Mary Queen of Peace

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MASS SCHEDULE
Mary Queen of Peace
3411 3rd Ave South

Daily Mass
Tuesday through
Friday @ 9 am

Weekend Mass
Sat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 9:30 am
Sun. 5:00 pm Oct. – May
Sun. 6:00 pm June – Sept.

Reconciliation
1 hour before Mass
Or by appointment

December 22, 2019
4th Sunday of Advent

Ministers for Dec. 28 & 29

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<td>Paul Tweden</td>
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We are Gifted and We Are Called

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” - Mt 1:20-21

Mary Queen of Peace Parish

Mission Statement

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JESUS
is the reason for the season!

Merry Christmas!
---PRAYER LINE----PRAYER LINE----

Would you like prayers for a special person, a need, an intention, or an illness? Your parish community is here to help and to support you with prayer. Our parish community has a network of prayer ministers who remember each day in their prayers the intentions/needs of those who request. “Ask and you shall receive.” To activate our prayer line, please call Marion Walton: 259-5784.

PRAYER PETITIONS: Pope’s December Intention: The future of the Very Young. That every country determines to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Marrying Encounter
Married couples – Consider doing something great for yourselves and your marriage. A Marriage Encounter weekend involves 15 – 20 couples. A series of presentations are given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest. The focus of the weekend is the couple, not group sessions. The presentations allow each couple a rare opportunity to look at themselves as individuals, then look at their marriage and relationship to each other, and finally to look at their relationship to God, the church, and the world. After each presentation, the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their room for their own personal discussion. Upcoming Marriage Encounter Dates: Jan. 24-26, 2020 Billings, MT. Contact: Paul & Tracy McElvery 307-689-2820 or visit: www.wwme.org.

Thank you! As 2019 comes to a close, the Board and Staff wish to express our gratitude to all of you for making the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana an ever-increasing important asset for the Catholic Church in our diocese. 2019 ushered in our New Grant Program, something we prayed would be possible one day. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we were able to grant $45,000 to 12 different parishes, 2 Catholic schools, and one Catholic organization in our diocese. We hope to do more next year as our endowments grow because of your continued support. There is still time to make a difference for the Church through a gift to your Catholic Foundation in 2019. Donations are tax-deductible; some may also qualify for the 40% Montana Charitable Endowment Tax Credit! Mailed gifts must be postmarked by December 31st in order to count for the 2019 tax year. You may also give online before midnight, December 31st, at www.catholicfoundationmt.org. To make a gift of appreciated stock or for any other question, please call Judy Held, President, at 406-315-1765 or email judy@catholicfoundationmt.org. Together, we are making a huge difference for the future of the Catholic Church in our diocese!

Merry Christmas from your Billings Catholic Schools!
Each year at the all-system Catholic Schools Week Mass in January we honor members of our extended BCS family and Catholic community with the BCS Awards of Excellence. Awards that may be given each year include the BCS Legacy award, outstanding alum and young alum, philanthropist and community partner, and volunteer, SFC or BCCHS educator, and support staff of the year. We need your help in selecting the recipients of these awards. Please visit the alumni tab on the BCS website at BILLINGSCATHOLICSCHOOLS.ORG to nominate worthy candidates for any of these awards. Nominations are due by Friday, January 10, 2020. The awards will be presented following the all-system CSW Mass with Bishop Warfel on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 9:00am in the Ralph Nelles Center at Billings Central Catholic High School. All are welcome. Thank you!

Merry Christmas

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

Special Request: Office of the Bishop
“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” ~1Paul 4:10. The Diocesan Stewardship Committee supports the faithful of Eastern Montana in their efforts to be good stewards of God’s graces. This committee is in the process of growing and restructuring. As your Bishop, I would like for you to prayerfully consider being part of this ministry within the Church. If you have a desire to help your fellow Catholics be the disciples God is calling them to be, I ask you to consider serving on this vital committee. For further information about the committee contact: Renee Riehl, Stewardship Committee Chairperson at rrieihl@stmarycolumbus.org or call her at (406) 860-9554. You may also contact H. Thomas Dotterweich, Director of Stewardship for the Diocese at stewardship@diocesegfb.org or by calling (406) 727-6683.

Pray For Seminarians And Religious
Lord Jesus, grant to young men and women the generosity necessary to follow you as priests and religious, and the courage to overcome obstacles to this calling. Give parents that faith and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their child to God’s service and cause them to rejoice when one of their family is chosen. Lord Jesus, encourage both young people and parents & may your grace sustain them. Amen

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

We are called to join our brothers and sisters in faith to support the ministries provided by the diocese. Through our Care and Share gift we help to ensure that every parish in our diocese is served sacramentally, providing the most basic needs for our Catholic family. Your devotion to the work of the Lord in your Care and Share gift is very important! Please be as generous as possible with your contribution. Together, we can make a difference in the lives, hearts and spirits of the parishes and individuals of the Catholic Church of Eastern Montana.

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Mary Queen of Peace Parish
2019 Care and Share Report
Care and Share March 2019 thru February 2020
Assessment 2019 41,045
Less Cash Contributions 8-28-2019 27,715

2019 Care and Share Balance 13,330

Mary Queen of Peace Parish
Stewardship Report
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020
Weekend of December 8, 2019

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<td><strong>Weekly Expense Budget</strong></td>
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**Year-to-date Income Total:** 163,202
**Year-to-date Total Expenses Budget:** 180,893

**Over (Short)** (17,691)

Children’s Christmas Choir
Mary Queen of Peace will be hosting a children’s choir at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 9:30am Christmas Day Mass. Please call Celest Kessler or Bill Kuzma know at the Parish office, 294-7605, if you are interested. Sign-up sheets are in the entrance of Church.

St Vincent de Paul
St. Vincent de Paul is grateful for your donations of time, goods, and money throughout the year and holiday season. Your generosity allows us to continue serving the needs of families throughout Yellowstone County. The donations assist with rent, utilities, and vouchers to be used at our Thrift Store. Please check out our new website; www.svdpmt.org if you would like more information or call our office at 252-1855. Merry Christmas

Calendar of Weekly Events:
12-23 NO Marian Charismatic Prayer Group
12-24 4:00PM Vigil Mass for Christmas
11:00PM Midnight Mass (Guadalupe Choir)
12-25 9:30AM Christmas Day Mass
12-28 4:00PM Vigil Mass of Feast of the Holy Family
12-29 9:30AM & 5:00PM Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph
12-31 5:30PM Vigil Mass-Mary, Mother of God
01-01 9:30AM Mass-Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

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.

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

Marriage Troubles? If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program February 21 - 23, 2020 at the Ursuline Centre, Great Falls. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

"Rejoice! Rejoice in this Advent season As we prepare in our hearts a place for Jesus’ rebirth. He is the Light, the Truth and the Hope beyond all reason, So let us reach out from our hearts to tell all the earth."