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LITURGY & PRAYER

Sunday Liturgy:
Saturday, 5 PM
Sunday, 8 & 11 AM
Daily Liturgy: TuesdayFriday, 8 AM
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM
Reconciliation: Wednesday,
5:30-6:30 PM
Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM First
Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM First
Friday Devotion: Following
Daily Mass on First Fridays

CLERGY

Pastor:

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

Deacons:
Deacon. Walt Wilson, Retired
Deacon. John Osnes

Deacon Greg Sass

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The Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 PM is livestreamed on the Our Lady of the Black Hills Facebook page and then posted on olbh.org.

"As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.'" (Luke 19:36-38)

The Lenten season is almost over and we are at the beginning of the Holy Week celebrations. With Palm Sunday, we are called to reflect on our spiritual journey when with anxious hearts we have been awaiting the glorious day of the resurrection. The Gospel passage for the procession with the palms at the beginning of the liturgy recalls the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. For the past three years people were listening to him, following him and looking forward to hearing of their redeemer to come. So it is not a surprise that they were overjoyed when Jesus finally "claimed" his place in the history of the chosen nation, but it only took them a few days to be shaken and calling for his crucifixion. However, the challenge and the message of Jesus prevail in the hearts of those who focus, not only on the temporary rewards of this life, but also on the truth of redemption and liberation that takes place in the reality of our faith. Jesus spoke of the Kingdom, but that was the Kingdom of God; he wanted the people to be free, but with the freedom that could not be taken away. Martyrs have witnessed to that freedom throughout the centuries. Saints have called for it in their actions and wisdom. Today we are reminded that what Jesus did as he died on the cross was not for his glory, but for our salvation.

In many ways, we too get excited about our faith, traditions and practices. In many ways we want to be true disciples of Christ and enjoy the rewards of eternal life and peace in the Kingdom of God. The Church in her wisdom and her experience of encountering Christ invites us to diligently recall and remember the events that lead to the fulfillment of Christ's mission. Jesus' words are fulfilled in his action and sacrifice. The Triduum is the shortest Liturgical Season in the life the Church but it reminds us of the most important aspects of our faith: Holy Thursday - the Eucharist and Priesthood and service: Good Friday - the Passion and Death of Jesus; and Holy Saturday – the Vigil of the Resurrection and New Life. We are truly blessed that we can be part of these celebrations as we are anxious to be nurtured by the grace of God. In our own ways let us come together to support Jesus, not only to welcome him into our lives but also to be there for him as he is walking those final steps for our salvation. I invite you to make time for Jesus in this Holy Week, even if our Lenten journey was not so perfect, let us come to Jesus knowing that he only wants us to be made whole again.

Fr. Andrzej

YOU ARE INVITED

Join the Diocesan priests and Bishop Peter Muhich at the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 3rd, at 10 AM at Cathedral, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Chrism Mass is a reminder of our oneness in Christ through Baptism. It also is a manifestation of the unity of the priests with their bishop. The blessing and consecrating of oils also takes place. The oils are Chrism oil – for baptism, confirming and holy orders; the Oil of the Sick – for anointing; and the Oil of Catechumens - for baptizing.

New Bible study starting on Monday, April 17!



FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD with Dr. Tim Gray – Augustine Institute

- · Monday nights at 7-8:30pm at OLBH, Piedmont
- Six-week program: April 17, 24, (not May 1) May 8, 15, 22, & 29
- Sign-up in the Narthex or by calling the office at 605-787-5168

Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Engaging and accessible, it includes:

- ► The Lectio Divina approach of Reading, Reflecting, Responding, and Contemplating
- Penetrating questions and insights for the six video sessions
- · Additional resources for a fuller understanding and application
- Daily reflections to deepen the meaning of prayer in your life

EASTER BASKET BLESSING Saturday, 4/8, at Noon

My dear friends, you are invited. On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. In preparation for Easter, baskets replete with customary foods are blessed in the Church for the first meal following the forty-day fast. As an extension of the joyful fellowship of the Lord's Table, families can share this blessed food after celebrating the Mass of Easter and receiving Holy Communion. Thus, the Eucharist, emerges as the original sacred meal, breaking the fast and opening the doors of the home to festive Resurrection fellowship with Lord. In the Easter basket: bread and baked goods to symbolize the Living Bread, Meats (sausage and ham) that symbolize the paschal lamb, eggs to symbolize new life, wine as a symbol of the wedding feast at Cana where Jesus changed water into wine, as well as salt, butter, cheese, and horseradish symbolizing the bitterness of life. ~ Fr. Andrzej

Catholic Social Services Palm Sunday Brunch THIS Sunday, 4/2, 12 Noon a the Ramkota in Rapid City. RSVP at 605-716-6336.



End of Life Planning Seminar Friday, March 31st at 5 PM

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Divine Mercy Chaplet

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed Good Friday, April 7th, until Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th, at 3 PM (on Good Friday the Novena will follow Stations of the Cross at 3 PM). Please bring a rosary. Novena pamphlets will be available.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday April 9 | 9:15 AM (following 8 AM Mass)

Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Packing Hope

The Packing Hope collection by the St. Thomas More students was successful this year; thank you for your generous donations. We are pleased to invite you to a packing event on April 2nd to experience the food packing in person. To sign up for a one hour shift (5:30-6:30, 6:30-7:30, 7:30-8:30) email Carol at ccooper@rccss.org with the names of those wishing to pack and your preferred times lot. We look forward to serving with you!

A sample grace before the Easter Meal: Lord Jesus Christ, join at the table as we share this Easter meal that we truly share in the joys of your Resurrection. May our daily lives give authentic witness to your life-giving Gospel and our family table be a true place of hospitality, reconciliation, and peace.

We pray for this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 3

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

3:30 PM Chrism Mass at Cathedral OLPH

Tuesday, April 4

8 AM Mass for the repose of Barbara Woods

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, April 5

8 AM Mass for Grace Weaver

8:30 AM Coffee and Desserts – bring a dessert to share

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 6

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

6 PM Holy Thursday Mass for Judy Wilson

Adoration until 10 PM

Friday, April 7

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:30 AM Sunday Scripture Lenten Study

3 PM Stations of the Cross

3:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

6 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 8

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

12 Noon Easter Basket Blessing

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

8 PM Easter Vigil Mass for Diocesan Masses for

Life

Sunday, April 9

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8 AM Mass for Pamela Weaver

Easter Egg Hunt

11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes of Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17 March 25-26, 2023			
Adopt a Seminarian	54	5	59
Sunday Collection	2,813	4,052	6,865
Building Fund	44	20	64
Bulletin Ad	-	-	1,500
Priest Retirement	2		20
Easter Flowers			80
Steubenville			500
Total Contribution	2,914	4,077	9,088.02

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4/6 HOLY THURSDAY 6 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Bruce Lehman (lead)

Kyah and Keeana Pesek

Lectors: Steve Colgan (1st)

Sue Colgan (2nd)

Hospitality: Justin and Kodi Carlin Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman Eucharistic Minister – Deacon John Osnes

4/7 GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 6 PM with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Zak Juelfs (lead)

Evan and Anya Juelfs

Lectors: Tony Berendse (1st)

David Allardyce (2nd)

Deacon John Osnes (Passion) Deacon Greg Sass (Passion) Debbie and Paul Roberts

Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts
Sacristan: Gary and Barb Erickson
Eucharistic Minister – Deacon Greg Sass

4/8 EASTER VIGIL 8 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzei

Altar Servers: Phillip Thompson (lead)

Todd Curtis and Bruce Lehman

Lectors: Brenda Flottmeyer (1st Reading)

Joyce Williamson (2nd Reading) Teresa Thompson (3rd Reading) John Usera (4th Reading) Bernie Usera (5th Reading) Lori Caouette (6th Reading) Joshua Weaver (7th Reading)

Diane Clarke (Epistle)

Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister - Deacon Greg Sass

4/9 EASTER SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dan Pribil (lead)

Monica, Esperanza, and Yazmin Escobar

Lectors: David Allardyce (1st)

Duane Riedlinger (2nd)

Hospitality: Barb and Mike Coyle
Sacristan: Gary and Barb Erickson
Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon Greg Sass

4/9 EASTER SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Mya Lyon (lead)

Kyah and Keanna Pesek and Kaleb Arellano

Lectors: Laura Varilek (1st)

Jan Evans (2nd)

Hospitality: LuElla and Jim Grieve

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister – Deacon John Osnes

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We ask that you give us your time, your talents, and your treasure to support our wonderful parish. Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal at www.olbh.org/donate.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

PRAYER CHAIN To add an intention to our OLBH prayer chain text Shanesa Rhodes at 605-786-4240 or email her at shanesarhodes@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS To request a Mass Intention please fill out the envelope on the back counter of the Narthex or call Katie in the office at 605-787-5168.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY To obtain a prayer shawl, contact the office at 605-787-5168.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND If you or family member are sick at home or in the hospital and you would like communion from a priest or lay extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please call the office at 605-787-5168.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK If you or a family member has been diagnosed with an illness, are preparing for surgery, or in the case of serious illness, please call the office to request the sacrament at 605-787-5168.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL

Pope's Intention: For a culture of peace and nonviolence. We pray for the spread of peace and non violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33,

36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25 Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16;

5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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 served in the Diocese of Rapid City. We pray for:

April 4 Rev. William Fitzgerald, S.J. (1987)

April 5 Raylord F. Kasuske (1991)

Richard J. Niehoff (2010)

April 6 Rev. Nicholas M. McNamara (1959)

Regina "Reggie" Gingras (2015)

April 7 Rev. Plaidus F. Sialm, S.J. (1940)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Call 605-787-5168 to add a name to the prayer list. These individuals are in special need of your prayers. We pray for Edwin and Omel Weaver (parents of Bob Weaver), Blanche Rieth, Jean Schacher, Bernard Wiehl, Sid and Mary Ann Pulaski. Mariorie Lee. Jeff Feist. Vickie Crowley, Cap Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce Kinney, Tony Corbine, George. Curns, Joe Tim Antonsen, Cathy Luedtke, Jim O'Dea of Holly Phillips). (father Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher), Joyce DePaulo, John Mizenko Sr., Charlene Mizenko, John Mizenko Jr., Norbert Liebig, The Nally Family, Jean Scheope, Jasper Wermers (grandson of Doug and Peggy), Tim Keller (son-inlaw of the Holzers), Craig Lindemann (uncle of Maggie Whiteside), Kevin and Julie Spors, Barb Coyle, Crescencia Yanez (aunt of Brenda Mizenko), Lisa Yantes (DeWayne & Helen's daughter), Iris Overholt, Erica Anderson, Greta (granddaughter of Dcn John and Joni), Joe Vetch, Lori Moore, Lenny Tellefson, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Mary Antonsen, Deb Bickford, Sheila Keeler, Karen and Dennis Lau, Wurtz, Zoe. Marv Kathleen Leutenegger, Willard Olson, Tracy Rudnick, Isaiah Hernandez (grandson of Carol Arellano), Donna Duppong Bernie (sister of Gerving), Barry Hoffman, Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch, Wes Mendenhall

FOR THE DECEASED We pray for the repose of Brett Schmidt, Ruth O'Neil (mother of Lisa Katzenstein)

Welcome Visitors!

We hope you have enjoyed sharing in the celebration of the Mass with us. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, coming to visit, or returning after a long break, welcome to our parish family. Please come again! We have opportunities for all ages and stages of faith. Please pick up a welcome packet from the counter in the gathering space. If you are passing through, we hope you will call our parish your "home away from home" and visit again soon!





Scheduled talks include:

- Laying the Foundations (Kerygma Talk)
- · Our Lady of the Holy Spirit
- The Gifts of the Holy SpiritBarriers to the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in Daily Life and
- Personal Prayer
- · Praying as a group
- Prayer Teams

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weekend to
go deeper
in your
relationship
with the
Holy Spirit

Friday night talks begin at 7pm, with daily mass and an optional dinner starting at 5pm.

Saturday talks begin at 8:45am; the day concludes with praise & worship during the evening.

Sunday talks begin at 9am and the day concludes with lunch at 12pm. Sunday Mass at 11am.

This retreat is sponsored in partnership with the Diocese of Rapid City Offices of Vocations and of Pastoral Ministries with prayer leaders from around the diocese.

Friday, April 21-Sunday, April 23

Terra Sancta Retreat Center

terrasancta.org/holyspiritretreat



CSS Foster and Adoptive Parent Training

Monday, April 10 — Child Development
Monday April 17 — Trauma Informed Parenting
April 24 – Trauma Related Behavior
All classes are at 2 PM at Catholic Social Services.
Contact Kelli Whartman, 605-348-6086 o
kelli.whartman@cssrapidcity.com.

Novena of Divine Mercy



In preparation for the Feast of The Divine Mercy, Jesus asked St. Faustina to make a novena prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday. Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena at OLBH starting at 3:30 pm on Good Friday and continuing each day at 3 PM through (April 7-16).

Priestly Discernment Groups

Fr. Mark McCormick, Director of Vocations, has information on joining or starting a six-week vocations discernment group. Call 605-34-3541 or email mmccormick@diorc.org for details.

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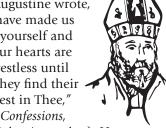
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One Minute Meditations

The God-shaped hole

St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee," (Confessions,



Saint Augustine). Humans are created with a longing for something good, true, and beautiful. We long for God. We can try filling that void with things of the world. Unless we fill that longing with God, however, we can never be satisfied.

Grow in love

Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and love, we grow in that very life and love.

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen,

as he said. Come, see the place where he

(Matthew 28:5-6).



Powerful gifts of Eucharistic devotion

As the "the source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eves of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

Return love for Love: The Eucharist is not a symbol: it is Iesus Christ. He loves us beyond imagining personally, closely, sacrificially, and tenderly. In adoring, receiving, and loving the Blessed Sacrament. we're returning love for

Fuel for the fight: The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last...without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' – impossible..." (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and

protects from mortal sins.

Source of joy: The Eucharist is a glimpse of Heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

> Wisdom and guidance: As Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More received Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have

weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

Communion empowers us to love: "Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.



Why do Catholics celebrate Holy Week?

Holy Week is a sacred time, specially devoted to celebrating the work of our redemption the suffering and Death of Jesus on the Cross. The events honored during Holy Week, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, remind us of

an amazing truth: God loved us first, even when that love cost Him everything. On Easter, He rose gloriously from the dead, offering redemption. This event is so tremendous we need a week to prepare our hearts to receive it.

Choose new life at Easter

"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days ..." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's



blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death.

The choice is still ours. We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live within God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

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John 10:1-10; Trusting the Good Shepherd

In this Scripture passage, Jesus used the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is,

how He cares for us, and more importantly, how He wants us to relate to Him. The image of a shepherd was a powerful choice.

A good shepherd knew each sheep in his care individually. He never left his flock. Many sheep-pens didn't have doors, so the shepherd would sleep in the entry way to prevent enemies from getting to his flock. Predators

would have to go through him first. If a sheep got lost, hurt, or was attacked, the shepherd took care of it, even risking his life for the sheep.

Jesus' illustration is clear. Without the constant care, guidance, and protecting presence of the shepherd (God), the sheep (us) wouldn't survive. That's uncomfortable because it means we're dependent and vulnerable. But the deeper truth is that Jesus, our Shepherd, knows us each personally,

individually. Our Shepherd heals us, provides for us, and protects us, even to offering up His own life. He asks us to trust Him and ultimately, lead us Home.



April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 9 – The Resurrection of the Lord (1st Century). Easter, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection of the dead, is the holiest day of the year. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

April 13 - Pope St. Martin I (665).

St. Martin was elected to succeed Theodore I as pope. He was arrested and dragged to Constantinople after censuring the Byzantine Emperor Constans II for heresy. He died in exile.

April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy."

He promised that anyone who honors Him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy.



Am I wrong to have doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, "I won't believe this unless you prove it," can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt ("I'm struggling to understand this") is a sign you're ready to go deeper into the faith.



Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching. Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, "There are not one hundred people in

the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org), ask your priest.

If, after all that, something still doesn't make sense, then it really is a mystery and that's the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Entrust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time. "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

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