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St. Mary's Church
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Mass - Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Confessions - Before or After Mass
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St. Peter's Church
Mass - Sunday 2:00p.m. (Español)
Confessions - Before or After Mass
302 East Oneida Street
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Mass - Saturday 5:00p.m.
Confessions - Before or After Mass
132 South 1st Street West
Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246

St. Paul's Mission
Mass - 1st Sun of Month 5:00 pm
2nd-5th weekends: Sat 7:00 pm
Confessions - Before or After Mass
233 Samaria Lane,
Malad, ID 83252

Daily Mass @ St. Mary's
M, W, F 9:00 am
Thurs. 6:30 PM
Confessions—
Before or after Mass

August 2022

"O heart most pure of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

obtain for me from Jesus…

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

…a pure and humble heart.

Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation. Amen."

The Word of the Lord...

August 7th; 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9 (*Just as you punished our adversaries, you glorified us whom you had summoned)*
Psalm 33 *(Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own)*
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 *(Abraham looked forward to the city whose architect and maker is God)*
Luke 12:32-48 *(You also must be prepared)*

August 14th; 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 (*A man of strife and contention to all the land)*
Psalm 40 *(Lord, come to my aid!)*
Hebrews 12:1-4 *(Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us)*
Luke 12:49-53 *(I have come not to establish peace, but rather division)*

August 21st; 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21 (*They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations)*
Psalm 117 *(Go out to all the world and tell the Good News)*
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 *(Those whom the Lord loves, He disciplines)*
Luke 13:22-30 *(They will come from east and west and recline at the table in the kingdom of God)*

(N.b., on Aug 21st, St. Mary's in Soda will be observing the Solemnity of the Queenship of Mary instead of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, readings will be different)

August 28th; 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 *(Humble yourself and yo will find favor with God)*
Psalm 68 *(God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor)*
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a *(You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God)*
Luke 14: 1, 7-14 *(Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, everyone who humbles himself will be exalted)*

Lectio *(read)*; Oratio *(pray)*; Meditatio *(reflect & relate)*; Contemplatio *(dwell w/ God)*; Actio *(go & announce the Gospel)*

Celebrate!

Blessing of Herbs & First Fruits at Harvest

...Hear our supplications, and bestow blessings in abundance upon us and upon these bundles of new grain, new herbs, and this assortment of produce which we gratefully present to thee on this festival, blessing them in Thy name.

...O God who on this day hast raised up to heavenly delights the rod of Jesse, the mother of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that through her prayers and patronage Thou mightiest communicate to our mortal nature the Fruit of her womb, Thy same Son; we pray that we may use these fruits of the soil for our temporal and eternal welfare…

AUG 22 While we are focused on our Mother Mary, let's highlight another feast, exactly eight days later. The **Feast of the Queenship of Mary**, you guessed it, also remembered in the fifth decade of the glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This is also a big day for our community at St. Mary's in Soda Springs, because this has been determined to be the patronal feast of that church and community. In the celebration of her coronation, we recall how Mary's queenship is a share in Christ's kingship. Due to her exceptional role in the giving salvation and conquering the power of sin, death, and darkness, by bearing Christ our Savior, the Son of God, Mary is titled the Dominatrix of all heaven and earth.

A great way to celebrate this feast could include the praying of the Litany of Loreto, which invokes the queenship of Mary numerous times. Also, one could celebrate with royal dresses and crowns for everyone.

Each church is consecrated under the title of our Lady or one of the Saints or even a mystery of our Lord's life. The celebration of that saints feast is a must in our church's life. So then, for Soda Springs, Mary is the patroness of the church and community...but which Mary do we celebrate. In August alone, there are at least nine feast dedicated to the Mother of God and so many more throughout the year. This is one of the predicaments of a church titled St. Mary's. For Soda Springs, it is her glorious coronation day, eight days after her arrival in heaven, the party does not stop, until she wears the crown of veneration and honor.

Graciously grant us, O God, that we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children.

Feast!

There are a variety of great "summertime" feasts that we can observe at home during the month of August. Take, for instance, the

AUG 10 **Feast of St. Lawrence** on August 10th. You may have heard his name mentioned a lot, since he is in the Roman Canon of the Holy Mass. But he is also famous for being grilled alive as part of his being tortured & killed by the Roman Emperor. They prepared a large gridiron with hot coals underneath, and it is said that Lawrence joked with the executioner saying "turn me over, I am done on this side." You can't find a better excuse for a barbeque.

AUG 15 Holy Mother Church is especially looking forward to the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on August 15th. A Solemnity is the highest form of feast outside of the Sunday celebration.

The Assumption is the fourth mystery of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. It commemorates the truth that when Mary's time on earth was completed she was "assumed" body and soul into heaven. Very much like Jesus in His Ascension.

This is a great feast to recall the promise of the Resurrection of the living and the dead. When all will be all in all, at the last days, our souls will be reunited with our resurrected bodies. That is one of the reasons why Holy Mother Church encourages the faithful to not cremate their bodies after they die. The burial of our Christian bodies lends to the sign of the future resurrection of that same body.

There are many ways to celebrate this great feast, like attending Holy Mass. Usually, this day is a Holy Day of Obligation such that you are obliged to attend Mass and Father is obliged to give you Mass. Yet, due to a fancy rule, called the "Monday/Saturday rule", there is no obligation to attend Mass on the 15th this year, because the U.S. Bishops think it is too hard to go to Mass two days in a row.

There is a traditional blessing of "herbs" for the feast of the Assumption. It may behoove you to bring some fresh herbs from you garden, so that Father can bless them. Although the tradition of the church also tied this blessing into a Harvest Festival, for the blessing of all new fruits and first produce of the harvest. Maybe your dinner on that day could utilize a lot of herbs too.

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The Holy Eucharist

Meaning and the Mass,

by David D. Spesia (July 7, 2022)

Yearning for More

"The most profound thing we can do each day is participate in the Mass." This providential line from a humble priest's homily has made all the difference in my life. Without the ripple effect that this insight has had on me for thirty years, it would be impossible to picture my life as it is today: particularly the tremendous blessings of my marriage and family.

In the moments when those sound waves hit my ears, I didn't see any of this. I was too focused on what seemed like an ocean of emptiness offered by worldly pursuits, and overwhelming indifference among those who were just going along to get along. Both my head and my heart were looking for something profound—something deep, bottomless, vast.

Never Meant to Walk Alone

What I gradually discovered as I began to organize my daily schedule around Mass is that I found Someone waiting for me each day. Or, rather, Someone found me! Though it would take me a while to be able to articulate it, I knew that Jesus was calling me, welcoming me, and inviting me down new paths as I received Him in Holy Communion each day.

In and through these daily Masses, I also discovered that "the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." (Heb 4:12). In each day's readings for Mass, I began to hear the Lord addressing my hopes and concerns. I slowly realized that the Scriptures could challenge and console me here and now. At some point, I also discovered the gift of Confession, not just as an obligation, but as another unique opportunity to hear the Lord speak into my life—but that's a story for another day. The simplicity and intimacy of these daily Masses also helped me grow in appreciation of the Sunday celebrations with the full parish community. Following Jesus as a beloved disciple became more clearly connected to the fact that I belonged to something bigger. Responding to the baptismal call to holiness and mission involved saying both a personal and a communal "yes" to the gift of new life in Christ, and at Sunday Masses I began to catch glimpses of Christ the Head in communion with all of the members in His humble body, the Church.

Making Time for the Lord of the Universe

All of this opened my eyes to the fact that Christ's self-emptying gift on the Cross reveals the depths of God's love for me and for the whole world, even as it is all so undeserved. The daily re-presentation of that ultimate Sacrifice challenges me to give more freely and more fully. As a husband and father, I have to ask myself whether I really have my life properly ordered—with God first, my wife and children second, and myself third—and to what extent my relationship with my family is marked by self-giving rather than self-seeking. In Jesus' words, "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap" (Lk 6:38a).

A Daily "Yes"

My prayer for my family and friends, as well as for

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Parish Events

searching and suffering souls everywhere, is that we continue to say a deeper yes to Christ's gift in the Holy Mass. This is the most concrete way that we can respond to Pope Francis's invitation to all Christians, "to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them" (EG, n. 3). As we respond to this invitation, our desire to share the fruits of so great a gift will continue to expand—particularly with those on the socio-economic and existential peripheries. After all, love is meant to be first received, then freely given and poured out without measure: "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you" (Lk 6:38b).

Jesus is Love-with-us, inviting each of us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Divine Life, here and now. Each celebration of the Mass is a simple and yet profound opportunity for us to say, in the words of Balthasar, "Love alone is credible"!

Parish Events

Flamekeepers Men's Retreat

Aug. 12-14, up Bloomington Canyon. Join the Flamekeepers Men's Group for their 12th Annual Men's Retreat. Register now @ flame-keepers.com

Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Aug 15th

Since this falls on a Monday, there is no obligation to attend Mass. Mass in Soda @ 9am; Mass in Preston @ 7pm.

All Parish Picnic & De Smet Days

Aug. 27th at Soda Springs. Saturday vigil Mass for Sunday at 4:00 PM. Followed by a Eucharistic Procession and then a Potluck, with Father presenting on Fr. De Smet. Help is needed with preparing stational altars in the procession and with setting up. There will be a dessert auction and a special live auction item of a oil painting of Our Lady by Rick Aubrey of Lava Hot Springs.

Special Mass Schedule due to Picnic

- Saturday, Aug 27: Soda Springs @ 4 PM
- Sunday, Aug 28: Montpelier @ 11 AM
- Sunday, Aug 28: Preston @ 2 PM
- Sunday, Aug 28: Lava @ 5 PM
- No Mass will be offered in Malad

St. Mary's, Soda Springs

Thursday Mass & Holy Hour

Mass @ 6:30 PM, followed by a Holy Hour to pray for good priestly vocations.

New Daily Mass Schedule

Mon, Wed, Fri @ 9 AM, Thurs @ 6:30 PM

Patronal Feast of St. Mary's

On Aug. 21st, St. Mary's will celebrate her patronal feast day under the title of "Mary, Queen of Heaven". We will be transferring

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the feast from the actual date of the 22nd to Sunday the 21st.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Lava Hot Springs

Social after Mass!

Social after Sat vigil Mass on Aug. 6th

Monthly Holy Hour & Mass

On Wednesday, Aug. 17th. Holy Hour @ 5:30 PM with Confessions available, Mass to follow. Special intention is for healing of the sick in our communities under the intercession of our Lady of Lourdes

Blessed Sacrament, Montpelier

Monthly Holy Hour & Mass

Wednesday, Aug. 24th. Holy Hour @ 5:30 PM with Confessions available, Mass to follow.

St. Paul's Malad City

Monthly Holy Hour, Aug. 5th @ 3pm

Sunday Mass, Aug. 7th

1st Sunday of the month Mass @ 5 PM with our social and potluck following.

Saturday evening Masses Aug 13 & 20th: On these days Mass will be on Saturday night @ 7pm. Although please note that due to the all-parish picnic, Father will not be able to offer a Mass in Malad for the weekend of Aug 27-28. Please come to the picnic Mass in Soda or the adjusted Mass time in Lava on Sunday, Aug 28 at 5 PM.

Door to door Street Mission in Malad

Father will be visiting homes of parishioners and your neighbors to spread the gospel, on Aug. 25-26. Do you want to join our mission? Do you know someone that needs a visit from a priest in Oneida County?

St. Peter's Preston

Wedding of Gilberto & Mirian

Aug. 6th @ 12 PM

Mass for the Assumption of Mary

Aug. 15th @ 7 PM

Baptism of Eliodoro

Aug. 20th @ 10 AM

Wedding of Jasso & Deleny

Aug. 20th @ 1 PM

Clases de Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Classes for First Communion & Confirmation will begin on September 11th. More details will follow.

Clases para la primera Comunión y Confirmación van a comenzar el 11 de sept. Más info estarán disponible en las siguientes semanas.