



St Patrick Co-Cathedral

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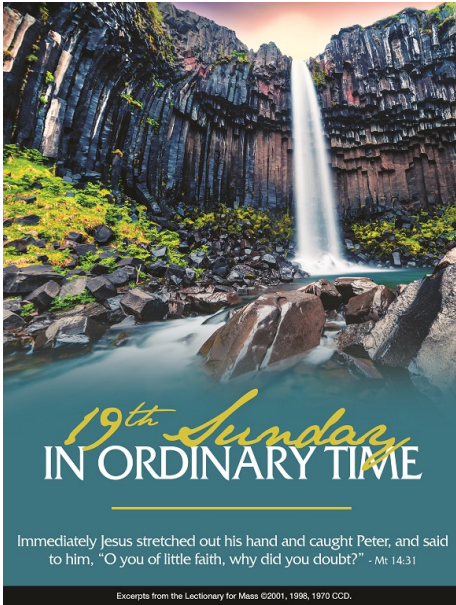
At this time our office is open, but we ask you to please not visit. Office closed Friday July 3. Please continue to visit our website www.stpatrickcocathedral.org for updates. Reconciliation will be held in Father's office Saturday 3-4pm

MASS TIMES

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 10:30am

Wednesday at 12:10pm



The Eucharist: Catholic Beliefs and Practices
The third in a series of teachings on the Eucharist
While the obligation to attend Mass on Holy Days and Sundays is presently suspended due to Covid-19, obligation and Eucharist are not words for many Catholics that should be connected. For many, opportunity would be a much better word to use for Eucharist. With the concern that many have about contracting Covid-19 and attendance at Mass, it has become a disease that has had a significant impact on the faith and the way in which Catholics can worship. *Livestream* viewing of Masses have provided some relief, but these cannot even come close to what it means to be physically present at Mass and to receive Holy Communion. Through the Eucharist, Christ unites Himself with us in an intimate communion and raises us to the nature for which God has created us. The



Fathers of the Church as well as later theologians, reflecting on New Testament Scriptures offered a startling affirmation: "Who Christ is by nature, we become by adoption." The term used to describe this is *divinization*. Recall the prayer that the priest says during the preparation of the gifts: "May we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This does not mean that we somehow become divine. It means that, as we surrender ourselves fully to life in Christ, we are transformed ever more into the image and likeness of God through the gifts of the sanctifying grace. Through grace, we are given a share in the inner life of God. While it is accurate to affirm that Baptism opens the door to life in Christ, Christ instituted the Eucharist to be the ongoing heavenly nourishment of our spiritual life in Him. Baptism begins our life in Christ, Eucharist sustains and feeds our life in Christ. As we receive the Eucharist in faith, we grow in grace. Through our fruitful reception of the Lord in Holy Communion we become more Christlike.

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Diocese of Great-Falls, Attn: Care & Share, POBox 1399 Great Falls, MT 59403-1399

Our Mission Statement

Historic St. Patrick is a diverse, welcoming Catholic community committed to gathering as a sacramental family sharing our faith and ministry and Christian service.

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Readings and Reflections 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 11a)

Reflect: The Lord taught the prophet Elijah not to look for him in the usual places. When have you found God's voice in an unexpected circumstance?

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading: For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. (Rom 9:3)

Reflect: Paul was puzzled and deeply saddened over fellow Jews (God's covenantal people) who did not believe that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. What convinces you of Jesus' identity as our Lord and Savior?

Gospel: Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:29-30)

Reflect: Peter shows himself to be a man of "little faith" when faced with the grave danger of drowning. Who are the people in your life who show a depth of faith in times of extreme duress?



BIRTHDAYS	
Aug. 10-16	
Brian Murphy	10
Joshua Twichel	10
Robyn Walter	10
Mariya Watson	10
Victor Bachmeier	11
Timothy Cavan	11
Rita Krueger	11
Mary Okon	11
Renee Parra	11
Dylan Brenna	12
Peter Grass	12
James Hauptman	12
John Armstrong	13
Janet Bergsing	13
Duane Crants	13
Alexa Hanser	14
William Murry	15
Robert Ott	15
Teresa Stroebe	15
Nolan Weatherhead	15
Elle Whitacre	16

*Catholic Recording Artist
Donna Cori*

Please join us in celebration of

Bishop Warfel's 40th Anniversary as a Priest

Our Catholic faith and Donna Cori's beautiful voice are brought together to draw us closer to God. Come and experience a dynamic performer, spiritually uplifting music, Scripture, stories, and prayer.

"Our Catholic Faith"

Worship Service
August 22, 2020
6:00 pm

Live Stream: <https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritgf>



**Mass Intentions & Readings
August 10-16**



Monday, Aug. 10		No Mass		2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday, Aug. 11		✠ Charles Meloni	Mike & Marcia	Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday, Aug. 12	12:10	✠ Chuck & Marynell Heringer	Heringer Family	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday, Aug. 13		Alan H.	Chris	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday, Aug. 14		✠ Charlotte Padon	Mike & Pam Heringer	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 /Mt 19:3-12
Saturday, Aug 15	5:00	✠ Dennis Meloni	Mike & Marcia	<i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 /1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Sunday, Aug 16	10:30	St Patrick Parishioners		Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28