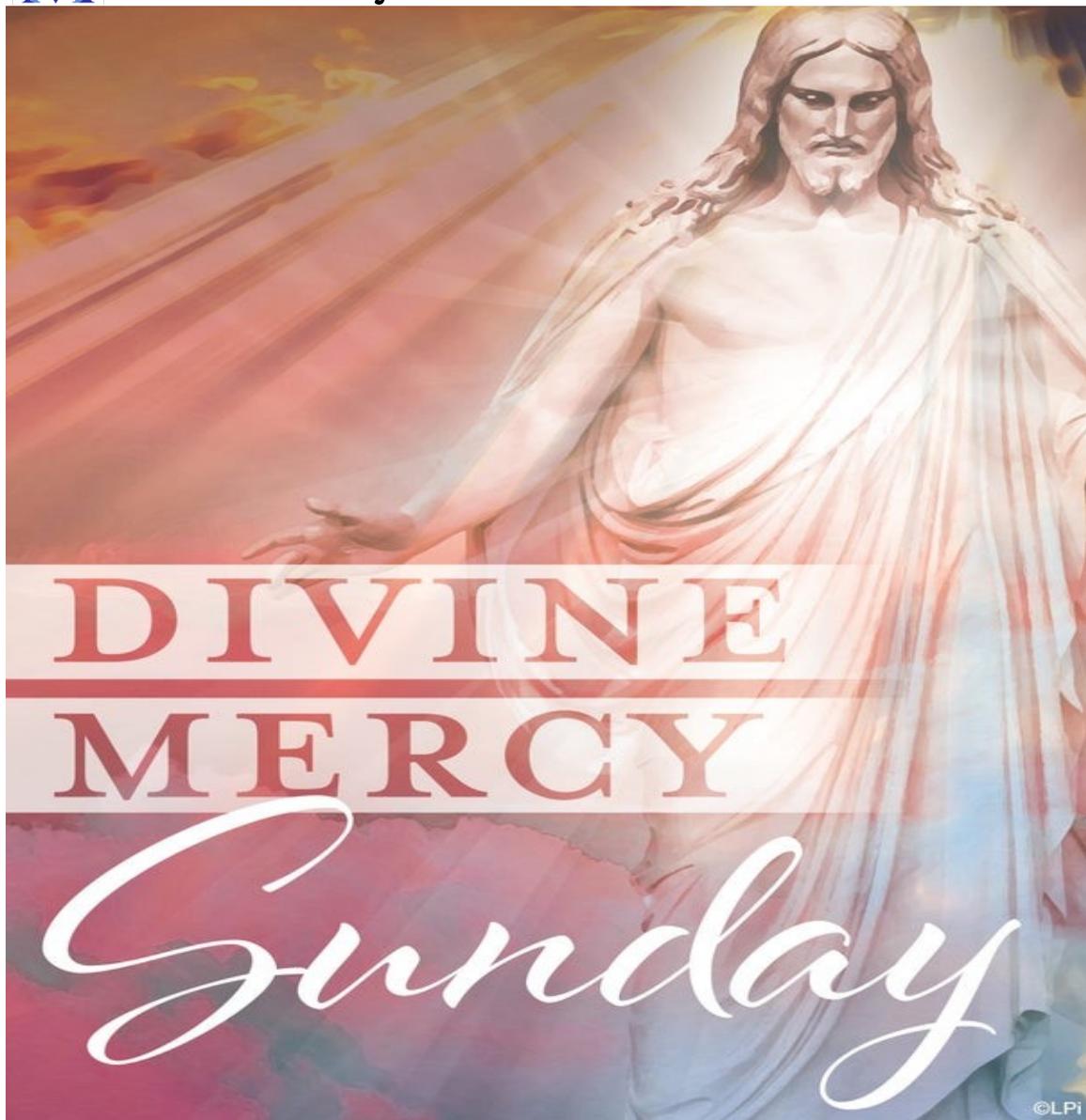




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Mass Schedule and Intentions

4/24: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—8:30 AM: Repose of Jerry Depute r/b Lana Fortin

Saco - 12:30 PM: Helen DePuydt r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

4/25: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: All priests and religious r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

4/26: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Jerry Depute r/b Julie & Gary Howell

4/27: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Special Intentions r/b Lana Fortin

4/28: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM: Repose of Mike Morrow r/b Julie & Gary Howell

4/29: Malta—8:30 A.M.: Pat Lind r/b Penny Lind

4/30: Malta - 4:00 P.M.: Anne Boothe r/b Maynard & Mary LaFond

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

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

4/24: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Acts 5:12-16; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

4/25: St. Mark, Evangelist; 1 Peter 5:5-14; Psalms 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mark 16:15-20

4/26: Tuesday in the 2nd week of Easter; Acts 4:32-37; Psalms 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7-15

4/27: Administrative Professionals' Day; Acts 5:17-26; Psalms 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

4/28: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest; Acts 5:27-33; Psalms 34:2 and 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36

4/29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day; Acts 5:34-42; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

4/30: St. Pius V, Pope; Acts 6:1-7; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21

5/1: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker; Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—12:30 p.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

Zayden Mathh, Tana Mount, , Lesley Robinson, Lana Pekovich, Myrtle Hould, Cory LaBrie, Julia Cebulski, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Lew McNamara, Ray Shores, Jerry Depute, Eleanor Emond, Helen DePuydt, Lydia Abrahamson, Selma Sticha, Bev Comstock, Leroy Rummel, Howard Rummel, Lyle Cochran, Pat Comstock, 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

Everyday Stewardship

The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally

nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

God is also truthful when he reveals himself - the teaching that comes from God is "true instruction". When he sends his Son into the world it will be "to bear witness to the truth": "We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true." CCC 217

Pope Francis' Intention

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

Fr. Felix

EASTER Sunday II: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

Today's first reading explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the Apostles in the early Church. The apostles' Faith enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord's healing love through the "signs and wonders" that Jesus had promised would accompany their work. The power of the Resurrection will accompany us if we love and forgive our neighbors wholeheartedly.

The second reading describes an extraordinary experience of St. John. Prompted by Jesus, he wrote this book to comfort and bolster the Faith of the persecuted Christians by reassuring them of the presence of the merciful Lord in their lives. We, who are privileged to anticipate the victory of Christ through the Sacraments and especially in the Eucharist, are also encouraged to fight against evils forces trusting in the mercy of God.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. Our risen Lord appears to his disciples and greets them with peace, and then gives the extraordinary commission: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are for-

given them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus' mercy is communicated to his disciples, who in turn are sent to communicate it to the world. Jesus entrusted his apostles with his own mission of preaching the "Good News" of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation. He gives the apostles the power of imparting God's mercy to the sinner, the gift of forgiving sins from God's treasury of mercy, in both the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus uses the Church as the earthly means of continuing His mission, and the Church needs Jesus as its source of power to be Christ's true messenger.

St. Thomas in his uncompromising honesty demands a personal vision and physical contact with the risen Jesus as a condition for his belief, as he was not with the Apostles when Jesus first appeared to them. When the Lord appeared to St. Thomas later, He said: "Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed." Modern Christians, who are no longer able to "see" Jesus with their eyes, must believe what they hear. That is why St. Paul reminds us, "Faith comes from hearing" (Rom 10:17). Thus, Faith comes in different ways to different people. The beloved disciple be-

loved disciple believes upon seeing the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene believes when the Lord calls her name. St. Thomas uses the mind God has given him and says that he must have some proof before he can believe this incredible claim. Christian Faith is not just a mindless assent to certain beliefs without thinking; it has a solid basis in rationality.

St. Thomas' unique profession of faith, "my Lord and my God" is the ultimate Christological proclamation of St. John's gospel in which the first-century church believed that Jesus was equal to the Eternal Creator of the universe and of all humankind. Our Faith is based on the Divinity of Jesus as proved by His miracles, especially by the supreme miracle of His Resurrection from the dead. St. Thomas' Faith culminated in his self-surrender to Jesus, his heroic missionary expedition to India in A.D. 52, his fearless preaching, and the powerful testimony given by his martyrdom in A.D. 72. When the Portu-

guese landed in India in the early 1600s, they found a group of Christians there, established through St. Thomas' preaching.

Like St. Thomas, let us use our skepticism to help us grow in Faith. It is our genuine doubts about the doctrines of our religion that encourage us to study these doctrines more closely and, thus, to grow in our Faith. This will naturally lead us to a personal encounter with Jesus through our prayer, the study of the Word of God, and frequenting the Sacraments, Amen.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to be-

lieve that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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.

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

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.



Sacrificial Giving for 4-17

	4-17	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$2,183.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$962.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$556.00	\$50.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday evening. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Divine Mercy Weekend

- **All Parish Meeting, Sunday May 1st following Sunday Mass. A brunch will be served.**

- **Mass Intentions for this Sunday are:**

Malta—all parishioners

Dodson—Repose of Jerry Depuydt

Saco—Repose of Helen DePuydt



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Updates from Fr. Felix, Parish and Finance Councils,
Programs, Commissions and Organizations.
Learn what's been going great and
what still needs our help!
Your input and ideas are invited!



ALL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS

All ages encouraged to attend, brunch will be served. Join in the fellowship.



**Great Falls
Ursuline Centre**

**Men's: June 9-12, 2022
Rector: Barry O'Connell, 406-403-4803**

**Women's: June 16-19, 2022
Rectora: Terri Wassmann, 406-868-0143**

What is a Cum Christo?

"Cum Christo is an outgrowth of the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.

The weekend experience is an encounter with Christ."

That may sound simple but it's not. The Cum Christo weekend is full of power, beauty, and joy!

This is NOT a retreat. You will have an opportunity to set aside your worldly activities and focus on your relationship with GOD and HIS church. You will live and study together in song, prayer, worship, and discussion.

We offer you a Cum Christo, a three-day period of spiritual renewal of your Christian Faith. Please call Barry or Terri with questions. Applications are available at your Church or at www.bigskycumchristo.org.

Anyone who has previously attended a Cum Christo may sponsor you, or we are happy to find a sponsor for you. If your schedule allows, we pray you can join us.

"When Jesus and His message reach the hearts and minds of people, they can be changed forever."

Bishop Michael Warfel