



St. Mary's Catholic Church



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

10-23: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—8:30 A.M.: Repose of Carolyn Morrow r/b Julie & Gary Howell

Saco - 12:30 P.M: Special Intentions via St. Mary r/b Lana Fortin

10-24: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Mona McDunn & Family r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

10-25: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Larry L. Legare r/b Brenda Rummel

10-26: Malta - 8:30 A.M. For all Priests r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

10-27: Malta - 8:30 A.M. For all Parishioners

10-28: Malta—8:30 A.M.: Special Intentions via St. Mary r/b Lana Fortin

10-29: Malta - 4:00 P.M. Repose of Carolyn Morrow r/b Julie & Gary Howell

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
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Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

10/23: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday; St. John of Capistrano, Priest; Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Psalms 34:2-3, 17-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

10/24: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop; Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Psalms 1:1-4 and 6; Luke 13:10-17

10/25: Tuesday in the 30th week of Ordinary Time; Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalms 128:1-5; Luke 13:18-21

10/26: Wednesday in the 30th week of Ordinary Time; Ephesians 6:1-9; Psalms 145:10-4/Luke 13:22-30

10/27: Thursday in the 30th week of Ordinary Time; Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalms 144:1-2, 9-10; Luke 13:31-35

10/28: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles; Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalms 19:2-5; Luke 6:12-16

10/29: Saturday in the 30th week of Ordinary Time; Philippians 1:18-26; Psalms 42:2, 3, 5; Luke 14:1, 7-11

10/30: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; Wisdom 11:22—12:2; Psalms 145:1-2, 8-11, 13, 14; 2 Thespians 1:11—2:2; Luke 19:1-10

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco— 12:30 p.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

Claud Kielb, Mona McDunn, Cleo Phillips, John Becker, Alexa LaBrie, Theresa Henry, Darlene Flesche, Doreen Taylor, Tana Mount, Cory LaBrie, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Greg Skiff, Julia Cebulski, Curt Kron, Lew McNamara, Ray Shores, Jerry Depute, Eleanor Emond, 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

More Than a Buzzword

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish cer-

tainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is “time, talent, and treasure.” Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.

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Fr. Felix

XXX Sunday (C): Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

The theme of today's liturgy is necessity of humility and repentance for our sins for the efficacy of our prayers.

The First reading, explains that Around 175 BC, many Jews who were living in the cities, unknowingly assimilated the pagan culture. Hence Sirach, a wise Jew, teaches them to be faithful to their Jewish Religion and keep up their moral and spiritual values by behaving honorably. These values include keeping the law by observing the commandments; doing works of charity and giving alms; and refraining from evil and avoiding injustice. In the passage, Sirach asserts that although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all, His special concern is the oppressed, the orphans, the widows, and those who can least help themselves. The best prayer is humble and selfless service.

In the Second Reading, we come to know that St. Paul sees his imminent martyrdom in terms of his sacrificial worship. St. Paul thanks God for vindicating

him in his first trial before the Roman magistrate, thus giving him a chance to bear witness to the Gospel before the pagans. But though rescued once from the lion's mouth, St. Paul is realistic in predicting that he is bound for the Lord's Heavenly Kingdom, finishing his life's race as a humble "apostle to the Gentiles." He writes, "I have finished the race; I have kept the Faith. From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord will award to me on that day, and to all who have longed for His appearance." Finally, he humbly acknowledges the source of his strength came from the Lord and teaches us to draw the strength from the Lord and run our own spiritual race.

In today's Gospel parable, Jesus reminds us that God hears the prayers of those who approach Him in humility. God did not hear the prayer of this Pharisee because he exalted himself. The parable has a two-fold meaning, giving us 1) a warning against pride and contempt for others, and 2) an admonition to approach God with a hum-

ble and repentant heart. The parable was mainly intended to convict the Pharisees who, on the one hand, proudly claimed they obeyed all the rules and regulations of the Jewish Law. While on the other hand, they ignored the Mosaic precepts of mercy and compassion. The Pharisees were looked upon as devout, law-abiding citizens and models of righteousness. But they were proud and self-righteous. The tax collectors, on the other hand, were the most-hated group in Israel because they collected taxes for a foreign empire and became rich by cheating people and often threatening them with false accusations. In other words, they collaborated with the Romans and stole from the Jews. Hence, they were considered by their fellow-Jews to be traitors, un-

clean, and sinful. The parable, however, shows that both men were sinners: the difference was that the publican realized, acknowledged, and repented of his sins, but the Pharisee did none of these.

Thus, in the Gospel passage, Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble tax collector, by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings and by confessing to God daily our sinfulness. We need to thank God for the numerous blessings we receive daily with praise and worship. We need to surrender our life and all our activities unconditionally to God by acknowledging of our weakness and total dependence on Him, Amen.

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

Women speak out

“[The abortion] gave me grief and sorrow beyond expression. I have committed the most heinous of all crimes -- I killed my own child. Yet, the Lord forgave me, just as he forgave Paul. Yet I will always regret what I did and will probably always feel grief. But I pray that my experience can somehow prevent other women from making the same fatal mistake. I’m a nurse now, so I wear my uniform to all the pro-life things I do!” For information on healing after abortion, and to read more testimonies, visit www.SilentNoMore.com.

Gospel Meditation

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness.

Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business.

Pope Francis’ Intention

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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 10-16

	10-16	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$3,516.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$162.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$209.00	\$50.00

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Our Lady has a special role in bringing souls to Christ. She was entrusted with Our Lord incarnate in the womb, and she will help us to draw near to his Real Presence in the Eucharist. When we pray the Rosary for the National Eucharistic Revival, there is no doubt that our Heavenly Mother will intercede and draw our country into the depths of Christ’s love—which is what this movement of Revival is all about.

Please join us in praying for the following intention this month:

For the Church in the United States of America, that through the Eucharistic Revival, the Holy Spirit may inspire her leaders to pursue ways of lifting Jesus high.

Eucharistic Revival is a project of the Diocese of Great Falls - Billings.

This first year of the Eucharistic Revival is considered the “diocesan year” where efforts are focused at the diocesan level. The Diocesan Committee on Discipleship has been hard at work, and continues to put events together for the coming year. As of right now there are two major events which I draw your attention to.

May 5th and 6th 2023 in Billings: Dr. Scott Hahn and Archbishop Sample have accepted an invitation to present a conference on the Eucharist. The specifics of this event are still in the works, and so please watch for them as they come out in the months ahead.

Announcements 10-23-2022

Our Fall Harvest Dinner and Bazaar for 2022 will be held on **Sunday, November 6th** after the 10:30 AM Mass and we invite you, your family and friends to join us for this delicious meal and time of fellowship. We will be serving in our spacious dining room and offering take-out and delivery. Donation letters will be available next week - we are again asking everyone to contribute \$20 to help offset food costs in lieu of purchasing food items. The exception is homemade pie makers.

Your charitable donation can be delivered to Stacy L. French personally, mailed to her at PO Box 354, Malta, Mt. 59538 or dropped into the weekly collection baskets. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's PCCW.

We also need items for the Bake and Sale Craft Table (Bazaar Table.) Cheryl Moore is coordinating raffle tickets with a grand prize ½ beef, quilt made and quilted by church quilters, a Blackstone Grill and tub of handmade goods. Thank you to our very generous donors.

Proceeds of the Dinner, Bazaar and Raffle are used by PCCW throughout the year for organizational costs, special projects, general church and rectory cleaning, improvements and maintenance of the church kitchen and hall area. With generous donations last year, we met all our financial goals and were able to purchase some new altar linens. This year, we are targeting funds to make much needed updates to the rectory flooring and windows.

This is a main activity each year at St. Mary's and we are looking for new faces to help with set up, cooking, serving and cleanup. Kitchen work begins at 9AM on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Anne Boothe (also connect with Anne if you want to help before, during or after the event.)

PCCW has purchased 6 new 6' tables for the church basement. We are looking to rehome 6 of the older heavy tables - if there is a parish or community need please let us know.

Check out the newly organized lending library in the church basement. Anyone is welcome to borrow a book - there are many great titles. Check them out @ the TV book cases.

Please check the kitchen for containers you may have left in the last year - we'd like to get them cleaned out this month. **Also, while we appreciate donations, please check with Anne or Stacy before leaving items in the kitchen or basement to make sure we have the need and space.**