



# St. Patrick Co-Cathedral

## Parish Newsletter– February 2021

Mass: Sunday 10:30am, Wednesday 12:10pm, Saturday 5:00pm  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00pm-4:00pm

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### Discover Ways To Serve In Our Parish

Due to the ongoing need to sanitize our church, as well as to maintain safety and security measures, we are asking more parishioners to consider being an usher, greeter and/or sanitizer. As we continue to strive for safety within our parish, we are thankful for those who are helping us in many ways during this pandemic. While we are grateful for those who have been helping, we want to ensure there is no burnout with current ushers/greeters and sanitizers.

Our goal is to have at least two ushers and two greeters who sanitize the pews and church interior after each Mass. Ushers/greeters are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to Mass time as we open the front doors 30 minutes before Mass begins. Sanitation takes 10-15 min after Mass.

Ushers are asked to complete the Safe and Sacred training online and participate in an orientation of parish security measures. Greeters assist in the parish hospitality and sanitize after each Mass. Please contact Jan Wood or Rosie Schuff if you have questions.

To sign up, you may contact the parish office at 406-259-3389. Thank you!

Keep in touch with us  
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



#### We love having you as part of our flock

Keep in touch with us this Lent via email and text. Receive parish updates, announcements, Lent reflections, access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire content, and more through Flocknote!

Ways to join:

Send a text message to 84576 with the keyword **Cocathedral**  
Or

Visit the website:

<https://stpatrickcocathedral.flocknote.com/>

#### The Lenten Season is near!

The Little Black Books have arrived. We will have them available in the parish office. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the office at 406-259-3389. For additional Lent resources, we encourage you to join us on Flocknote for weekly emails or text message reflections. You may also visit: [www.lentreflections.com](http://www.lentreflections.com).



#### Reminders on the rules of fast and abstinence during Lent:

"Roman Catholics must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and Good Friday, April 2, 2021. Additionally, they must abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent. We are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. The rule of abstinence from meat is binding upon Catholics aged 14 and onwards." -The Catholic Telegraph

#### Mask mandate update:

Governor Gianforte has reversed Governor Bullock's mandate to wear masks which will begin on Friday, February 12. The wearing of masks at Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, however, will continue to be required until such a time that a sufficient number of people have been vaccinated and cases of Covid-19 has diminished.

"Repent and believe in the gospel," that is, believe in this Good News that the kingdom of God is at hand. In our lives, we always need to convert—every day!—and the Church invites us to pray for this. In fact, we are never sufficiently oriented toward God and we must continually direct our minds and hearts toward him...We must entrust ourselves to the Lord, to his goodness and to his project of love for each of us. Lent is a time of repentance, yes, but it is not a time of sorrow! It is a joyous and serious commitment to strip ourselves of selfishness...and to renew ourselves according to the grace of Baptism.

-Pope Francis