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Readings for Next Sunday:

The Baptism Of The Lord

1st Reading
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalm 29

2nd Reading

Gospel
Matthew 3:13-17

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

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We are Gifted and We Are Called

The Magi ask a good question: where is the king? For us, it can mean: What is most important in our life? As we enter this new year, let’s resolve to prioritize our compassionate concern for others.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Mt 2:10-11

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.

We Wish to thank our Parish’s Volunteers & Benefactors!

Happy New Year

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...
---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 January Intention: Promotion of World Peace. That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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!

Remember in your prayers the soul and family of +Lilly Mota who died December 18th and whose funeral mass was December 26th.

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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

ST. VALENTINE’S DINNER DANCE

Mary Queen of Peace Parish is hosting a Saint Valentine’s Day dinner-dance at Billings Hotel & Convention Center on Friday, February 14, 2020! Complete with a cocktail hour, fine dining and dancing, and spot prizes to top it all off.

Reserve your table now-call Matt Low @ 294-7601. Individual ticket-$75 / Table of Eight-$550.

BILLINGS MARCH FOR LIFE

Join Bishop Michael Warfel and the Billings pro-life community for the 13th Annual Billings March for Life and stand up for the sanctity of ALL human life!

WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, at 2 pm (The whole thing is done by ~3:30 pm)

WHERE: Gather in prayer at St. Patrick’s (215 N. 31st), then walk solemnly & silently the four blocks to the Courthouse lawn (217 N. 27th) for a short program. (Signs will be provided for you to carry.)
WHAT: There will be prayer, singing, and a short talk to mark the sad anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision that ushered in an era of abortion-on-demand, resulting in the deaths of more than 60 million innocent human beings in the U.S. since that time.
AFTERWARDS: Coffee, cocoa, cookies, & camaraderie back at St. Patrick’s fellowship hall.

Join us – and bring others! It’ll take ALL of us, courageously standing up for those who have no voice of their own, to change hearts and reverse this culture of death.
For more information, call Amy Seymour at 962-3260.
January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saint Vincent de Paul
Saturday Brunches

A big thank you to all who served at our first brunch for friends in need (which will be on the second Saturday of every month) at Saint Vincent de Paul. Our NEXT date is Jan. 11. It will feature biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs and mixed fruit. We will post sign-ups each month requesting food and/or workers. Grace Reif is the MQP contact person (406-281-0495).

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.

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

“Your toil is not in vain when it is done in the Lord”
Thank you to all who have responded so generously to the 2019 Care and Share Annual Catholic Appeal. The success of this appeal depends on the faithful, steadfast and devoted members of our faith family both here in our parish and the Diocese. Your support is greatly appreciated, for it is through your sacrifice and deep convictions that we may grow as a faith community and will continue Christ’s work here in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.

Mary Queen of Peace Parish
2019 Care and Share Report
Care and Share March 2019 thru February 2020

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2019 Care and Share Balance 12,415

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”

Ursuline Centre – Great Falls
Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage.

Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Mary Queen of Peace Parish
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.

Ministers

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Calendar of Weekly Events:
01-04&05 Food Bank and Collection for the Needy All Masses
01-06 NO Marian Charismatic Prayer Group
01-08 Mass at Parkview Nursing home -10:30am
01-12 CCW meeting 10:30am lower hall with Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Making

Mary Queen of Peace Parish
Stewardship Report
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020
Weekend of December 22, 2019

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| Year-to-date Income Total: | 184,840 |
| Year-to-date Total Expenses Budget: | 196,623 |
| Over (Short) | (11,783) |

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Do you and your spouse need to reconnect after the busy Christmas Season? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is the perfect opportunity to reconnect, improve communication and fall more deeply in love. This weekend has something powerful to offer every married couple! Upcoming date: Billings, MT Jan 24-26, 2020. For more information and to apply visit www.wwme.org or call Paul and Tracy 307-689-2820.

God’s glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight under the rafters of a barn:
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,
And Wisdom’s born in secret in a straw-roofed stable