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Saturday, 5 PM
 Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

Daily Liturgy:

Monday-Friday, 8 AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM

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“I am with you always”

Over the past several months, I have heard and seen a few things about people questioning where God has been with the coronavirus pandemic. I find those questions interesting because that is not my experience with God. My questions have been more along the lines of “what is God trying to teach me” or in this case “teach the world?”

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The last line in the Gospel reading is “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Jesus is always present to us. If we are Christians, we must believe that is true. However, it does not stop us from asking questions. But it helps to if we ask the right questions. Because when we do not, we can remain lost and confused.

For two months, attending Mass together in the church was not possible. Some of us did have opportunities to gather in small groups to celebrate the Triduum and Sunday Liturgies so they could be streamed online. It was a blessing for us to be able to receive the Eucharist at those liturgies. And now, most of us have the opportunity to attend Mass as a community once again. To receive the Eucharist. Even though there continue to be restrictions, limited numbers thus the need to “sign up” for a Mass, the need to wear a mask in the church when we can’t maintain “social distancing” from others, perhaps a time slot that isn’t convenient to us, are you taking advantage of the opportunity?

There are places in the world, even in our own Diocese, where daily or even weekly Sunday Masses are not available in parishes. For example, in the Eagle Butte area, for several years, and continuing going forward, there is only one priest available to serve eight parishes. It is impossible for a single priest to provide a Mass in every parish on every weekend. For those parishioners that are able to, they must travel to a neighboring parish in order to attend Mass. All of us now have experienced what is normal in those parishes.

So if you are able to, but have not yet taken advantage of one of the many Masses available in our parish, call the office, sign up for Mass, even if it is not at the most convenient day or time for you, and go to Mass. As we hear Jesus say in the Gospel reading, that he is always with you, are you making yourself present to Jesus? We certainly can do that every day, no matter where we are, in our prayer life, in our actions. But we bring Jesus most joy, when we present ourselves to him, at the Mass. And when you are at Mass, ask God to reveal to you, what He is trying to teach you?

Easter blessings,

Deacon Greg
Serviam

LIMITED ATTENDANCE MASS SCHEDULE

Monday Mass 8 AM & 6 PM

Tuesday Mass 8 AM & 6 PM

Wednesday Mass 8 AM & 6 PM, Adoration
8:30-5:30 PM, Reconciliation 4:30-5:30 PM

Thursday 8 AM & 6 PM

Friday 8 AM & 6 PM

Saturday 8 AM & 5 PM, Reconciliation 3:30-4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 11 AM

Financial Help for those Affected by the Pandemic

Catholic Social Services, in collaboration with the Diocese of Rapid City announces the establishment of a **COVID-19 response fund** for western South Dakota families. Visit <https://www.cssrapidcity.com/relief/> for details. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE YOU KNOW, NEED NOT BE CATHOLIC TO APPLY. Please spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and families.

CSS will allocate the funds, prioritizing applications from households anywhere in western South Dakota that meet one or more of **the following conditions**:

1. A household member who has a positive test for COVID-19, which has adversely impacted the family's income.
2. Temporarily lost employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has adversely impacted the family's income.
3. Health care providers in the family whose employment has resulted in financial hardships for the family.
4. Lost income due to a lack of childcare.
5. Members with pre-existing medical conditions that has caused them to self-quarantine, resulting in financial hardship for the family.

Mass Intentions

Due to offering additional Masses each week there is more opportunity to offer Mass for a specific intention. If you have an intention you would like Mass offered for, please call Katie in the office to schedule.

Sunday Adoration and Reconciliation

Sunday Adoration and Reconciliation will no longer take place now that Masses have resumed.



Dismissal - Following our response of "Amen" to the final blessing, Mass is concluded with the dismissal, said by the priest or a deacon, using one of the following dismissal formulas:

- Go forth, the Mass is ended.
- Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
- Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
- Go in peace.

The dismissal is a mandate by the Lord. While the Mass may be concluded, our real purpose now begins. We are to go and live as Catholic disciples of Jesus through our words and actions at home, at work or school, and with family and friends.

Our response at the dismissal remains the same: "Thanks be to God." What else can we do except give thanks to God? Our prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord is coming to an end. We have received the greatest gift possible in our hearts. We have encountered and received Jesus. We are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. However, the encounter with the Lord is not finished. We really attend Mass in order to be in the presence of our God through His Son Jesus, who then sends us forth to be Christ in the world. This sending out, this commissioning by God, is the crucial conclusion of the Mass. It is the intentional desire of the Lord for his disciples to go out and be his Christ's light in this world, his living presence.

Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at www.olbh.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
May 16-17, 2020			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	250	304
Sunday Collection	1,976	7,722	9,698
Rectory	19	-	19
Bottles of Hope	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	100	100
Catechist Appreciation	-	-	-
Held for Others	-	-	-
Total Contribution	2,049	8,072	10,120.84

Weekly Schedule

Monday, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

8 AM Mass for the repose of Mary Young *at the Piedmont Cemetery*

6 PM Mass for a Special Intention

Tuesday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8 AM Mass for the repose of Clarence "Ike" Wilson

6 PM Mass for Clarence Jacobs

Wednesday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8 AM Mass for the repose of Arlo Haase

8:30-5:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

4:30-5:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

6 PM Mass for Catholic Extension

Thursday, May 28

8 AM Mass for Sister Mary Catherine

6 PM Mass for Catholic Extension

Friday, May 29

Saint Paul VI, Pope

8 AM Mass for a Special Intention

6 PM Mass for Catholic Extension

Saturday, May 30

8 AM Mass for Catholic Extension

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5 PM Mass – Link on Facebook and OLBH.org for Dean and Jean Hohm.

At this Mass the RCIA and RCIC candidates will received their sacraments.

Sunday, May 31

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes

11 AM Mass for the repose of Isaac Conway

Intentions of the Holy Father for May

Pope's Intention: For Deacons, That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Prayers for our Deployed Military

Jeremy Reeve

Josh Kornmann (grandson of Larry and Margaret Taylor)

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration – ONGOING

Sunday Noon-6 PM and Wednesday 8:30-7 PM

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call to r if you would like to request prayers for someone.

- **Edwin Weaver** (father of Bob Weaver) • **Dean Antonsen**
- **Blanche Rieth** • **Jobie Berger** • **Bernard Wiehl**
- **Dennis Schumacher** • **Bette Stebbins** • **Ryan Wilson**
- **Tom Ryan** (father of Lorinda Collings) • **Lowell Amiotte**
- **Mike Knecht** (son of Larry and grandson of Rose Knecht)
- **Jean Schacher** • **Randy Oberle** • **Ivy Held** • **Scott More**
- **Les Bedne** (mother of Marie Langfeldt) • **Doug Wermers**
- **Norita Rice** (aunt of Brenda Flottmeyer)
- **Tony Corbine** (son-in-law of Patty Cariveau) • **Brenda Velasco**
- **Robert Forest** (father of Cathy Long) • **Jen Ehlers Hruska**
- **Mike Rhode** (father of Rhonda Gehlsen) • **Wayne Gamroth**
- **Rita Berg** (sister of Phyllis Sour) • **Jean Schubauer**
- **Peggy Laurenz** (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- **Cheryl Pederson** (sister of Debra Jensen) • **Cliff Roemich**
- **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher) • **Marek Kopec**
- **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- **Nila Serfling** (mother of Jason) • **Moneik Stephens**
- **Chelly Roemich** (daughter in law of Cliff and Judy)
- **Ryan Wilson** • **Mrs. Bartos**

† Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that have served the Diocese of Rapid City.

May 25	Rev. Leonard Fenci (1986) Fredo Ricard (1938) Barbara A. Everson (1997) Anthony A. "Tony" Venjohn (2014)
May 26	Rev. Bede Marty, O.S.B. (1913)
May 28	Deacon Justin C. Lauer (2003)
May 29	Rev. James O'Connor, S.J. (1981)
May 31	Most Rev. Joseph Busch (1953)

Safe Environment

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. **Victim Assistance Coordinator - Barbara Scherr 605.209.3418**

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is **mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers** please contact Katie, Safe Faith Environment Coordinator, at 787.5168 for details.



Daily Readings

Monday: ACTS 19:1-8; PS 68:2-3AB, 4-5ACD, 6-7AB; JN 16:29-33
Tuesday: ACTS 20:17-27; PS 68:10-11, 20-21; JN 17:1-11A
Wednesday: ACTS 20:28-38; PS 68:29-30, 33-35A, 35BC-36AB; JN 17:11B-19
Thursday: ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; PS 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; JN 17:20-26
Friday: ACTS 25:13B-21; PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB; JN 21:15-19
Saturday: ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31; PS 11:4, 5 AND 7; JN 21:20-25
Sunday: ACTS 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23
 The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: [Weekly Readings](#)

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

Limited Attendance Mass has resumed at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Limited Public Masses will be offered throughout the week, there will be a **50 person maximum**.

"Sunday and Saturday will not be seen as superior to celebrating Mass on another day. This is not a dismissal of the importance of Sunday or our tradition but rather is an accommodation to allow as many people as possible within these guidelines to celebrate limited public Masses as often as possible. The faithful remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass." –Diocese of Rapid City

YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE **WEEKLY** TO ATTEND MASS
(605) 787-5168

*You will not be permitted to attend Mass without signing up per Diocesan policy.

Mass: Mon.-Fri. 8 AM & 6 PM, Sat. 8 AM & 5 PM, Sun. 8 AM & 11 AM

Reconciliation: Wed. 4:30-5:30 PM and Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM

Adoration: Wed. 8:30-5:30 PM

PENTECOST

Next weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

The timing and origins of Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "*pentecoste*," meaning 50th.

What happens at Pentecost?

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

Where's that in the bible?

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in [Acts 2:13](#), though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41.

Happy Birthday, Church

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter's sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Pentecost vestments and customs around the world

Priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles.

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