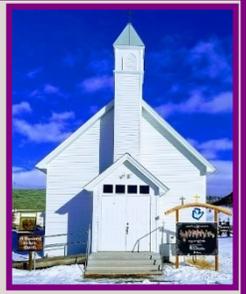




# **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church & St. Theodore Mission**



**Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**



*“Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”*



## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of your Body and Blood. I love You and desire to receive You.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never let me be separated from You.

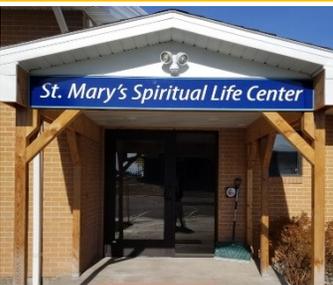
**Amen.**

Even if you cannot attend a Mass, you can still receive Communion spiritually by reciting the prayer above. There are numerous opportunities to watch Masses on the Internet or TV. By making this a holy moment in your home, you can enter into the mystery of the Mass with all the Saints and Angels in Heaven.



It is sad that we can't be together for services until the COVID-19 pandemic is over, but we still want you to be able to join with one another spiritually. So in this last mass mailing of the bulletin to everyone, we will

include some palms pieces cut to fit in an envelope. It should be a reminder of the Passion of Christ that is celebrated throughout the world this Sunday by faithful Catholics. Hopefully you will join the Bishop on Saturday at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 11:00 am for one of his livestreamed Masses at: [www.diocesehelena.org](http://www.diocesehelena.org)



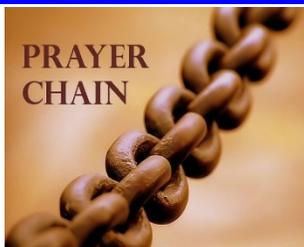
If you want to get into the Chapel to pray (in COVID-19 compliant groups of 10 or less) or check out a book from the library mentioned last week, Fr. Joe can remotely turn on the handicap access door on the South side of the Saint Mary's Spiritual Life Center.

There is an "OPEN" sign on the right side of the door that will be lit when the handicap door is enabled. To get access, give Fr. Joe a call at 846-4114 and he will walk you through the procedures for getting in.



The prayer chain is running well with our ability to send out flock-note messages to the 25 people we have registered with cell phone numbers. Christ Dubay takes care of notifying those that don't have cell phones. To get the prayer chain working for your or your loved ones, call her at 406-310-9329.

**PRAYER CHAIN**



It costs approximately \$12,000/mo. To keep our parish running. A good chunk of that is so called "fixed costs" like utilities, taxes, fees and other expenses that we are obligated to pay. We get just over \$6,000/mo. from our parishioners that are continuing to support us through online giving, but that leaves us about \$6,000 short. We have received 5 checks in the mail in the past 2 weeks, but it has been nowhere near what we will continue to need to stay solvent. If you don't want to do Online Giving, please consider mailing in whatever donation your finances will allow so we can keep our parish viable during the pandemic crisis. Thank you for your generosity.

His health and schedule permitting, the Bishop will plan to continue to livestream Masses: Mon-Fri at 12:00 noon and on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 11:00 am. Last week he had 1,500 views for the Saturday Mass and 1,400 for Sunday. His daily Masses are getting between 500-700 views. We are very fortunate to have a Bishop that is willing to do this for us. It is a good way to get to know our new Bishop a little better as you listen to his homilies. If you aren't already watching the Bishop's Masses, go to [www.diocesehelena.org](http://www.diocesehelena.org).



The CYC conference couldn't be held in Helena last weekend due to the pandemic, but they were able to hold a virtual conference over the internet. Youth from our parish and all over the Diocese logged on and listened to the speakers participating by using chat room technology. They had a few bugs to get worked out and learned some skills that should serve them well for future conferences.



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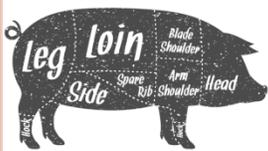
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**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Infant Baptism:** Parents must be registered & active members of this parish or of another parish with family here in the parish (i.e., parents). Letter of permission from Pastor if parents are from outside the parish. Two Godparents who are registered and active members of their parish, one male and one female. Contact the Pastor before infant's due date to arrange date and time.

**Holy Matrimony:** Couples discerning this sacrament should contact the Pastor immediately after becoming engaged. NOTE: the diocese requires a minimum of 6 months advance notice regarding the intention to marry. Couples wishing to marry in the parish must be registered and active members of the parish, or individuals who have moved away whose parents are still active in the parish. Couples from other parishes must obtain a letter of permission to marry outside of their own parish.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Individuals who have been diagnosed as terminally or gravely ill or are preparing for invasive surgery should request this sacrament. Confession ordinarily proceeds receiving the sacrament of the sick, call the church office at 846-4114 to make arrangements.

**Adult Confirmation, Adult Baptism (RCIA), and Adult Reception into Full Communion with the Church:** If you, a family member, or a friend has not received the sacrament of confirmation, or are interested in being baptized into the Faith, or received into full communion with the Church, please contact the Pastor. Process will be discerned on an individual basis based on preparedness.

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