



St. Mary's Catholic Church



32nd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels;
and they are the children of God because they are
the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:36

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

11-6: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—8:30 A.M.: Repose of Carol Seaford Williams & Williams Family r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

Saco - 12:30 P.M: Alexa LaBrie r/b Corky & Bonnie Labrie

11-7: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Special Intentions r/b Lana Fortin

11-8: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Lana Fortin's Family r/b Lana Fortin

11-9: Malta - 8:30 A.M. Jason Bednarczyk r/b Rosie Bednarczyk

11-10: Malta - 8:30 A.M. Mary & Maynard LaFond r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

11-11: Malta—8:30 A.M.: Cory LaBrie r/b Corky & Bonnie LaBrie

11-12: Malta - 4:00 P.M. Special Intentions & 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.

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Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

11/6: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends; 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalms 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5; Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

11/7: Monday in the 32 week in Ordinary Time; Titus 1:1-9; Psalms 24:1-6; Luke 17:1-6

11/8: Election Day; Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Psalms 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Luke 17:7-10

11/9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

11/10: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church; Philemon 7-20; Psalms 146:7-10; Luke 17:20-25

11/11: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day; 2 John 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Luke 17:26-37

11/12: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr; 3 John 5-8; Psalms 112:1-6; Luke 18:1-8

11/13: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Discover Catholic Schools Week; St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin; Malachi 3:19-20; Psalms 98:5-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

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 Carol Williams, 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

The God of the Living

“Sic transit gloria mundi,” is what they used to say at papal coronations. “So passes earthly glory.” Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.

Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they’ve been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today’s Gospel, you might even get the impression that

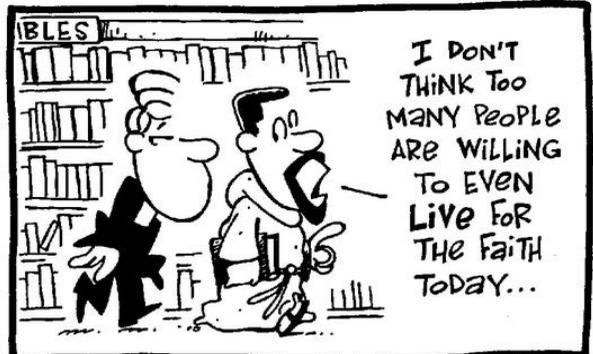
their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week’s readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn’t die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.

Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability — these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living — and these are the things that last an eternity.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Fr. Felix

XXXII Ordinary Sunday (C): II Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; II Thes 2: 16–3:5; Lk 20: 27-38

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today's first reading describes a Jewish family, consisting of a mother and her seven sons, who refused their conqueror's command to eat pork, forbidden as "unclean" by Jewish Law. Because of their faith in, and obedience to God, they endured suffering and accepted martyrdom. During their torture, three of the brothers speak, and each of them finds strength in the belief that he will eventually be raised and rewarded by God. Thus the first reading challenges us to have the sacrificial love for the Lord for our own resurrection.

Today's second reading encourages the Thessalonians who were waiting for the Parousia or the second coming of Christ in their lifetime, to trust in the fidelity of God Who would strengthen their hearts in every good work and word. St. Paul says that prayer prepares us and equips us to welcome even that most dreaded moment of life and to embrace death as a passage through which we will come face to face with

the God who calls us to Life Everlasting. Through this passage, St. Paul aims at keeping Thesolonian at that time and us today steadfast and faithful to the Gospel.

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees, asked a question concerning the marital state after the resurrection. The challenge to Jesus was clear: do you believe in the written Torah which is silent on the resurrection, or do you side with the Pharisees, accepting their belief in the resurrection based on oral traditions and interpretations, and thus subjecting Moses to ridicule? The Sadducees' question was based on the Levirate Law of marriage included in the Mosaic regulations and hence was regarded as binding by the Sadducees. According to that law, if a man died childlessly, his brother must marry the widow and beget children to carry on the line. In their hypothetical question, they asked Jesus who, in Heaven, would be the husband of the woman who had been married in succession to seven of her brothers-in-law and had died childless. Jesus turns their insin-

cere query into an occasion for genuine teaching. First, he draws a sharp distinction between “this age” (our earthly life) and “that age” (life at the resurrection or life after death). He makes it clear that the resurrection is not simply a continuation of earthly life. He speaks here of the resurrection not of everyone but only of “those judged worthy of a place in the age to come.

Jesus refutes their misconception of eternal life in this world itself by giving two Biblical proofs for the reality of the existence of resurrection. First, God said to Moses from the burning bush, “I AM the God of your Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob” (Ex 3:1-6). Jesus here presumes that Yahweh’s burning bush statement is in the present tense. Since God is claiming at the time He is

speaking to Moses that He IS God of the patriarchs, these three patriarchs must still be alive at the time of Moses, 600 years after their deaths. So God must somehow be sustaining the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by granting them resurrection and eternal life. Second, Jesus explains that the afterlife won’t be just an eternal replay of this life. Normal human relations, including marriage, will be transformed in life after. Then Jesus tells the Sadducees (who denied angels and spirits), that those whom God considers worthy of the resurrection and heavenly life with Him are immortal, like the angels and hence are “children of God.”

Let us pray for the grace to understand and work for our everlasting life, Amen.

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

Disposable Children?

"The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships...It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters...The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign." – Mother Teresa 1994

Gospel Meditation

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals.

When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and capti-

vate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages.

Pope Francis' Intention

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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 10-30

	10-30	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$2,086.50	\$405.00
Dodson:	\$122.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$60.00	\$50.00

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

Announcements 11-6-2022

- A book group is being organized by Crystal Mears. The start date is November 14th and will conclude on November 28th. Contact Crystal if you are interested. The books will cost \$10.00. 406-654-7307
- Check out the (I Give Catholic) [#iGiveCatholic](#) information on the back page of the bulletin. St. Mary's will be having a fundraiser for new windows for the rectory very soon.
- Tickets are now on sale for the Eucharist Revival Event with Dr. Scott Hahn. Tickets can be purchased at <https://diocesegfb.org/revival/> Ticket numbers are limited. Once you purchase a ticket you will be notified of motel rooms that are being held at a discounted rate for those attending the event.



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In what way is the Eucharist a *memorial* of the sacrifice of Christ?

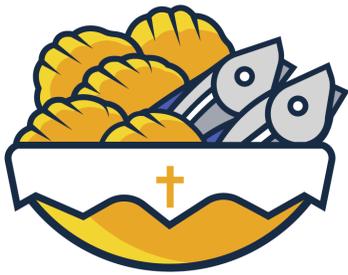
The Eucharist is a *memorial* in a sense that it makes present and actual the sacrifice which Christ offered to the Father on the cross, once and for all on behalf of mankind. The sacrificial character of the Holy Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution, “This is my body which is given for you” and “This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood that will be shed for you” (Luke 22:19-20). The sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are *one and the same sacrifice*. The priest and the victim are the same; only the manner of offering is different: in a bloody manner on the cross, in an unbloody manner in the Eucharist. CCC 280

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

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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.

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.



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SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2022

St. Mary's Parish is excited to participate in the 2022 #iGiveCatholic Campaign. Our 24-hour giving day this coming November 29th! St. Mary's Parish is asking for your support to help us raise \$10,000 for new windows in the rectory! Advanced Day Giving begins Nov 14th through 28th and the #iGiveCatholic day is November 29th. Watch the bulletin, your email and Facebook for the link to contribute. 100% of the money will go to St. Mary's.

PEER TO PEER

When the time comes to start giving, we will have the opportunity to challenge our peers on social media to give. This will be an opportunity to reach out to former members of the St. Mary's community, who no longer live in the area, and have them contribute to our cause. Some ideas of who to challenge or reach out to include;

Those who attended St. Mary's school.

Those who served as altar servers

Those who were baptized or had their children baptized at St. Mary's

Those Married at St. Mary's

Those who received First Communion and/or Confirmation

Or those who would just like to give to this cause