



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church – Clearmont
St. Hubert Church – Kaycee

Office and Rectory

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Sermon link – <https://soundcloud.com/st-johns-1>

Foundation – www.SJBC-Foundation.com

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM
Daily Mass T - F 8:00 AM
Holy Days
Anticipatory 6:00 PM
Day of... 7:00 AM

St. Mary Church, Clearmont

2nd & 4th Sunday 12:30pm

St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00pm

Confessions Saturday 11:00am
Saturday after 5pm Mass
By Appointment

Religious Education / Meeting

Monday, June 21 – 7pm Holy Hour
Tuesday, June 22 – CCW meeting at noon
7pm Fr. Pete's class
Wednesday, June 23 – 7pm Fr. Pete's class
Tuesday, June 29 – 5pm Finance Council mtg.
Tuesday, August 17 – Election Day

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Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
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CCW Leader	<i>Nolcha Fox</i>	620-0296
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	217-0119
Janitor	<i>Mick Camino</i>	217-1575
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Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	684-2171
Parish Council Chair	Vacant	
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
Trustees	<i>Jean Urruty</i>	684-7093
	<i>Phil Gonzales</i>	684-5920
Choir	<i>Tony Fox</i>	620-5491

Baptisms – Please call Fr. Pete, 684-7268

Marriage – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests –Jan Edgcomb –
jmpe@wyoming.com or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

Rosary Guild – Thursdays at 8:30am to 10am;
call 307-660-4936 for meeting place

Sacrament of the Sick – After first Sunday
Masses or call the Parish Office

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20, 2021

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, June 26, 5pm

Lector: Suzi Kirvinskee

SUNDAY, June 27, 9am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK June 13, 2021

St. John's	\$ 3,540.50	YTD \$172,287.24
St. Mary's	\$ 90.00	YTD \$ 5,301.36
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 10,474.00
Poor Donations	\$ 2175.00	
Online	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	06.21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	06.22	8:00 a.m.	+Helen Marton
Wed.	06.23	8:00 a.m.	+Dianna Sullivan
Thu.	06.24	8:00 a.m.	+Marian Sarantha
Fri.	06.25	8:00 a.m.	+Helen Marton
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	06.26	5:00 p.m.	+Chris Cummins
Sun.	06.26	9:00 a.m.	+Chris Cummins
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Genesis 12:1-9; Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Tue-Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Gospel: Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wed-Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18/ Gospel: Matthew 7:15-20

Thu-Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26;

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Fri-Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Gospel: Matthew 8:1-4

Sat-Genesis 18:1-15; Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17

FR. PETE:

The following article, "Public Opposes Abortion-On-Demand," comes from the Catholic League.

It addresses a recent poll taken by Gallup on the issue of abortion. It is well worth reading. It was issued on Jun 11, 2021.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on [the results of new Gallup surveys on abortion](#):

Two recently released Gallup surveys on abortion show how mixed Americans are on this subject. One of them is titled, "Americans Still Oppose Overturning Roe v. Wade." This a gross simplification. Indeed, by analyzing Gallup's own data, the opposite case could also be made.

It is true that when asked whether Roe v. Wade should be overturned, only 32% agree; 58% disagree. But when the survey digs deeper, it finds something altogether different. For example, only 32% believe that abortion should be legal in all circumstances; 67% disagree. Of that last number, 48% say it should be legal in certain circumstances while 19% say it should be illegal in all circumstances.

With regard to the meaning of Roe v. Wade, Gallup says the ruling "specifies that states may *regulate* abortion before fetal viability in the interests of maternal health, but not ban the procedure before that developmental stage (its italic)." That is technically true. It is also intellectually dishonest.

In practice, Gallup knows very well that the way this ruling has been interpreted and applied in most parts of the country, Roe means abortion-on-demand. And that, according to its own data, is precisely what Americans reject.

So why would only a third of Americans want Roe overturned given their overwhelming opposition to what Roe, in practice, allows? That's because many, if not most, falsely believe that Roe does not permit abortion-on-demand.

Gallup admits that support for abortion falls off dramatically after the first trimester. In other words, the average American does not want an outright ban because that would mean abortions in the early stages of pregnancy would also be illegal, hence the reluctance to overturn Roe. But the average American is also unhappy with totally unrestricted abortions, which is what Roe basically permits.

No one can make an informed decision on any subject unless the facts are made clear. When it comes to abortion, they rarely are.

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A mistake.... In last weekend's bulletin I noted that Tony Fox, who is heading up a choir, was a professor of music at UCLA. He was a professor of music at USC (University of Southern California). Apologies. That said, please consider joining the choir. It is very rare for any parish to have such a skilled person available. That is even more true for a small parish like ours. We are very blessed.

The Pope and the Latin Mass. By now most of us have heard that rumors are flying around the Vatican that Pope Francis intends to severely limit the celebration of the Traditional Mass (aka Tridentine Mass, or Old Mass). It is odd because Pope Benedict XVI in his apostolic letter, *Summorum Potificum*, declared that the Old Mass was still a beautiful, valid, and worthy celebration of the Eucharist and should be made as widely available as possible by those trained in that particular rite. How the current Pope can simply undo the work of his predecessor, who lives right down the road from him, is something of a mystery.

Theories vary as to the Pope's alleged plan. His severest critics say it is because the Old Mass is so "other worldly" and Pope Francis is hopelessly mired down in this world. Some argue that the Pope is responding to feedback from bishops that the Old Mass is creating division within parishes and among priests. Others argue that the bishops are concerned the Old Mass is drawing large numbers of young people who have never experienced it before and are becoming more traditional (now that's dangerous!) and rejecting the contemporary Mass, the Novus Ordo. And a few conspiracy theorists hold that the Pope has a personal distaste for the Old Mass and has made it his mission to stamp it out.

We shall have to wait and see if there is any truth to the rumors. If the Pope does intend to severely curtail the celebration of the Old Mass, he will fail. Why? There are a number of reasons, but two will suffice: the nature of history and the role of culture.

History. As the Church continues Her pilgrimage through time, the Mass has had a variety of liturgical expressions. *There was never a time when only one form was exclusively used.* Even today there are a variety of valid and

beautiful liturgical celebrations of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church along with the current rite, the Novus Ordo. The Old Mass is but one such expression with a long and venerable history. There is a quirky thing about history many fail to take into account: you can't erase it. One can certainly try. The communist government in China forbids any mention of the pro-democracy demonstration at Tiananmen Square on its anniversary. Turkey denies the Armenian genocide ever happened. How about the measures taken by the American government for nearly two centuries to suppress or eradicate Native American identity and culture? For decades American Catholic Bishops tried to hide the sexual abuse of minors. The eugenics movement in the United States focused on reducing minority populations (Margaret Sanger's goal) and was very successful in influencing the judicial and legislative branches of government to establish a law for the mandatory sterilization of those deemed mentally subnormal, a law that stayed on the books until the early 1960's when it was overturned. For years our politicians suppressed information on the medical experimentation done on Black American GI's without their consent (the Tuskegee scandal). And there are those who deny that the Holocaust ever happened. So how is it we know of these things despite the power to suppress such knowledge? History, however unpleasant, is tenacious and has its way of making itself known. Any effort to suppress or eradicate the Old Mass will drive those devoted to it into an underground Church, an "oppressed movement," perfect conditions for it to thrive in.

Culture. The Church has always understood a simple fact: people are drawn to beauty and beauty conveys an awareness of the Holy. I always chuckle when I hear Catholic intellectuals, bishops, and priests fret and wring their hands over young people's attraction to the Old Mass. Their usual question goes something like this, "How can these people be drawn to something they didn't grow up with?" Well, my dear clueless clerics, might that not just be the point? They are fed up with what they grew up with: sloppy Novus Ordo Masses where priests rush through the canon of the Holy Mass with all the enthusiasm of placing an order at a hamburger joint drive thru, horrible sermons, lay people pretending to be priests, priests "experimenting" with the Mass to assert either their personal or diocesan standards of political

correctness to name but a few. People are instinctively drawn to dignity in the liturgy, respect for sacred space, beauty and reverence in the Holy celebration. Can anyone honestly say that those elements are universally found in the Novus Ordo today? Watch how Pope Francis celebrates Mass. Not very inspiring. People may not say anything to their priests because, in many cases, they know it will fall on deaf ears. But they do speak by their absence and withholding their offerings as they obey their instincts to “shop” for a parish that feeds them or embrace the Old Mass if they can find one.

Fairness requires me to make a disclosure. I am not an advocate of the Old Mass. I have seen it done in various videos at the request of parishioners in a previous assignment who had hoped I would go for the training needed to celebrate it. They offered to cover my training expenses which was not only very kind but revealed how serious they were. I simply could not then nor cannot now wrap my mind around celebrating the Mystery of the Eucharist in a language 99.9999% of the people don't understand. I can say the Mass in Swedish. I can pray the “Our Father” in Old Norse. But what would be the point unless the congregation was made of Swedes or Vikings? The language of the Holy Mystery should be in the language of the people. On this point I am still very Protestant and in absolute agreement with Martin Luther (Father Luther actually).

I have empathy with those who are drawn to the beauty, solemnity, and rhythm of the Old Mass. I believe those essential elements can, indeed must be achieved in the Novus Ordo, though I rarely hear any such discussion among the clergy.

If bishops and priests fail to seriously examine the root causes for why the young are especially drawn to the Old Mass, they could find themselves on the wrong side of history and culture to say nothing of seeing a few more empty pews.

If the rumors are true that the Pope plans to suppress or severely curtail access to the Old Mass, he is making a serious blunder.

For those who signed up for the two courses being offered from June to August, we have already begun. Some have said that they didn't order their books until just recently and the books haven't arrived. Others have said they did better using Amazon.com. Regardless of what

company you order from it is usually a good idea to order books several weeks before the classes begin. Copies of the course outline and schedule can be found at the front entrance of the Church.

“Mary’s Gate.” As announced last weekend at the Masses we are considering removing the current gate over the shrine and replacing it with a new gate using the same material, cross, and enamel glazing that you can see on the new crosses installed at the front entrance of the Church, the bell tower, as well as the west and east entrances.

If you wish to donate, please make out the check to St. John's and in the memo section write “Mary’s Gate” or “Shrine” so we make sure not to put it in the general collection.

COME PRAY with us Monday evening June 21 at the Respect Life Holy Hour beginning at 7pm, concluding with Benediction. Make time for Jesus and pray for a culture of life. The following is a quote from Pope St. John Paul II during his apostolic visit to the United States on Sept. 19, 1987 in Detroit, MI:

“Every human person – no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society – is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival-yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn. With these sentiments of love and hope for America, I now say goodbye in words that I spoke once before: ‘Today, therefore, my final prayer is this: that God will bless America, so that she may increasingly become – and truly be – and long remain one Nation, under God, indivisible. With liberty and justice for all.’”

DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM – “Raising children with prayer and the sacraments and liturgical living in a faithful Catholic home is, unfortunately, not a guarantee that they'll never err or stray as they get older. But it means that if they do, they'll have graces and good habits (and their mother's prayers) tugging them back toward faith and family.” –Kendra Tierney from her book *The Catholic All Year Prayer Companion*