



St. Mary's Catholic Church



• 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**‘THE KINGDOM OF
GOD IS AT HAND.’**

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

7-6: Malta - 10:30 A.M.: For all Parishioners

Saco— 8:30 A.M. : My Family /b Lana Fortin

Dodson— 12:30 P.M. : Repose of Fr. Dan O'Rourke r/b All Parishes

7-7: Malta— 8:30 A. M. : Jack Miller r/b Deb Sjostrom

7-8: Malta - 8:30 A.M. : Repose of Don Johnson r/b Brenda & Dave Rummel

7-9: Malta— 8:30 A.M. : All Who are ill /b Lana Fortin

7-10: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: NO MASS

7-11: Malta: - 8:30 A.M.: Poor Souls in Purgatory r/b Lana Fortin

7-12: Malta -5:00 P.M.: Gina Webb 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.

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Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

7-6: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; : Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

7-7: Monday in the 14th week in Ordinary Time; Genesis 28:10-22; Psalms 91:1-4, 14-15; Matthew 9:18-26

7-8: Tuesday in the 14th week in Ordinary Time; Genesis 32:23-33; Psalms 17:1-3, 6-7-8 and 15; Matthew 9:32-38

7-9: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24; Psalms 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Matthew 10:1-7

7-10: Thursday in the 14th week in Ordinary Time; Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Psalms 105:16-21; Matthew 10:7-15

7-11: St. Benedict, Abbot; Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Matthew 10:16-23

7-12: Saturday in the 14th week in Ordinary Time; Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Psalms 105:1-4, 6-7; Matthew 10:24-33

7-13: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Saturday Evening - 5:00 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

Emily Robinson, Ramona Kienenberger, Brian Shevlin, Dianne Salsbery, Ann Enya, Darlene Kolczak, Bob Kaluza, Tammy Peterson, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Jim Robinson, David Williamson, Lee Stevens, Marie Phillips, Anita Green, Helen Mears, the poor souls in purgatory and for the comfort and peace for their families.

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

Gospel Meditation

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

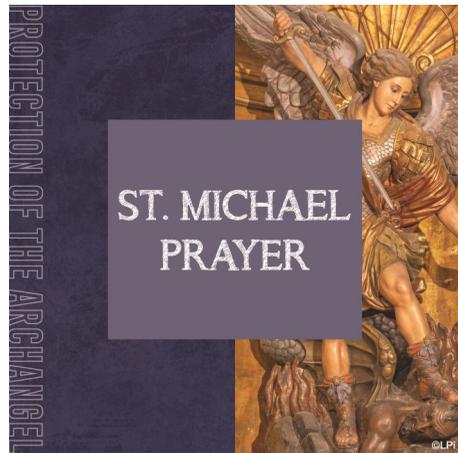
In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, “Racism is today’s great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it.” I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don’t we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus’ words this week help. He says, “Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to

rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— Father John Muir



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Fr. Felix

VIV Sunday in Ordinary Time (C): Is 66:10–14, Gal 6:14–18, Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

The theme of today's liturgy is God sending His people to proclaim peace and the nearness of His Kingdom, rejoice in His comfort, and live as a new creation in Christ.

Our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah opens with an image both tender and powerful: the Lord compares the holy city, Jerusalem, to a mother who comforts her child. This is not a distant God; it is a God who draws near with compassion and care. Jerusalem, here, symbolizes more than a city, it represents the fullness of God's people, gathered and renewed. At a time when the people of Israel were weary and uncertain, God speaks through Isaiah's words of promise: of restoration, of joy, and of peace flowing like a river. This comfort is rooted in divine justice. When God promises comfort, He also promises transformation. We are invited into the life of this renewed Jerusalem to be comforted and changed, healed, and made whole. In a world filled with division and noise, we hear God's whisper today: "Be still and let me comfort you.

In our second reading, St. Paul speaks of boasting, only in the Cross of our Lord

Jesus Christ. Think about that for a moment. The cross was an instrument of shame and death. Yet for Paul, it becomes the very sign of glory, of a new creation. Because the cross reveals the heart of God, a love willing to suffer, to redeem, and to bring new life out of death.

What matters now is not outward appearances, but the inward reality of Christ living in us. This new creation is not just about personal salvation, it's about being part of a renewed community, a body marked by peace, mercy, and the wounds of love. He is marked by fidelity, by sacrifice, by union with Christ crucified.

And now we come to the Gospel, the sending of the seventy-two. Jesus sends them out two by two, as laborers into the harvest. There's urgency here, the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. Notice how Jesus equips them: not with wealth or weapons, but with peace, simplicity, and dependence on God. He tells them, "Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals... Eat what is set before you. Proclaim that the Kingdom of God has come near." Their mission is not only to proclaim, but to heal, to bring tangible signs of God's nearness to those who suffer.

. And when they return rejoicing, amazed in us, but in the One who sends us. Jesus that even demons submit to them, Jesus tells us, “I am sending you.” He sends us reminds them: “Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but that your names are written in heaven.”

This passage reminds us that every baptized Christian is sent. Evangelization is not just the work of missionaries or clergy; it is the vocation of every disciple. Like the seventy-two, we are sent into our homes, workplaces, and communities to bring peace, healing, and the Good News. And when we feel unworthy or ill-equipped, we remember: the power is not

So today, may we be comforted by God's maternal love, boast only in the cross that makes us new, and go forth, like the seventy-two as laborers in His harvest, Amen.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time: *Sat 7/5 to Sun 7/6*

Happy Independence Day! We hope you celebrated the freedom that we enjoy today because of all the men and women who attained it for us. May God bless them all! In a separate way, the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana provides freedom for the Church in our diocese. They build endowments that free Catholic churches like ours to focus on proclaiming the Gospel—allowing us all, in our own communities, to live out Our Lord’s call (and Bishop Fleming’s motto) to “Go make disciples”! If you have questions about how the Foundation makes that happen, contact them at forever@catholicfoundationmt.org or (406) 315-1765.



Endowing the Future of Our Faith

Announcements for July 6 , 2025

- July 6th is Patron Saints Day at the Sacred Heart Church in Dodson. Mass will be at 12:30 p.m. and Saco's Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.
- Everyone is welcome to join Dodson in celebrating their patron saints day with a lunch after the 12:30 Mass.
- Vacation Bible School will be July 14-17. All campers will need to bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. Snacks will be provided.
- Fr. Felix will be out of town on Thursday July 10th. There will be no daily Mass.



*Pray
For
Rain*

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS – St. Mary's

DATE	Event/Details	Contact
July 14-17	Vacation Bible School	Brenda Rummel

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.

Offering

Sacrificial Giving for 6-22-2025

6-22-2025

Malta:	\$2,119.00
Dodson:	\$242.00
Saco:	\$N/A

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Please send bulletin announcements to brenda@SaintMarysMalta.org by Wednesday evening. Thanks!

(Practicing) Catholic

BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini reflection: Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

On Pilgrimage

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us “The Five Rules of Pilgrimage.”

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I

read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, at all). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: I cannot work in these conditions!

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.

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Catholic Q&A

Carry Your Cross

Question:

As Catholics, we talk a lot about “redemptive suffering” and “carrying your cross.” What does that mean practically in daily life?

Answer:

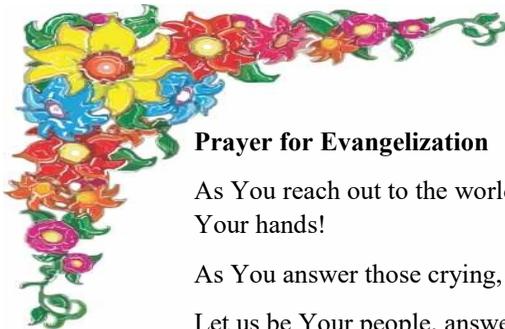
When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. “Pick up your cross daily and follow me.” At the time, Jesus hadn’t yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. “Pick up the thing that tortures you the most,” Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn’t to seek out new sufferings in our life. It’s to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there

are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God’s grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

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Prayer for Evangelization

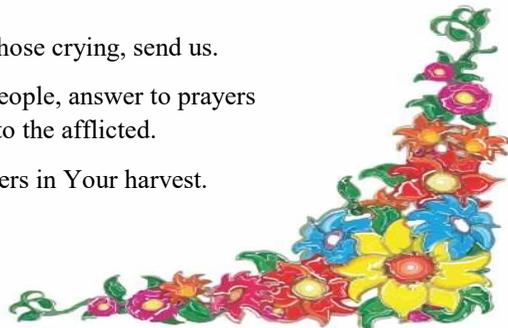
As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be
Your hands!

As You answer those crying, send us.

Let us be Your people, answer to prayers
prayed, comfort to the afflicted.

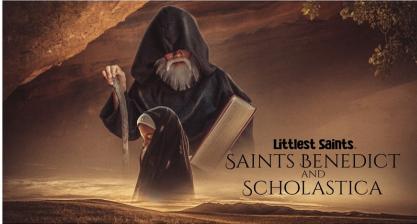
May we be laborers in Your harvest.

Amen.



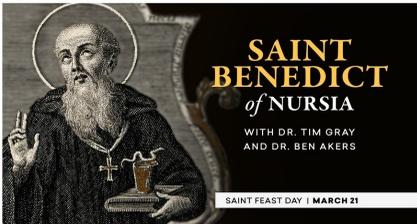
This Week on Formed

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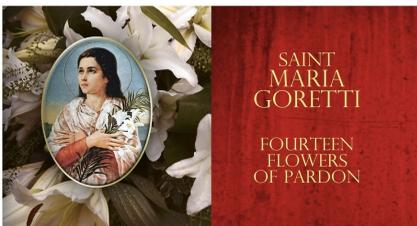
Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



Saint Benedict | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.



Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

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