

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE



DECEMBER 24, 2023
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHRISTMAS

MASS SCHEDULE

Mary Queen of Peace

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Daily Mass

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am

1st Friday 5:30pm

Weekend Mass

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 9:30 am

5:00pm September - May

6:00pm June - August

Reconciliation

1 hour before Mass

Or By Appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

(Closed Monday)



The Nativity of the Lord



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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.

PARISH MINISTRY STAFF

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**We Wish to thank our
Parish's Volunteers
& Benefactors!**

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

Readings for Next Sunday:

Holy Family

1st Reading

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Psalm 105

2nd Reading

Hebrews 11:5,11-12,17-19

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40



FUNERALS: Initial funeral planning: Contact Fr. Jose Marquez, 406-294-7606

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 @406-259-7611 #06.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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 ministers who remember each day in their prayers the intentions/needs of those who request. "Ask and you shall receive." Our parish community remembers each day in their prayers, the intentions/needs of those who request. **To activate our prayer line, please call the office at 406-294-7605.**



If you are a business owner (or part of a partnership, LLC, etc.), did you know your business can simply write a check to support a permanent endowment fund for our parish or our diocese and receive the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, equal to 20% of your gift? Please contact the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana to support our parish in this everlasting way: forever@catholicfoundationmt.org or 406-315-1765.

Calendar of Weekly Events:

12-24 5:00PM Mass Vigil for Christmas (Sunday Evening)
12-24 11:00PM Midnight Mass (Sunday Evening)
12-25 9:30AM Christmas Day Mass (Monday)
12-28 Eucharistic Adoration After 9:00AM Mass
12-30 4:00PM Mass of Feast of the Holy Family
12-31 9:30AM & 5:00PM Masses-Feast of the Holy Family
2024
01-01 6:00PM Mass of Mary, Mother of God
(not a Holy Day)



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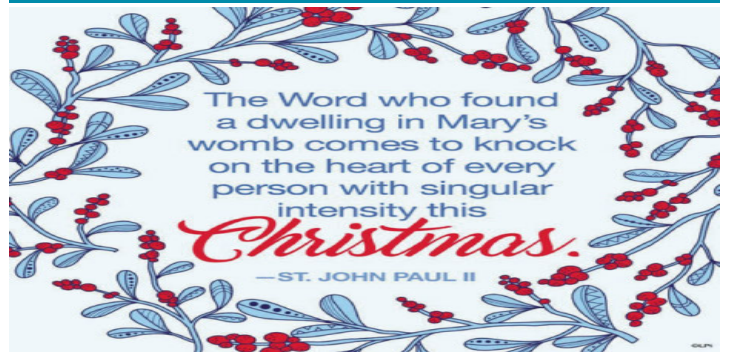
12-23-2023 4pm Mass is 4th Sunday of Advent
12-24-2023 9:30am Mass is 4th Sunday of Advent
12-24-2023 5pm Mass is Vigil of Christmas
12-24-2023 11pm Mass is Vigil of Christmas
12-25-2023 9:30am Mass is Christmas

MASS INTENTIONS

12-26 9:00am †Dennis Molm By Celest Kessler
12-27 9:00am Antony Jayaraj & Family
12-28 9:00am †John King By Clint & Kathy King
12-29 9:00am †Crystal Badura & family
12-30 4:00pm †Jenny, Merle & Melodie Simon
By Simon Family
12-31 9:30am †Priscilla Romero By Steve Repac
12-31 5:00pm MQP Parishioners

2024

01-01 6:00pm MQP Parishioners



Faith Formation Information

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd--Pre-K to 6th grade
Tuesdays 6-7:30pm--Good Shepherd 3-6 years old
Wednesdays 6-7:30pm--Good Shepherd 1st to 6th grade
Youth Group—7-12th grade TBD w/volunteers
OCIA—Thursdays 6:30pm after Benediction
Registration forms entrance of church and on MQP website. Contact Daphne Sutton for info. or to volunteer: mqp.dre@gmail.com, 406-294-7607

Light

In the gospel of Luke (2:29-32), we hear about Simeon, a devout old man who is waiting in the Temple. God revealed that he would not die before seeing the Messiah. When he held the infant Jesus in his arms, he prays, "Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the children take great delight in knowing Jesus as the light that came into the world.

How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, **“But she was greatly troubled at what was said.”** An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord’s messenger say to us what he said to Mary, **“Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.”** *Father John Muir* ©LPi

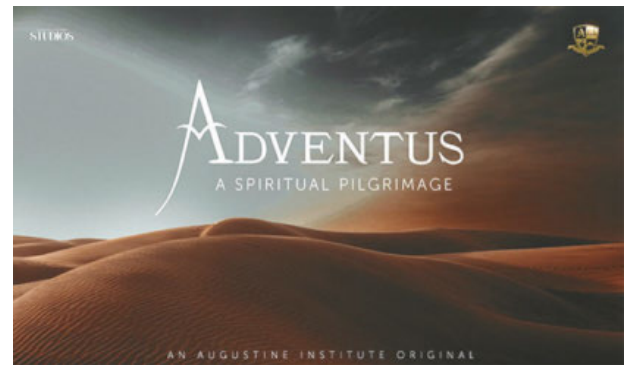
MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 30 & 31

Ministers	4:00pm	9:30am	5:00pm
Altar Servers	Needed	Needed	Needed
Crucifer	Needed	Needed	Needed
Greeters	Needed	Needed	Mike Harrington
Lector 1	Nic Tognetti	Audrey Wagner	Bill Kuzma
Lector 2	Nic Tognetti	Mary Kay Lynaugh	Bill Kuzma
Euch. Ministers	Maggie Bargar Marian Leligdowicz Linda Leligdowicz	Paul Tweden Lydia Chamberlain Angela Byrd	Celest Kessler Bob Tambo
Sacristan	Maggie Bargar	Paul Tweden	Celest Kessler

This Christmas, give your marriage the gift of Natural Family Planning

Learn how to observe, record, and interpret a woman’s natural signs of fertility. Discover God’s beautiful plan for married love. **3-part series taught online, begins Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 pm.** Ben and Rita Pehl, Certified Volunteer NFP Teaching Couple at Sacred Heart Parish in Terry MT. More information, Ben & Rita(402-640-9494), www.fertilityscienceinstitute.org.

PRAYER PETITIONS: Pope’s December Intention: **For persons with disabilities.** We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



FORMED® Pray with us in this special documentary that guides Catholics on a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the places associated with Christ’s birth.

St Anthony PCCW Annual Retreat

St Anthony PCCW would like to share the information for our annual retreat.

- Fr Bart will speak to the ladies in the morning.
- After lunch the Virtual Pilgrimage program will presented in the church, open to all.
- We will collect registrations for the Pilgrimage presenter to have enough materials.
- Registrations online at www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ Saturday, January 27th 1:00 PM



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at St. Anthony Catholic Church. ★ Immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes ★ Touch the Grotto Rock ★ Receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray a Candlelight Rosary ★ Receive a bottle of Lourdes Water ★ Prepare a petition ★ Plenary Indulgence is granted. Encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invitation to all! Admission is free. More information, St. Anthony, Laurel (406)628-7182 .



NEW Counseling Program Available!

Catholic Social Services of Montana is excited to announce the launch of its new mental health counseling program. We are actively accepting new clients. Below are more details:

- We have licensed counselors available to talk or listen.
- No topic is too big or too small for us to address. If we can’t tackle it, we’ll work with you to provide a referral.
- You can meet with us from your computer, cell phone, or any other online mobile device. If you live in or want to travel to Helena, you can meet in-person with us.
- We’re Catholic. Faith can be a part of our conversation if you’d like, but that is not required. We are here for everyone.
- Your first session is free. If you choose to schedule another session, we accept insurance and private pay and offer reduced private pay rates if you meet qualifying standards.

To get started, you can call (406)442-4130 or visit www.cssmt.org.



God’s plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say “Yes, Lord” — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours. ©LPi



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