

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community + Spirit of Christ Mission



The Bulletin

Easter 2024

The SIXTH Sunday ~ May 5

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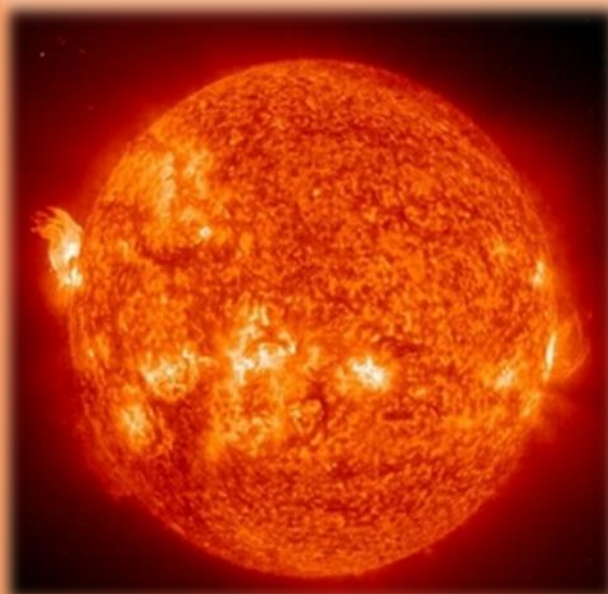
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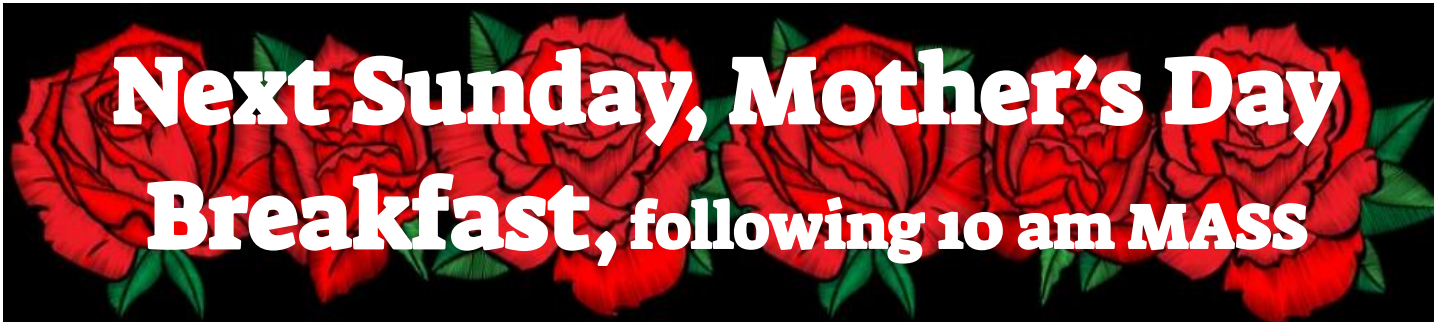
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Why are you
standing there
looking
at the Sky?



Next Sunday is the Easter Feast of the
Lord's ASCENSION...Let us get ready to
"GO, TELL THE OTHERS!"

**Next Sunday, Mother's Day
Breakfast, following 10 am MASS**



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
SPIRIT OF CHRIST MISSION LOLO

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday Morning : 8:00 am at Spirit of Christ in Lolo
10:00 am at Blessed Trinity

Friday Eucharist @ 10:00 am:

First and third Fridays, Parish Mass at Village Health Care Center
Fourth Friday, Parish Mass at Village Senior Residence

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

ADULTS seeking Baptism: Please call the parish office for further information regarding INQUIRY GATHERINGS, designed to meet the needs and questions of each inquiring person.

BAPTIZED ADULTS from another Christian tradition who wish to consider full communion with the Roman Catholic Church: Call the parish office for information.

PARENTS who seek Baptism for a newborn baby or an older child please call the parish office for scheduled Preparation Process.

CONFIRMATION / FIRST COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION:
Preparation process offered periodically throughout the year.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact parish office at least eight to six months prior to the expected date of the wedding. Preparation process is designed to support the couples love for one another and to assist in the formation of a stronger bond needed to live the commitment and covenant of Sacramental marriage. Preparation team includes trained sponsoring married couples, pastor and parish staff.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is Saturday at 4 pm or by appointment.

Please call Fr. Ed @ 721-2405.

Preparation Guide available. Sacrament is celebrated in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

Communal Celebration during Advent and Lent

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Celebrated at the time of sickness, mental stress, prior to surgery and/or hospitalization. The sacrament may also be celebrated periodically during an extended illness.

The Sacrament is celebrated with family, friends, and/or parishioners present; or with the parish community at daily Mass or when necessary at Sunday Mass.

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

ALWAYS CALL THE PARISH

PRIOR TO HOSPITALIZATION OR SURGERY.

If a hospital or care center visit is desired, notify the parish office upon admittance.

**HOLY COMMUNION
TO THE HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED**

Call the office 721-2405.

SACRAMENT OF THE DYING

HOLY VIATICUM: FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Last Rite of the Church for the dying is Holy Communion.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood

can be administered during the dying process.

When death already occurs the Prayers for the Dead are prayed.

Always remember to be in dialogue with the parish during these times.

At the time of death contact the parish as soon as possible.

Prior to making any funeral arrangements

please be in dialogue with the parish.

When cremation is chosen, it ordinarily follows the funeral mass.



**THE WEEK AHEAD
PASTORAL OFFICER
HOURS**
Monday—Thursday
9-am—5 pm
Closed Friday

SAT, May 4

5:00 pm: **Sunday Mass Vigil**

Mass Intention for Mary Caroline Nicholes
Martin r/b Lorraine and Bill Reiner

SUN, May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1-4 /
1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

8:00 am: **Mass at Spirit of Christ
—Grub Sunday—**

10:00 am: **Mass at Blessed Trinity
w/CLOW**



MON, May 6 Acts 16:11-15 / Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Jn 15:26—
16:4a

TUE, May 7 Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 / Jn 16:5-11
7:00 pm: **Vigil for Fr. Matt Huber**

WED, May 8 Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 / Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 / Jn
16:12-15

11:00 am: **Funeral Mass for Fr. Matt Huber**

THU, May 9 Acts 18:1-8 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 16:16-20

11:00 am: **Lectionary Scripture Study**

12:10 pm: **Daily Mass**

FRI, May 10 Acts 18:9-18 / Ps 47:2-7 / Jn 16:20-23a

SAT, May 11 Acts 18:23-28 / Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 / Jn 16:23b-
28

4:00 pm: **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm: **Sunday Mass Vigil**

Mass Intention for Fr. Jack Darragh

SUN, May 12: The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 / Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 / Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 /
Mk 16:15-20

8:00 am: **Mass at Spirit of Christ**

10:00 am: **Mass at Blessed Trinity w/CLOW**

11:15 am: **Mother's Day Breakfast**



Diocese of Helena



Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

May 3, 2024

A Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Montana on the Abortion Amendment Constitutional Initiative (CI-128)

Dear People of God,

As Catholics, we treasure life as a precious gift from God and recognize our sacred duty to nurture and protect every human life from the moment of conception through natural death. Created in the image of God with a dignity not of our own making, each person is a unique and unrepeatable masterpiece of God's creation. This recognition of the infinite dignity enjoyed by all persons informs our understanding of the basic rights and protections to which all human beings are entitled. When those rights are threatened, the Church must speak up with clarity and boldness.

At this very moment, there is a coordinated effort underway to gather signatures to place an extreme amendment to our State's constitution on the November ballot. Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) would greatly expand the practice of legalized abortion in Montana abolishing the limited restrictions currently in place and opening the door to a host of practices that violate fundamental rights to life and dignity.

CI-128 is being promoted simply as a protection for women's rights, when in fact, this initiative seeks to enshrine legal authorization for the following:

- Late-term abortion of babies who will feel pain
- Abortion of babies who have been partially delivered
- Abortion by dismemberment of children growing in the womb

Moreover, this proposal would eliminate current parental notification requirements that apply when minors obtain an abortion. This would:

- Impose a culture of secrecy that would undermine families.
- Expose underage mothers to exploitation
- Provide cover for those who would victimize underage women by committing abuse, human trafficking, and other crimes

Faced with this unprecedented threat to human life, we urge all people of goodwill to decline to sign the petition to place this dangerous amendment on our ballot. Trusting in God, we invite all Montanans to pray for the defeat of this Constitutional Initiative and stand in defense of women, children and all those threatened by this extreme proposal.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, pray for us.
In Christ,

Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Fleming
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings

Most Rev. Michael W. Warfel
Bishop Emeritus of Great Falls-Billings



NEXT SUNDAY we celebrate the FEAST OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION. On Sunday May 19 we celebrate the SOLEMN FEAST OF PENTECOST—The Fiftieth Day of Easter, the conclusion of the Easter Feast.

It is good to remember these wondrous days of the new life and new hope of Easter, as we reflect on the mystery:

**”Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!
Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!”**

THE EASTER SEASON FIFTY DAYS OF CELEBRATION

Easter Race

Outside of an emergency, there are few things that make us run. Perhaps when we see the bus we need to catch arriving at the bus stop, we quicken our pace, or we double our steps when the train arrives which we need to board. When we were children, we ran for everything. Parents are constantly telling children, “Walk, don’t run!” As we get older, we wish we had the unending energy of God’s little ones who always seem to be on the go.

Every year on Easter Sunday morning, we witness an Easter race and hopefully, at least in a spiritual way, we take part in it as well. On Easter Sunday morning, the same gospel is always proclaimed: John 20:1-9. In this gospel, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb on Easter morning but finds it empty, so she runs to tell Peter and the others. Peter and the beloved disciple immediately run all the way to the tomb where Jesus was buried. They run as fast as they can. Who knows the thousands of thoughts that ran through their minds? Is this a trick? Has someone stolen the body of Jesus? Or could it be something more? The beloved disciple reaches the tomb before Peter, but steps aside to let Peter enter first. The tomb is empty, and when the beloved disciple sees the discarded burial cloth on the floor, he immediately believes that Jesus has risen from the dead.

Although the beloved disciple is often believed to be John, some scholars say that believers who hear John’s gospel are meant to put themselves in the place of the beloved disciple. When we do that, we enter the Easter race. We run with Peter to the tomb, and when we see it empty, we, too, believe that Christ has risen from the dead.

Easter Water

To proclaim the great news of the resurrection, Easter Sunday takes on its own special character. Each year on Easter, the entire assembly is asked to renew their Easter promises. Afterwards, everyone is sprinkled with holy water which was blessed at the Easter Vigil. *Or, as we do at Blessed Trinity+Spirit of Christ, we process to the font and mark ourselves with its consecrated waters.* Forty days prior we were smudged with ashes to remind us of our sinfulness and our mortality. Now the springs of Easter water remind us how we have escaped sin and death: through our baptism into the resurrected body of Christ.

To keep the close link between Easter and baptism, many parishes, as we do at Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ, opt to celebrate the sprinkling rite on all the Sundays of Easter. After the greeting, the priest says a prayer of thanksgiving over the water which was blessed at the Easter Vigil. Then he sprinkles the assembly with the holy water while a song is sung.

During the Easter season we are also aware of another great baptismal sign in our parishes: the neophytes. Neophytes are new members of the church who were just baptized at the Easter Vigil. They are no doubt on a spiritual high from having reached the culmination of the catechumenate: full initiation into the church at the Easter Vigil. They now begin a new journey of ongoing conversion as our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Their joy at becoming new members of the body of Christ should renew within us the joy of what it means to be a baptized Christian.

Fifty Days

We often think of Easter as one Sunday, but in truth it is a season of fifty days. Fifty days! For fifty days the Church rejoices in the ultimate good news: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. We die no more.

Within the fifty days there are special moments to focus the season. Easter Sunday is followed by its own “octave.” The Easter octave is a period of eight days following Easter Sunday. Each day of the octave holds the rank of a solemnity in the church calendar. This means that no other saints day or feast day may be celebrated on these days. It is like a week-long Easter Sunday focusing entirely on the resurrection. Each day at Mass, the Gloria is sung or said, special prayers may be used from Easter Sunday, and all are dismissed with “alleluia, alleluia!”

The Easter season is also marked by two other solemnities: the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. The Ascension reminds us that not only did Jesus walk the journey of our lives here on earth, but he also leads our way into the future. As the opening prayer for the Ascension states: “...the Ascension of Christ... is our exaltation, and where he has gone before the Body is called to follow in hope.”

Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter, and it signals the end of the Easter Season. Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast day which occurred fifty days after Passover, commemorating the arrival of the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai where Moses received the ten commandments. The first Christians who were Jews gathered for the celebration of Pentecost, and like their ancestors, they received a gift from God, the gift of the Spirit. As Eucharistic Prayer IV puts it so beautifully, “(Jesus) sent the Holy Spirit...as the first fruits of those who believe, so that bringing to perfection his work in the world, he might sanctify creation to the full.”

Sights, Sounds and Smells

The fifty days of Easter are joyful days. During this time, our senses are called to rejoice. We hear again the sounds of the Gloria and the Alleluia which have been omitted for all of Lent. St. Augustine says that we are an Easter people and alleluia is our song. The term alleluia is difficult to translate; it is more like a sound than a word. It is an expression of joy, a cheer, which expresses a feeling of jubilation from way down deep. Songs and acclamations of the Easter season are often filled with “alleluias.”

Visibly, the color of the vestments and other liturgical appointments are gold or white. An item of great significance during this season is the Easter candle. Each year, the church blesses a new Easter candle at the Easter Vigil service of light. This large candle is to be kept near the ambo for the entire fifty days so that it will be easy to see by the entire assembly. It is lit for every Mass during the season of Easter. The lit candle is a powerful sign of the risen Christ’s presence among us: “a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.” (The *Exsultet* at the Easter Vigil) It is the light that shatters the darkness and leads us on the way to salvation. After Easter, it is placed by the baptismal font and lit for baptisms and funerals. Of course, the church is filled with the fragrance of flowers, replaced as needed throughout the entire fifty days to remind us that Easter is a season, not just a day. Incense is often used at Mass during this time especially on Easter Sunday and Pentecost adding reverence and a feeling of prayer that invades all of the senses.

Signs of the Season

As with Christmas, many of the symbols associated with Easter have become secularized and often lose their religious meaning. In fact, one may be surprised to learn that such things as Easter eggs, Easter baskets and even rabbits have deeper meaning for this season. The baby chick breaking its way out of the egg has been seen as a reminder of Christ’s emergence from the tomb. The prolific rabbits are a springtime reminder of life in abundance. The Easter basket, today filled with candy, once contained the Easter meal which was brought to church for a blessing. Recall that in past times, no meat was eaten for all of Lent and people fasted more extensively, so the Easter basket was a joyful sign of the end of a forty day fast. Perhaps we could also add the sight of joyful children running in search of hidden eggs or Easter baskets as a reminder of that first Easter race, when Peter and the beloved disciple ran with hope to the tomb, saw it empty and believed.



**Bulletin INSERT, Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024**



Father Matthew Huber entered eternal life
on Thursday morning, April 25, 2024,
the Feast of Saint Mark.

Fr. Matt has been in the loving care of his sister Stacy,
in Scottsdale, Arizona.

THE VIGIL LITURGY AND FUNERAL MASS
will be celebrated at Blessed Trinity :

Vigil, Tuesday evening, May 7, 7:00 pm

FUNERAL MASS, WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 8, 11:00 am.

Parish Luncheon follows Mass.

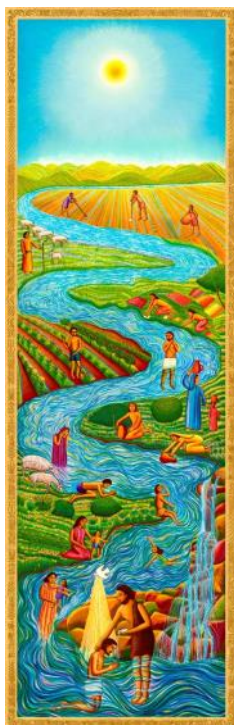
Burial Thursday, May 9, Resurrection Cemetery, Helena, 1:00 pm

*“May the choirs of angels welcome you
and lead you to the bosom of Abraham;
and where Lazarus is poor no longer may you find eternal rest.”*

The Order of Christian Funerals

WELCOME BISHOP VETTER!

**Bishop Vetter will visit SPIRIT OF CHRIST
on **PENTECOST SUNDAY**, May 19 at the 8:00 am Mass.
BRUNCH will be served following Mass.**



**Whole Parish
Faith Formation 2023-24**

**The Vine and the
Branches**

Sunday, May 19

In October we heard Jesus ask us, his disciples “Who do you say I am?” To help us to more fully answer this question, each month we have explored Jesus’ identity as expressed in the “I AM” statements found in John’s Gospel. We have discovered Jesus in the Way, the Truth, and the Life, in the Bread of Life, in the Good Shepherd, in the

Sheepgate, in the Light of the World, and the in Resurrection and the Life. We have had several guides in this journey—Casey Dunning, Fr. Ed Hislop, Dr. Katherine Griner, and Matt Reichert. We explored the identity of Christ not only to know him better, but to find our own identity in Christ.

We wrap up our year of faith formation with the final “I AM” statement in John’s Gospel—“I am the vine and you are the branches.” Connected to each other through Christ we will explore our identity as members of the Body of Christ and our mission to bear fruit for the wine of the eternal banquet. This leads us to our journey with the universal Church and what it means to walk together. Come and be a part of this important conversation!

All are Welcome!



**Youth Group
Wed., May 8, 7-8:30 pm**

As we wind down the school year, the calendar is full of events. We will have our year end party with food and fun and talk about summer plans. Come and join us and celebrate another year in the books and look forward to what is ahead.



**Children's Liturgy
of the Word**

Sunday, May 5 & 12, 10 am

Children ages 3-10 are invited to participate in Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10 am Mass. They are dismissed at the beginning of the liturgy of the word. We gather in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to hear the readings and Gospel from the Children’s Lectionary. A reflection on the Gospel is given at their level of understanding, followed by prayers of the faithful. Children return to the main assembly during the offertory procession. Parents and/or older siblings are invited to accompany young children if desired.



**Baptism
Preparation for
Infants
Coming Soon!**

We will be holding formation sessions for parents who would like to have their child baptized soon. This preparation allows parents to gain a deeper understanding of the sacrament, your importance in your child’s growth in faith, and the role of the parish community in order to more fully celebrate your child’s baptism.

Please contact Judy Cooney (406) 880-0372 or judyc@blessedtrinitymissoula.com if you would like to take part in these preparation sessions. We would like to get a group of parents together so that you can share this part of your child’s faith journey.



Outreach

Periodically, members of the Outreach/Social Concerns Team will be providing articles regarding events or reflections pertinent to current concerns or issues in the Missoula Community.

The spirit of acceptance that the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative has fostered in Missoula's religious community was never so clear as during the April Action luncheon at Har Shalom Synagogue. I joined members of our Team (Sister Mary Jo, Patrick and Kathy Vaughan and Father Hislop) to experience the world of Jewish spirituality. The presentation by the Congregation's charismatic Rabbi, Mark Kula, whose succinct tutorial on the synagogue's physical features and Jewish worship made me feel I was being welcomed into someone's home. Rabbi Kula sang a Hebrew song, "From Generation to Generation" and opened the Holy Ark to present the Tora scrolls, often understood as the first five books of the Jewish and Christian scripture. Throughout the presentation, I was reminded of the common ancestry shared by Jews and Christians, and the challenge MIC has taken up to find commonality with all faiths and persuasions, even those with whom we might strongly disagree.

This was the challenge MIC's executive director Casey Dunning posed, following Rabbi Kula's presentation: How do we begin to break through the mindset that the beliefs of our adversaries are simply wrong, set in stone, and thereby lacking anything in which we can find common ground? Quite simply, by starting a conversation, says Dunning. To that end, he has suggested the organization's latest initiative titled "A Season for 1,000 New Conversations." Its purpose is to "created as many new relationships as possible across political, religious and racial differences in Missoula, between now and December 15."

The time is right for this, Dunning says, as we are caught up in the fervor of the coming election season. It is not beyond our ability to calm the fires and make the process a positive one. A list with e-mail addresses and phone numbers of those in attendance was generated at the meeting, urging all to make an appointment with someone on the list, preferably one who is a stranger, and share a "relational conversation focused on who they are. How do we do this? Possible, says Dunning, by asking the question "Where are you from?" This question often begins the sharing of a story and an opening into their world and ours to them, where we might begin the search for the common good. Several other possibilities for beginning conversations, including large group gatherings with discussion to follow, were suggested. The Outreach Team will be sharing more about this initiative as we move through the summer and fall.

—David Neu



Fair Trade coffee, chocolate bars, hot cocoa, and tea will be available to purchase at the

Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12.

Through small farmer-owned cooperatives, workers receive a fair price and the means to fund water, health, and education projects. Support a Harvest of Hope and help lift our brothers and sisters around the world out of poverty.

More Outreach 

More Outreach



missoula food bank
& community center

MISSOULA FOOD BANK **Need of the Week:** small bottles of shampoo and conditioner! Nothing feels better than being clean- help us put a smile on the faces of our customers! Bottles must be sealed.

PROTEIN PRODUCTS are always welcome: canned meats, peanut butter, and beans. Also, anything that provides some variety for the things we purchase regularly, canned soups and canned vegetables in particular.

For the **month of March** Blessed Trinity contributed **146 pounds of canned chili, meat, fruit and veggies, granola bars, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, and toothpaste**. **Thank you parishioners.** And thanks to Hal and Rose Pulling and Michael Knepp for gathering and delivering it all to the Food Bank. We are grateful for your continued help.

THANK YOU! The collection baskets are at the church entrances.

Mother's Day Breakfast!

*Sunday, May 12, following
10 am Mass.*

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
All proceeds will go to
our Parish Youth.*



Today!



@
Spirit
of
Christ

GRUB SUNDAY

Spirit of Christ's
annual clean-up day
is scheduled for

SUNDAY, May 5.



Thank you for your generous support of last week's **Catholic Home Missions Appeal!** As a parish, we raised \$250 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection—see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.



Lunch Bunch

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Fiesta en Jalisco
4880 N Reserve
Wednesday
May 15, 1 pm

In May, the Lunch Bunch honors Cinco de Mayo. We will be gathering at Jalisco's at 4880 N. Reserve on Wednesday, May 15 at 1 o'clock. Please let Joan know if you plan to attend.

Contact information.: 406-239-0930 or kingsburyinmt@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there.



St Anthony of Padua Franciscan Fraternity

Join us for fellowship and potluck. We meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Contact: Cathy Burleson
406-721-4686.

HEARING ASSISTANCE is available throughout the Blessed Trinity public space in a variety of formats:

- Through Smartphone APP.
- Through direct FM receiver and ear phone.
- Through a Tcoil neckloop that couples to other personal devices.

Directions for the APP are available at the church entrances. FM receivers and Tcoils are available from S. Mary Jo in the music area.

Come see our very own
Teddy Reh perform!

THE SUNSHINE BEAR



Written and Directed by Malcolm Lowe

MPOWER VOICES

7:00 MAY 15 @ MCT

FREE ADMISSION



Major Funding from The Max and Betty Swanson Foundation

There is a Silent Auction before the show—6 pm in the Missoula Children Theatre Foyer. Refreshments will be served. Donations are much appreciated.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Remaining in Your Love

Almighty Father,
through your Son,
you have given us new life.
May we seek to remain in you
by yielding to your command
to love one another.

Grant that our hearts may be open
to meet the needs of others in our midst
so that we might truly call ourselves
your friends.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Joy and Love

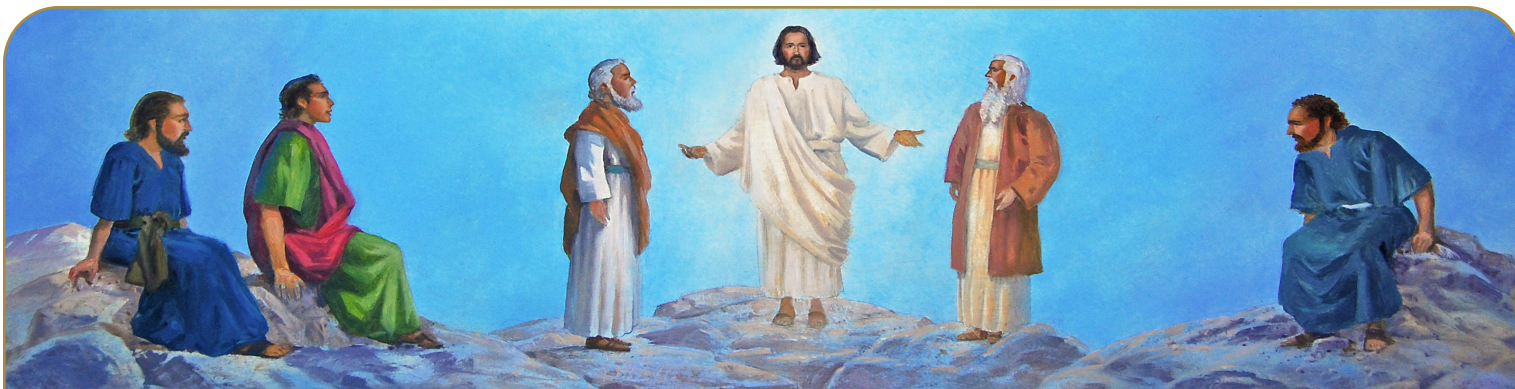


Today's readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4; 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17. The Gospel provides a sense of the immensity of God's love in the first sentences today. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you," Jesus tells the disciples. Imagine what that means. Jesus is saying that he loves his followers with the same love that the Father loves him. From these few words, we can begin to understand the communion of love to which we are invited through our baptism.

In the first reading, it becomes apparent that God reaches out to all to share his bountiful love. "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality," Peter explains, citing his rea-

son for meeting with the Gentile Cornelius. Peter well knew that it was unlawful for a Jew to visit a Gentile; however, Jesus had shown him another way. No one was to be considered profane or unclean. As he ministered to the Gentiles, Peter became a living testimony of God's love.

The reading from the First Letter of John explains that we are to love one another because "love is of God." As followers of Christ, we are to spread what is God's. The author of the letter notes that, by loving, we come to know God. Consider who you refrain from loving. Read over today's Scriptures several times this week to deepen your understanding that "God shows no partiality."



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 6

Take Your Place

Jesus predicts a dark future for his followers when he says, “They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God.” Preceding that reading is a psalm of thanksgiving, directing that we remember that we belong to God. “We are his people, the flock he shepherds,” the psalm proclaims. Dispositions of trust and gratitude may have allowed Lydia, the dealer of cloth in Acts, to open her heart to preaching, seek baptism, and invite the disciples into her home. *Today’s readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a, 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 7

Ready Your Hearts

It is not surprising that the disciples grieve upon hearing that Jesus is leaving them. After all, they had spent years with Jesus, witnessing his preaching and healing. Since they had not yet experienced the Spirit, it might have been little comfort when Jesus explained, “For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you.” The Gospel today refers to the Spirit as the Advocate, and in the Nicene Creed, the Spirit is called “the Lord, the giver of life.” How does the Holy Spirit instill life in the Church? *Today’s readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 8

Go into the World

St. Paul and the other disciples acted as a Church on mission, traveling to spread the Good News. In today’s reading from Acts, St. Paul tells the Athenians that God “gives life and breath and everything.” As St. Paul preaches, he yields to the Spirit, who Jesus says in the Gospel will “guide you to all truth.” This Easter Time pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. *Today’s readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 9

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

“You will grieve but your grief will turn to joy,” Jesus tells the disciples before ascending to be with the Father. The disciples had no idea of what lay ahead so, of course, they were grieving the anticipated loss of their teacher. Can you imagine their joy when they discover that, as followers of Christ, they had a new life in Christ that demanded that they spread the Good News? *Today’s readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

Ascension of the Lord

In today’s Gospel, we hear of God’s yearning for all to be saved. Each baptized person has the same mission as the first disciples to proclaim the Gospel. Have you considered that doing so is part of your baptismal responsibility? *Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Mark 16:15–20.*

Friday, May 10

Focus on the Joy

Jesus likens the pain and suffering of the disciples to that of a woman in labor. Once the child is born, joy erases the pain. As the disciples anticipate Jesus’ departure, they are in pain; however, when they meet the Lord again, their joy will be eternal. As we hear today, no one will take that joy from them. *Today’s readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

Saturday, May 11

For Your Joy to Be Complete

“Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete,” Jesus tells the disciples. Usually, people request things that they think will bring them happiness, and sometimes only fleeting happiness. But Jesus points out that what the Father gives will bring joy. How has God been present during the joys in your life? What does it mean for your joy to be complete? *Today’s reading: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*



Stewardship: PRESENCE MINISTRY TREASURE

Giving TIME, SERVICE, RESOURCES to be a LOVING community of FAITH!



To better reflect our ACTUAL financial status, YEAR TO DATE numbers will be reported each week, compared with the previous year.

Year-to-date as of 4-28-24 is:	Last year at the same time:	
Amount Received:	226,138.03	193,214.31
Budget needed::	<u>206,317.76</u>	<u>172,964.00</u>
Over or (Under) budget	19,820.27	20,250.31

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS TO DATE:
\$385,734 RECEIVED / 98.5% OF THE \$391,588 PLEDGED.
64% OF PARISHIONERS HAVE PARTICIPATED THUS FAR.

THANK YOU!

To better reflect our ACTUAL financial status, YEAR TO DATE numbers will be reported each week, compared with the previous year.

Year-to-date as of 4-28-24 is:	Last year at the same time:	
Amount Received:	36,787.00	33,323.00
Budget needed::	<u>36,469.40</u>	<u>36,828.00</u>
Over or (Under)	317.60	(3,505.00)

THANK YOU!

Stewardship is making the time to GROW IN FAITH; taking time to be PRESENT. Stewardship is SEEING THE FACE OF CHRIST in the longing and hope of every person. Stewardship is MAKING AN OFFERING ACCEPTABLE TO GOD; giving HOPE, extending MERCY; first and foremost CARING FOR THE MANY IN NEED.

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor: **Father Ed Hislop** 721-2405 (office), 721-1675 (home)

Deacon: **Jim Kaney**

Pastoral Assistant/Liturgy coordinator: **Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SCL**

Faith Formation: Whole Parish Catechesis / Sacramental Preparation / Youth Ministry: **Judy Cooney**

Christian Initiation/Catechumenate / Re-Membering Church: **Pastoral Staff**

Liturgical Music: **Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SC, Director, and Daniel Hampson**

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound: **Pat Logan** / Parish Nurse Ministry: **Terry Halls** @ Blessed Trinity,

Bernadette Roy @ Spirit of Christ / Social Outreach: **Pastoral Staff**

Ecumenical Outreach & Evangelization: **Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SCL**

Family Promise Blessed Trinity Coordinator: **Cathy Burleson**

Spirit of Christ Liaison: **Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SCL**

Office Administration: **Carol Lemieux**. Financial Services: **Jim McDonald**

Blessed Trinity/Spirit of Christ Pastoral Council Chairperson: **Carolina Bridges**

Spirit of Christ Council Representatives: **Gerry Gilmore, Don Sax**

Finance Council Chairperson: @ Blessed Trinity, **Don Collette**

and representing Spirit of Christ, **Gerry Gilmore**



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