

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Mar 22: Feast of St. Joseph, breakfast after Mass, everyone is welcome!
Sun., Mar 22: Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm
Tues., Mar 24: No Bible study
Wed., Mar 25: Children's Catechism class, 3:45 pm
Wed., Mar 25: Mass & Adoration, 5:30 pm
Fri., Mar 27: Stations of the Cross followed with daily Mass, 5:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Sun., Mar 22: For the People
Mon., Mar 23: No Mass
Tues., Mar 24: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Wed., Mar 25: _____
Thurs., Mar 26: _____
Fri., Mar 27: _____
Sat., Mar 28: _____



Offertory Collections

St. Joseph's
Sat., Mar 14: \$ 698.00
Sun., Mar 15: \$ 1,211.55
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$3,690.00
St. Mary's
Sun., Mar 15: \$ 112.00

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Mass Servers

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., Mar 21	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Visencia Ramirez
Sun., Mar 22	Juvi Mula	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Mar 28	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Mar 29	Genne Taganahan	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells	Nancy Krebs & Juvi Mula



Holy Week Mass Servers

Altar Server:
Adrian Taganahan
Holy Thursday, April 2:
Commentator: *Liezel Ferido*
Lector: *Visencia Ramirez*
Extraordinary Ministers:
Celeste Geier
Sue Seykora
Good Friday, April 3:
Lectors: *Genne Taganahan,*
Candy Wells
Easter Vigil, April 4:
Lectors: *Liezel Ferido*
Celeste Geier
Visencia Ramirez
Genne Taganahan
Extraordinary Ministers:
Patty Kepp
Sue Seykora
Easter Sunday, April 5:
Commentator: *Patty Kepp*
Lector: *Celeste Geier*
Extraordinary Ministers:
Juvi Mula
Candy Wells

*God is good
all the time:
All the time
God is good!*

MONDAY
MARCH 23
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62
Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY
MARCH 24
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY
MARCH 26
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY
MARCH 27
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY
MARCH 28
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY
MARCH 29
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66 or
27:11-54

Dear Padre

March 22, 2026

I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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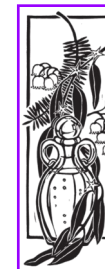


Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday: Mass - 5:30 pm, followed with Eucharistic Adoration after Mass
Good Friday: Good Friday Services and Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil Saturday: Easter Vigil - 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday: Holy Mass - 9:00 am (followed with Easter Egg Hunt)
 Mass at St. Mary's Mission - 11:00 am

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 24th, 6:00 pm
 St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral
 215 N 31st Street, Billings
 or join the livestream on the Diocesan YouTube Channel



Christian Men's

Lenten Breakfast Schedule


All Catholic men are encouraged to attend.
 March 25th - Church of the Open Bible
 April 1st - First Baptist Church


Stations of the Cross - Schedule

Dates	Time	Led by
Fri., Mar 27	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Good Friday, April 3	3:00 pm	Catholic Daughters Mary's Way of the Cross

Also, on Wednesday's during Lent the Children's Catechism Class will lead Stations of the Cross at 4:20 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Scholarships Available

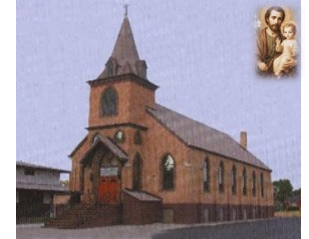
 Elizabeth Brennan Memorial Scholarships and Knights of Columbus Scholarships for High School Seniors and College Students. *Deadline April 15th.*

 Catholic Daughters Scholarship and Catholic Daughters Memorial Scholarship for graduating High School Seniors. *Deadline May 1st.*
All applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church.

CUM CHRISTO WEEKENDS

(to be held in Absarokee)
 Men's weekend, April 16-19
 Women's weekend, April 23-26
 Application online at: bigskycumchristo.org
 Father Cally is the Spiritual Director for the women's weekend.
 Every one is encouraged to participate. It is a very rich program.





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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432

Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass
and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

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Good News!

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the autobasileia. The term comes from two Greek words: auto, meaning "self," and basileia, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." ●