We Are Gifted and We Are Called

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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.”
Sts. Cyril & Methodius
Craft bazaar is Saturday Nov. 9th from 9am to 2pm. To reserve a table, call Sue at 967-3747.

Enrich your spiritual life; get to know Jesus better
Marian Charismatic Prayer Group
The Marian Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Monday at 4pm at Mary Queen of Peace (3411 3rd Ave. South).

Rosary Wednesdays
Parishioner-led Rosary recital after every Wednesday morning Mass. Be part of a prayer devotion that makes a difference in our daily lives!

Eucharistic Adoration
Pope John XXIII was quoted as saying one ought to sit in Eucharistic Adoration in some church at least once a day. MQP offers Eucharistic Adoration, every Thursday following the 9:00AM Mass until 6:00PM.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group
The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets the third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm at Mary Queen of Peace.

Cornerstone Prayer Group
We meet the first Tuesday of the month after 9am Mass in the lower parish hall.

TMY That Man is You
Open to men of all ages, a weekly program on Thursdays, 6am, at SVDP (3005 1st Ave S). Addressing the pressures that face men in our modern culture. Breakfast included.

SVDP: JESUS in HOMELESS
Matthew:25 is the basis for what we do here at SVDP. Every day at SVDP we feed the hungry by giving out sack lunches or other types of hot food. Riverstone Health comes in on a regular schedule to take care of those who are in need of medical help. We give vouchers for clothing to the people who need these items. We welcome all that come through our doors for a cup of coffee or a listening ear. This would not be possible without donations from the people who support our mission of serving those in need. It is easy to get caught up in doing these services every day and not realize the person we are serving is Christ himself. It is important that we remember the reign of God is proclaimed in the weakest, lowest, and most vulnerable humans. In feeding, clothing, and ministering to, and being with the stranger, do we take the time to recognize that Christ is present in the people we serve?

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today’s Gospel is a prime example! “Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man … was seeking to see who Jesus was.” We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children’s Bible illustration isn’t what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

“Come down quickly,” Jesus says, “for today I must stay at your house.” If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. “Good” people. But those aren’t the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today’s Gospel is a prime example! “Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man … was seeking to see who Jesus was.” We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children’s Bible illustration isn’t what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

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Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!
You know what that means— time for TURKEY BINGO!! Gobble, gobble! Win a turkey November 17th from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 2216 Grand Avenue in the upper hall. We will play 20 bingo games-- 16 games at $0.50/card to win a turkey and 4 games at $2/card to win a dinner basket containing all the items needed for a complete Thanksgiving dinner or play all day for $35. Bring your friends and family-- include someone who might not get out much-- and have a great time! Gobble, gobble! All proceeds go to the Mary Queen of Peace operating budget.

Join the fun!
Join the fun, watch ‘em win! The parish needs volunteers to help at TURKEY BINGO which will be November 17th from 1:30 to 4:30. Donate food for the dinner basket prizes, underwrite the event with a cash donation or work a 2-hour shift. We’ll train you on-site-- either set up, collecting money during the game, calling the game, food sales or clean up. Then, play to win with your friends or family. Sign up in back of church, contact Celest at 406-294-7605 or Kathy Smit at 406-850-3642, kathysmit@live.com. Easy work for NO pay!! Gobble, gobble.
November 3, 2019

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### Ministers Needed for Mary Queen of Peace

*Mary Queen of Peace Parish* is seeking additional ministers in the following areas: Altar Servers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Ministers to the Homebound, and Sacristans. If you are called or you know good candidates contact Fr. Jose.

### Funerals:

Initial funeral planning:
Contact Fr. Jose Marquez, 294-7606

### Calendar of Weekly Events:

- **11-2&3** Food Bank and Collection for the Needy All Masses
- **11-4** Marian Charismatic Prayer Group
- **11-6** Mass at Parkview Nursing home -10:30am
- **11-7** Baptism I Class 7:00pm MQP Office 2nd floor
- **11-8** Baptism II Class 7:00pm MQP Office 2nd floor
- **11-10** CCW meeting & PBJ Sandwich making 10:30am lower hall

If you or a family member are homebound, in the hospital or scheduled for surgery and would like the Sacrament of the Sick, please call Father José at the office @259-7611 #06.

### Mary Queen of Peace Parish Stewardship Report

**Fiscal Year:** July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020

**Weekend of October 20, 2019**

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| Year-to-date Income Total: | 112,984 |
| Year-to-date Total Expenses Budget: | 125,839 |
| **Over (Short)** | *(12,855)* |

### Always Our Children Support Group

*Always Our Children* is a faith-based support group for parents, family and friends of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. The next monthly meeting is Thursday, November 7 at 7:00pm in the St. Pius X Parish Center. Prayer, sharing and refreshments are part of the evening. For more information, contact Shelly at 656-2522.

### Remember in Prayers

Remember in your prayers the soul and family of: Renee Trottier, whose funeral mass was last Monday, October 28th.

### Don’t let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus.

Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.

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

Thanks to all who have chosen to support Care and Share this year. To date 24% of households from our parish have made pledges or given gifts. We are very encouraged at this point but still need the rest of the parish to support the appeal. Ideally, we would like to have 100% participation. Every gift counts and matters! Allow me to join Bishop Warfel in saying, “Thank you for making the 2019 Care and Share Appeal a success for our diocese.

### Mary Queen of Peace Parish 2019 Care and Share Report

**Care and Share March 2019 thru February 2020**

| Assessment | 41,045 |
| Less Cash Contributions 8-28-2019 | 24,969 |
| **2019 Care and Share Balance** | 16,076 |

### St. Benedict’s Annual Fall Dinner

**Place:** St. Benedict’s Catholic Church, 503 Main St, Roundup
**Date:** November 3, 2019
**Time:** 11:30am – 3:00pm
**Menu:** Turkey dinner with all the trimmings
**Price:** Adults $10.00, 5yrs to 12yrs $5.00, under 5yrs free
**Extras:** Bake Sale, Country Store, Raffles

### MQP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- **Mondays 5-6:45pm Pre-K to 3rd Good Shepherd Program**
- **Wednesdays 5-6:45pm Pre-K to 6th Good Shepherd Program**
- **Wednesdays 5-6:45pm RCIA (for children<18 years)**
- **Thursdays 5-6:45pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**
- Youth Group contact Valerie Johnson 259-3389

Registration forms at entrance of church and on the website. Contact Bill Kuzma for more info: 294-7607, mqp.dre@gmail.com

Fees for the year: $20 per family, $15 Bible