for the Ministries of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings has started. At this time tickets are available from Tom Golik and Brenda Rummel. Tickets are \$20.00. \$5.00 of each ticket sold comes back to the parish. Tickets purchased before November 1st will be entered in the a \$500.00 drawing.
- Bishop Warfel directed that the parishes follow Covid protocol according to the directive of the counties. If you are feeling sick please refrain from attending Mass.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Gospel Meditation

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal

investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

“Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear him saying ‘I thirst’ in the hearts of the poor...Not only that he loves you, even more—he longs for you. He misses you when you don’t come close. He thirsts for you, even when you don’t feel worthy. St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



Sacrificial Giving for 10-3

	10-3	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$976.00	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$210.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$1,070.00	\$50.00

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Word of Life from the USCCB

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here shelter of each other that the people are some concrete ways we can live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend compassionately care for them: upon one another and walk together in usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”
suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

The Triumph of Life

“As today’s pro-life community often is, Paul was regularly ridiculed: indeed, he suffered far worse than ridicule, for the truth about God, God’s law, and the natural law makes many uncomfortable. Those who resist God’s law don’t want to be reminded of its demands. This is

no less true in our time than in Paul’s. And so we pray for the conversion of those whose hearts have been made hard by the sin of abortion and the sin of its propagation. We pray for the courage and persistence of St. Paul, as we endeavor to spread the Gospel of Life. We pray for the triumph of life”

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POPE JOHN XXIII

1958-1963

When on October 20, 1958 the cardinals, assembled in conclave, elected Angelo Roncalli as pope many regarded him, because of his age and ambiguous reputation, as a transitional pope, little realizing that the pontificate of this man of 76 years would mark a turning point in history and initiate a new age for the Church. He took the name of John in honor of the precursor and the beloved disciple—but also because it was the name of a long line of popes whose pontificates had been short.

In 1921 he was called to Rome to reorganize the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Nominated titular archbishop of Areopolis and apostolic visitor to Bulgaria (1925), he immediately concerned himself with the problems of the Eastern Churches. Transferred in 1934 to Turkey and Greece as apostolic delegate, he set up an office in Istanbul for locating prisoners of war. In 1944 he was appointed nuncio to Paris to assist in the Church's post-war efforts in France, and became the first permanent observer of the Holy See at UNESCO, addressing its sixth and seventh general assemblies in 1951 and 1952. In 1953 he became cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and expected to spend his last years there in pastoral work. He was correcting proofs of the synodal Acts of his first diocesan Synod (1958) when he was called to Rome to participate in the conclave that elected him pope.

One of his first acts was to annul the regulation of Sixtus IV limiting the membership of the College of Cardinals to 70; within the next four years he enlarged it to 87 with the largest international representation in history. Less than three months after his election he announced that he would hold a diocesan synod for Rome, convoke an ecumenical council for the universal Church, and revise the Code of Canon Law. The synod, the first in the history of Rome, was held in 1960; Vatican Council II was convoked in 1962; and the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code was appointed in 1963.

He elevated the Pontifical Commission for Cinema, Radio, and Television to curial status, approved a new code of rubrics for the Breviary and Missal, made notable advances in ecumenical relations by creating a new Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and by appointing the first representative to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in New Delhi (1961). In 1960 he consecrated fourteen bishops for Asia, Africa, and Oceania. The International Balzan Foundation awarded him its Peace Prize in 1962.

Since his death on June 3, 1963, much has been written and spoken about the warmth and holiness of the beloved Pope John. Perhaps the testimony of the world was best expressed by a newspaper drawing of the earth shrouded in mourning with the simple caption, "A Death in the Family."

Teach



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"TEACH US TO
GIVE AND NOT
COUNT THE
COST."**

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA