

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE



MARCH 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY

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)



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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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.

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**We Wish to thank our
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**Readings for Next Sunday:
Easter Sunday**

1st Reading
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 118
2nd Reading
Colossians 3:1-4



Gospel
John 20:1-9



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 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.

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

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Experience: As we near the end of Lent you may find yourself in a place of growth and desiring

more. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience may fulfill that need. It is an opportunity to reflect on our personal life story and how that impacts our marriage as a couple. On the Experience you are led into a deeper reflection on the demands of family, the workplace and world in which we live. Like it or not, all of these demands impact a marriage on a daily basis. Whether you have been married 5 or 55 years, trust in the depth of your love to grow in your marriage. The next Experience will be in Elk Mountain, April 12-14. To learn more, watch: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=635747607124827> OR visit the website: wwme.org OR apply today by calling 307-215-9444



8th Annual Good Friday Cross Walk
An outdoor Way of the Cross with Pro-Life Meditations on the Passion of Christ
Good Friday, March 29 at
12:30 pm Start: St. Pius parking lot

Offertory for weekend of March 10, 2024

Envelopes, Visitors,	
Loose	\$4,165
Other	\$2,922

YTD Offertory	219487
YTD Other Income	85890
YTD Total Income	\$305,377

Please pray for those that will receive their Sacraments of Initiation this spring at Mary Queen of Peace!



Catechumen: Trina Cushman.

Candidates: Valentina Sanchez, Nathaniel Sutton, Vonn Whitmoyer, Antonia Banda, Alex Castro, Andrew Castro, Alexander Meza, Alexis Meza

PRAYER PETITIONS: Pope's March Intention: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Holy Land-Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday all Christians are united in a special way to the land that was made holy by God's plan. Our parish will have a special collection to collect funds for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.



DéCÖLÖRÉS!

Fellow 4th Dayers...we are filled with anticipation to have our upcoming weekends at **Billings Central High School**. May we each stay close to our Lord in the months ahead and be His hands and feet as you reach out to share the amazing gift that you received on your weekend. **Christ is Counting on You!** The next set of weekends will be: **Men's Weekend, June 6-9** and the **Women's Weekend, June 13-16. Make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Jesus.** For more information contact: Jodi Samel at 406-670-6812; email: jomadler@yahoo.com. **Application deadline is May 9th.** Applications are also available online at: <https://www.bigskycumchristo.org/billings-laurel>.



Easter Lilies & Flower Envelopes

Remember your loved ones with an **Easter Lily and Flower** offering. Envelopes are in the pews. Your loved ones will be remembered "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" with a special bulletin insert on March 31st.

Ministers for Easter Week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday.
Please see sign-up posters on the table at the entrance of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 03-26 9:00AM † Deceased of MQP by Marion Schaaf
- 03-27 9:00AM † Maria Contreras by MQP Parish
- 03-28 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 03-28 6:00PM †Edward Kozak by Teresa Kennedy
- 03-29 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 03-29 Noon Seven Last Words
- 03-29 3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 03-29 6:00PM Passion of the Lord Liturgy & Communion
- 03-30 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 03-30 8:30PM † Melodie, Merle & Jenny Simon by Simon Family
- 03-31 9:30AM † Antonio & Efran Morfin by Maria Morfin
- 03-31 5:00PM Parishioners of Mary Queen of Peace

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

Baby Boutique: @ Riverstone Health Building. Open Monday & Thursday 11-1pm. **SPECIAL NEED for Baby Bottles and Size 5 Disposable Diapers.** Volunteers welcome. Contact, Deb Carroll at parish office. Pray with us: "May Catholic parish communities strive to provide compassionate, tangible support to expectant moms needing assistance."

Calendar of Weekly Events:

- 3-23 4:00PM Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday (simple entrance)
- 3-24 9:10AM Meet @Parish Center for procession of palms to the Church for 9:30AM Mass
- 3-24 5:00PM Mass, (simple Entrance)
- 3-26 Chrism Mass 5:00PM @St. Patrick Co-Cathedral
- 3-28 No Eucharistic Adoration
- 3-28 9:00AM Morning Prayer (no 9:00AM Mass)
- 3-28 6:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration
- 3-29 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 3-29 Noon Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross
- 3-29 3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet & confession
- 3-29 6:00PM Passion of Our Lord, Liturgy of Word with Communion and Adoration of the Cross
- 3-30 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 3-30 **NO 4:00PM MASS**
- 3-30 8:30PM Easter Vigil Mass
- 3-31 9:30AM & 5:00PM Masses

Diocesan Chief Financial Officer Position

The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is seeking to fill the position of Chief Financial Officer. For specifics about this position, view the entire Job Description go to the Diocese Web Site at: <https://diocesegfb.org> • Office and Ministries • Human Resources • Career Opportunities.



Giving to our parish endowment through an IRA charitable rollover is a financially wise way to help our church forever! If you own an IRA and are age 70 ½ or older, you may donate any amount (up to \$100,000) this year, tax-free, directly from your IRA. If you have an RMD, your gift can satisfy that requirement, too. For more information or assistance in making a gift for our church *directly* from your IRA, please contact Judy Held, President, at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana at (406) 315-1765 or judy@catholicfoundationmt.org.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "**looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve**" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us. *Father John Muir* ©LPI



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