We are Gifted and We are Called

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn’t we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn’t we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Year of Prayer, Penance and Reparation

Bishop Warfel has declared a Year of Prayer, Penance and Reparation because of sins committed against children and youth by clergy and religious who served us here in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. The primary focus of this this year of prayer “is for healing for those harmed as well as healing for many of the faithful who feel discouraged and betrayed.”

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MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming, evangelizing, worshipping parish community, encouraging all to step into a deeper spiritual encounter and loving experience with our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for peace, love, truth, and social justice through active stewardship - notably through our advocate - Mother Mary. We proclaim the promise of the Kingdom of God and the grace-filled nourishment that comes when our humanness becomes one with God’s Divinity in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.
Catholic Communications Campaign

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of the funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communication efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message.

“Your toil is not in vain when it is done in the Lord”

Thank you for your support of the 2019 Care and Share Annual Catholic Appeal. Our gifts to Care and Share do make a great difference! By joining with our Catholic brothers and sisters in support of the ministries of our diocese, we help to ensure that we, indeed, are helping each other. Let’s ensure that every parish in our diocese is served sacramentally; the most basic of needs for us as a Catholic family.

**Mark Your Calendar’s**

**Mexican Fiesta/Car Show**

**July 20, 2019** Mary Queen of Peace parish will sponsor the 66th Annual Mexican Fiesta and the 23rd Annual Fiesta Car Show at South Park. For more information about the Fiesta or for table reservations for the dance call: Jessica Norris, Holy Cross Cemetery, 1601 Mullowney Lane, 406-839-8387.

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD**

Help advertise FIESTA 2019 by distributing the Fiesta posters found on the entrance table to places that you frequent. Your participation will make this the best Fiesta yet.

**Mass Intentions**

Remember your loved ones or a special intention with a Mass Intention offering. Many dates are available in the new 2019 calendar year. Call the office or drop in to schedule a Mass intention. Your loved ones or special intentions will be remembered “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” at a daily or weekend Mass.

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From Bishop Michael: all volunteers and all employees with access to Children, Young Adults and Vulnerable Persons are required to complete annual training and background checks or not be allowed to volunteer or be employed.

Diocesan Victim Assistance: Confidential Line 406-750-2373, Email victimassistancecoord@gmail.com

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“A heart of gold, and bigger than life.” That is who Manny was to his friends and family. Manny is the son of John and Mary Alvarez of Mary Queen of Peace. Every day was an adventure to Manny, and he did not have children of his own, making it important to his parents to be able to reach out and touch lives in his name. Criteria: -Family registered and active at Mary Queen of Peace Parish -Registered for the upcoming school year at Billings Catholic Schools -Have submitted financial information to BCS -Complete the application -Submit a letter including the following information: Describe involvement in Church and school activities. Why have you chosen to attend Billings Catholic Schools? Why you would be a good recipient of the Alvarez Scholarship. -Enclose a copy of your latest school report card Submit above to MQP business office.

**Reflection**
Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that God is transcendent - any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!" How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God may be the seed of unity among her people, a need, an intention, or an illness? For some of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God may be the seed of unity among her people, a need, an intention, or an illness? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God may be the seed of unity among her people, a need, an intention, or an illness? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God may be the seed of unity among her people, a need, an intention, or an illness?

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