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— JOHN 2:16 —

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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Weekly bulletins are posted in full color with several additions – check them out here: <https://www.saintmarysmalta.org/bulletins>

**Confession** – Friday's 9-10am, Saturday's 11-noon or contact Fr. Felix directly for an appointment.

**Adoration** – every Friday 9:00-10:00am immediately following daily Mass.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday vigil – Malta 5:00pm

Sunday – Saco 8:30am, Malta 10:30am, Dodson 12:30pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**General Fall Church Cleaning will be on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9AM** – there will be task lists divided by PCCW bands, but all parish members are invited to join in. If you are unable to join the group cleaning on the 15<sup>th</sup>, please complete a task as an individual or family and cross it off the list. Thank you in advance for your dedication to our parish facilities and keeping them clean and maintained.

If you have submitted a request for a **Mass Intention** during October or November and your request was not entered on the requested date, please contact our parish office staff. We apologize for any missed intentions during our transition and training period. (406) 654-1311

**High School RE** group is again in need of bottled water- if you can donate, please drop cases in vestibule or the church kitchen.

PCCW will again conduct a **Sock & Undie Drive for the Malta Food Bank**. New items in their original package can be left in the basket in the vestibule of the church during the month of November. Items will be delivered the week following Thanksgiving.



This weekend is **Foundation Sunday**! Across our diocese, parishes are sharing the good work of the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana. Why? Because many Catholics don't yet realize there's a beautiful way to support the Church forever—through permanent endowments for our faith.

This **Foundation Sunday**, please pray for the growth of this important Catholic organization. If God is calling you to give to a current endowment or to create a new one, please visit [www.catholicfoundationmt.org](http://www.catholicfoundationmt.org) or call (406) 315-1765.

## St. Mary's Parish Ministry Fair

Have you heard we have a variety of exciting volunteer opportunities available?!  
Get involved, connect with fellow members, and contribute to enriching our parish life.



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**Sign up sheets can be found in the vestibule**

**\*\*If you would like to have another Priest perform a service (funeral, wedding, baptism, etc.) in our parish, Please contact Father Felix so he may grant his permission.**

**Did you know?-** There is an excellent **Catholic Funeral Planning Guide** on the parish website [www.saintmarysmalta.org/ministries](http://www.saintmarysmalta.org/ministries)

*The document includes information on: understanding steps before death, at the time of death, and after death. The Order of Catholic Funeral Rites explained, and an easy "fill in the blank" area that you can share with loved ones.*

Please reach out to Fr. Felix for questions on funerals or planning  
(406) 946-2195 or office@saintmarysmalta.org

**Mass Intentions** - to schedule an intention,  
please fill out an envelope in the back of the church.  
Each intention is \$10

Saturday 11.8.25	Repose of Derrick Davis r/b Lana Fortin (Dodson)
Sunday 11.9.25 10:30 Malta 8:30am Saco 12:30 Dodson	In memory of Joyce Wright r/b her family For the faithful of our Parish - No mass
Monday 11.10.25	For Benjamin Riggs r/b The Howells
Tuesday 11.11.25	Repose of the soul of Reed Howell r/b The Howells
Wednesday 11.12.25	For the repose of Tom Taylor r/b Myrtle LaFond
Thursday 11.13.25	For my friends r/b Lana Fortin
Friday 11.14.25	For Lana Fortin and family r/b Bruce and Darlene Cummings
Saturday 11.15.25	For Leah Kunze r/b Regina Webb
Sunday 11.16.25	For Clark Riggs r/b The Howells

## Prayer Requests

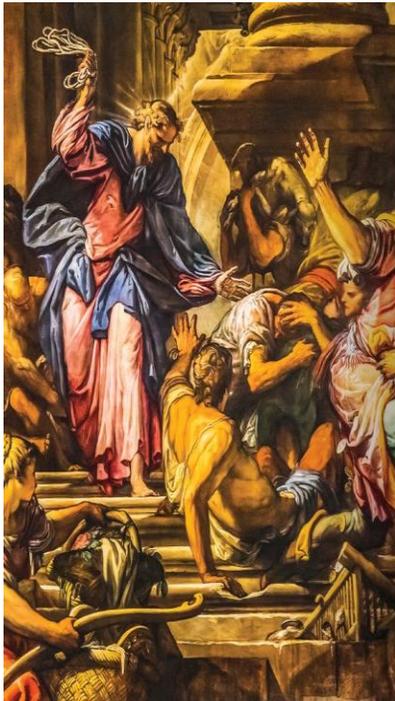
*If you have a prayer request, please contact **Dianne Salsbery at 406-654-4675**. Names will be listed in the bulletin for a minimum of 30 days.*

**Please pray for** –Debbie and Joe Nicholson, Leona Kienenberger, the families of Staci French, Skyla Sisco, for the family of Norma Wyse, Carletta Benson, Joe Simanton, Judy Henry, Lorena James, Adalyn McCollom, Ramona Kienenberger, Gloria Combs, Corky LaBrie, John Shevlin, Kristi Shettel Peterson, Dianne Salsbery, Bob Kaluza, Tammy Peterson and those from our area serving in the military.

**For the repose of the souls of** – Staci French, Shirley Eklund, Alvina Doucette, Derek Davis, KJ Wilke, Jim Robinson, David Williamson, Lee Stevens and all souls in need and pray also for their families that they find comfort and peace.

## October Donations:

<u>Malta</u>	<u>Saco</u>	<u>Dodson</u>
1606.00	230.00	325.00
4343.00	160.00	230.12
2011.50	550.00	228.00
1280.00	2998.00	265.00
<b>TOTAL \$9240.50</b>	<b>TOTAL \$3938.00</b>	<b>TOTAL \$1048.12</b>



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- Jn 2:16-17

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OLP

## Deacon Tom will lead an OCIA class

(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or know of someone interested in the faith, please have them contact Deacon Tom at 406.674.7060.

Please note - because of the distance and travel time, many of the classes will be held over Zoom.

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(Dodson)

*Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday of the month. If interested in serving please contact a member of the finance council.*

### Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

**Sunday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3,4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9  
(see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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"What is the cutest season?"



"Aww-tumn."



Every season has its own beauty, doesn't it? Let's thank God, our Creator, for the beauty we encounter every day!

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Along both banks of the river,  
fruit trees of every kind shall grow;  
their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. (Ez 47:12)

### Psalm:

The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High! (Ps 46)

### Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

### Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,  
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

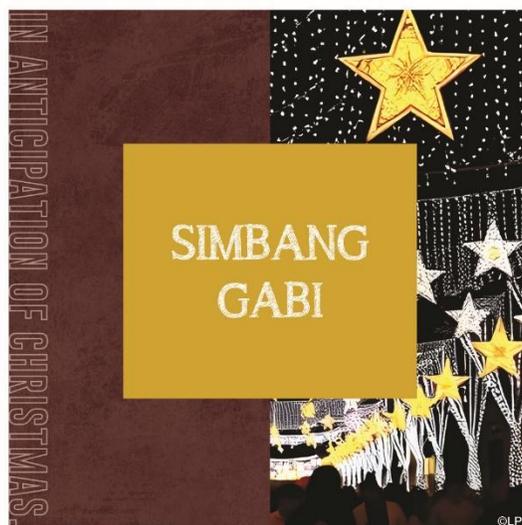
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You are the temple of God," Paul tells us. But in today's Gospel we see how easily even temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge the greed and selfishness from our hearts. Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit.

## Observances for the week of November 9, 2025

- Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica;  
**Monday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
**Tuesday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
**Thursday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of nine early-morning votive Masses offered in anticipation of Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

## Prayer of Missionary Zeal

Dear Lord,  
Give us eyes to see the depth of grace You provide to Your Church. May that goodness ignite in us fire to share the truth of Your mercy with every soul we encounter. Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

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Lk 17:7-10

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175/Lk 17:20-25

### Friday:

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Lk 17:26-37

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Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,  
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

### Next Sunday:

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2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22)**. His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It matters why you do something, not just how you do it. Are we allowing our worship to transform us, or are we only concerned with transforming our worship?

### Modern Money-Changers

The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It’s giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don’t mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I’m not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won’t pretend it’s not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn’t crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer *x* sacrifice, I am rewarded with *y* feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters *why* you do something, not just *how* you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

#### Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it’s important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, “Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body.” However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, “This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires” (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The prophet Ezekiel envisions a future of restoration and renewal for the exiled Israelites held captive in Babylon. What future do you hope for with your family?

### Second Reading:

Paul tells us that as believers in Christ, the Spirit dwells in us, making us holy, the temple of God. Can you share a time when you felt the Holy Spirit active in your life?

### Gospel:

The disciples understood the full meaning of Jesus' cleansing of the temple only after his resurrection from the dead. What has hindsight taught you about your life?



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FIRST GANONIZED  
U.S. SAINT

- ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

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## Prayer

Lord, I will fill your house with prayer, songs, and worship.

## Mission for the Week

I will respect God's house with my voice, my clothing, and my actions.

## Sharing the Gospel

Imagine that in your church on Sunday, there were people near the altar selling cows, pigs, and sheep. A man was selling doves on the right. Bankers were giving change on the left. Your pastor got very angry. He turned over their tables. He shouted, "Get these animals out of here. How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" They cleaned up and left. Your pastor knelt down and prayed, "Father, forgive them."

Now color the picture! →

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.

