

**Holy Hour in Soda — NEW TIME!**

Join us in Soda Springs for a Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursday, Nov. 11th, from **7-8 PM.**

**Come to Jesus!**

**Horas de Oficina — San Pedro**

El P. José estará disponible en el templo de San Pedro el 12 de nov.

De 5—7 pm, en el templo de San Pedro en Preston

**Hora Santa en Preston**

El Viernes, 12 de nov, tendremos nuestra Hora Santa con el Santísimo Sacramento expuesto.

A las 7—8 pm, en el templo de San Pedro en Preston

**Soda Springs**

Monthly parish social/meeting after Mass on Nov. 14th!

Let's have a breakfast poluck!

**Dates, events and notes to mark on your calendar:**

**Nov. 7th**—St. Engelbert

**Nov. 8th**—St. Godfrey

**Nov. 9th**—**Montpelier Dedication Anniiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiversary**

—Mass @ 6 pm,  
—Dessert Social After

**Nov. 10th**—St. Leo the Great

**Nov. 11th**—St. Martin of Tours

**Nov. 12th**—St. Josaphat

**Nov. 13th**—St. Francis Xavier  
Cabrini

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| Weekly Average: 2020    | Weekly Average: 2021    |
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| August 2020: \$1,978    | August 2021: \$2,087    |
| September 2020: \$1,776 | September 2021: \$2,691 |

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**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Mass - Saturday 5:00p.m.  
Confessions - Saturday 4:15 PM  
132 South 1st Street West  
Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Mass - Sunday 8:30:a.m.  
Confessions - Sunday 7:45 AM  
99 West Center Street  
Soda Springs, ID 83276

**Blessed Sacrament Church**  
Mass - Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Confessions - Sunday 10:15 AM  
270 North 8th Street  
Montpelier, ID 83254

**St. Peter's Catholic Church**  
Mass - Sunday 2:00p.m. (Español)  
Confessions - Sunday 1:15 PM  
1st Fri. Mass—7pm (Español)  
302 East Oneida Street  
Preston, ID 83263

**St. Paul's Mission**  
Mass - Sunday 5:00 pm  
Confessions - Sunday 4:30 PM  
233 Samaria Lane,  
Malad, ID 83252

**Daily Mass @ St. Mary's**  
Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am  
Confessions—Before Mass

**32ND Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1 Kings 12:1-13

Psalms: Ps 145

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mk 12:24-32

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

SAVE THE DATE!!  
 JUBILEE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCES-  
 SION & CELEBRATION! 6-19-2022!!

# 51 Years of Worship – Nov. 9th (1970-2021)

Anniversary of the Dedication of Blessed Sacrament in Montpelier

Holy Mass of Jubilee on Tuesday, Nov. 9th at 6:00 p.m., followed by Dessert Social

## A Proposal for a New Church Building

When Fr. Joseph Muha, a young priest, was assigned to the mission churches of Southeast Idaho in 1968, the bishop told him that the people of Montpelier would want to build a new church...and that they wanted to build a metal church. "So", he said, "you might wait and see what they say." Arriving at Montpelier, Fr. Muha not only found that the suspicion was true, but immediately upon his arrival he celebrated a funeral for two elderly ladies who were killed in a double murder, the week before. (Evidently these two old ladies were the last of the old-time boot-leggers in Montpelier and they had some shady acquaintances.) Nevertheless, within two years the original 73-year-old church, was taken down, to make way for the new modern facility, a "Butler Steel Building."

## Pioneer Foundations

Montpelier, founded by Mormon pioneers in 1863, soon became the hub of the Oregon Shortline Railroad, attracting her early Catholic residents. Holy Mass and the administration of the sacraments was provided, but in a limited way, by early pioneer priests, including E.M. Nattini, Bishop Glorieux, C. Van der Donckt and others. The first recorded baptism was done by Bishop A. J. Glorieux (2nd bishop of the, then, Vicarate Apostolic of Idaho), who baptized Alice Mary Fitzpatrick on Oct. 4, 1886. On Sept. 7, 1891, Bishop Glorieux purchased the property on the corner of 8th St. and Jefferson Ave (the site of the old church) for \$112.50. On this spot, the original church was built and dedicated in April of 1897, costing \$1800 and with the capacity to seat 100. Most noted was the wood carved altars, said to be the most beautiful in the Diocese, carved by Mormon converts. At the same time, the first resident priest was also appointed, Rev. W. J.A. Hendrickx, who was successful with 77 conversions during his tenure through 1904.



## Revival of the Past

Despite the gloomy fortunes written in the parish history from 1942, saying: "Montpelier began its decline as a parish when the freight division and shops were closed in 1920. Today there are left but a dozen Catholic souls to recount the happier days of a quarter century ago", yet the Depression was soon over and after some growth, the year of our Lord, 1970, saw the need for a new facility that was able to

seat 50 more occupants. A larger tract of land was purchased for \$2,000 and, indeed, that steel building was delivered and installed for a total cost of \$47,000. Of the old, turn of the century, church, today, one can still find the beautiful wood carved altar and the bell in the tower. The steel building still stands in working order, even the original carpet and siding are still in use.

## The Re-revival of the Past

The recent passing unto eternal life of longtime parishioners, Wilbur & Eleanor Skroh, has once again revived the past, by providing copies of all the news articles about the dedication of the new Blessed Sacrament Church. Unbeknownst of the parishioners, it seems that we have missed our Golden Jubilee and it is surely time now to give thanks to God and celebrate the gift of a church, both the building and the people, at the start of this 51st year. It seems that the number of her faithful souls is once again declining, but with a little bit of Fr. Hendrickx's missionary zeal and the increase of Bear Lake tourism, Montpelier still has a bright future ahead for her. With such a patron, as the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Tabernacle of the Lord will yet be opened to feed the poor, the weak, and the hungry, those who with the eyes of faith still encounter the Holy One of God. This is the Church of Jesus Christ, His stones (or steel), His hearts, united as one.

## Many Come To Montpelier For Dedication Of Church



Shown at the Concelebrated Mass of Dedication of Blessed Sacrament Church in Montpelier on November 9 are left to right: Fathers Spegele, King, Dulberg, Joseph Schmidt, Hebert (partially hidden), Wassmuth, Falk, Horton and Foltz, (both partially hidden), Joseph Muha (Pastor and Principal Celebrant), Dodds, Carroll, Daws, Arnsen, David Riffle, James Hallissey (partially hidden), Bishop Treinen, Echevarria and the Rev. David Crawford.