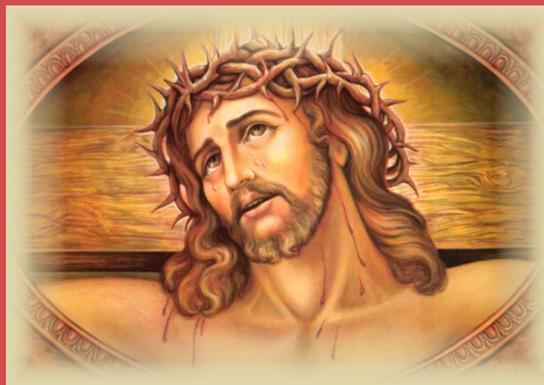


# Saint Anthony Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls—Billings



## PASSION SUNDAY

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 pm  
 Sunday 8:45 am, 11:00 am

### Daily Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm  
 Wed – Sat 9:00 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 7:45 – 8:30 am  
 Tues & Sat 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Before & After Daily Mass

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*Please remember to contact the office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized or enters a care facility.*

The Sunday before Palm Sunday is Passion Sunday: an important celebration that helps us to refocus on Christ and what He did and does in His Passion for us. As we enter Passiontide, the statues and crosses are traditionally veiled in order to help us to concentrate on Jesus and the events leading up to His trial and death.

### Nothing of My Passion has Passed Away

*There is not a single moment of My sufferings that is not present in this the Sacrament of My love for you. Here you will find Me in every detail of My Passion, for nothing of My Passion has passed away. All remains actual and efficacious in the mysteries of My Body and Blood given up for you. If you would be with Me in My sufferings, come to Me in the Sacrament of My Love. If you would keep watch with Me in Gethsemane, come to My altar and abide there with Me. If you would accompany Me in My imprisonment, in My trial, in My condemnation, and in My being mocked, scourged, and crowned with thorns, seek Me out in this Sacrament where I wait for a little compassion from those who profess to be My friends. I am still carrying My cross, and the weight of your sins falls heavy on my shoulder, and crushes me even to the ground. None of this is over and forgotten; it remains present in the Sacrament of My Passion, in the Mystery of My Sacrifice made present on the altar and remaining wherever I am: the Pure Victim, the Holy Victim, the Spotless Victim, Whom you contemplate in the Sacred Host. Here I am present, crucified, with My Wounds pouring out blood, and My prayer to the Father piercing the Heavens. Here I am present in the very moment of My death wherein all is consummated. Here I am present with My open side, from which flow out blood and water to purify souls, heal them, and restore them to life. Would that My friends knew this: that all of My Passion is contained in the Most Holy Sacrament, not as something lost to a past that can never be recovered, but as My perfect and all-sufficient oblation to the Father, renewed here and now in every detail, although sacramentally, and without a new shedding of blood. This all my saints understood: the presence of My Passion in this Sacrament, and this Sacrament as the memorial of My Passion. This the Holy Spirit teaches even to the little and to the poor who open their hearts to My mysteries made present at the altar. **This is the great reality that, today, so many have forgotten.** For this reason do I ask you to come to Me here in the Sacrament where I wait for you, and to offer me the consolation in My sufferings that only you can give Me, and for which I have waited so long.*

May this reflection help each of us to prefer Jesus Christ to all our old sins; when God loves us as much as this, no-one is excluded from returning to Him with a truly repentant heart. We pray that all will have a blessed Passion Sunday!

*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!**"How we pray forms what we believe, which forms the way we live."*

## Veiling Statues for Passiontide

Why do we veil the cross and other holy images during the last two weeks of Lent (which is called Passiontide)? The crucifix is veiled for a couple of reasons. Shortly before our Lord was arrested, tried and crucified He roused the anger and hatred of the unbelieving Jews by claiming to be God. Saint John tells us that one such time, the Jews picked up stones to kill Jesus, but that He hid Himself from their view. He didn't duck behind a pillar, throw on a disguise or anything like that—it was a *miraculous* hiding from their sight. So, Saint John tells us that in the days leading up to His arrest, Jesus "no longer walked about in public among the Jews." So, we, in the two weeks leading up to our Lord's Passion, veil the images of our Lord as a way to recall how He hid Himself, and how He was very elusive during those final days before His Passion.

And the second reason that we especially veil images of our Lord during Passiontide is to recall how Jesus' divinity and even His humanity were virtually unrecognizable as He hung on the cross. Though our Lord's divinity was usually hidden by his humanity, there were plenty of times when people caught glimpses of His divinity—at the Transfiguration and when He calmed the storm, for example. But there was no time when His divinity was more hidden, than when He hung on the Cross. Not only that, **but even His humanity was hidden.** As our Lord said of Himself through the prophet in the book of Psalms, "I am a worm and no man." His face and whole body were so disfigured by the blows and scourges that our Lord was scarcely recognizable! His divinity was hidden by His suffering humanity. But even His humanity was difficult to recognize—so extreme was His torture. This too, we call to mind by veiling His images.

But what about other holy images? Why do we veil them? Well, if the Lord and Master is hidden by His suffering, then His servants should be hidden also. But there is another reason we veil other images. It has to do with the purpose of having holy images in the first place. We decorate our worship space with holy images to help set it apart as sacred. The images help us call to mind our Lord, our Lady and the Saints—and particular details about them, like the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart. They help us to concentrate in prayer. But the primary purpose of holy images is to lead us to contemplate the reality and mystery which they represent. A holy image is meant to be a window that allows us to see something beyond it—the reality—and to contemplate that reality. The trouble is, sometimes we focus too much on the image, looking at the window, instead of looking through it with an interior vision to the reality. So, we veil holy images during Passiontide to force ourselves to pierce the mysteries of our faith through the contemplation of the realities directly.

*Pax.**Fr Bart*Good Friday Pro-Life  
Cross Walk

&amp; Meditations on the Passion of Christ



Join us for our annual Pro-Life Way of the Cross

**Friday, April 19 at 12:30 pm****Starting at St. Bernard's parking lot (226 Wicks)**

We'll pray and walk, carrying the Cross a few blocks to Planned Parenthood's abortion clinic, where we'll sing and pray for women & men in difficult circumstances, and also that our culture comes to embrace the dignity and worth of ALL human life.

Immediately following will be

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song**

With meditations on Christ's Passion from the Diary of St. Faustina  
Back at St. Bernard's, starting around 1:15 pm

## Stations of the Cross



Thank you to all who so generously provided contributions to fund our parish account with Augustine Institute! The FORMED On Demand subscription service offers access to thousands of studies, films, audios, and eBooks for members of the entire parish. Go to our parish Formed account at [www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.formed.org](http://www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.formed.org), register, (if you haven't already), log in under your name, and under the On Demand Tab you can participate in some really great studies for Lent! There are several Lenten resources highlighted along with a special Stations of the Cross.

**6:30 Finance Council & 7:00 Parish Council Meeting on April 11.**

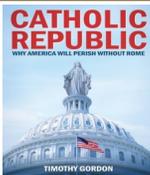
Remember the Passion of Our Lord every Friday during Lent. Benediction at 5:45, followed by observance and prayers of the Stations of the Cross. Afterwards, come & enjoy a delicious soup and bread supper in the Hall with the parish community.



**Request for photos**—If anyone present at the Relic Tour of Saint Jean Vianney would have any photos that you would be willing to share please email them to the office. We would like to send an article to the Harvest to share our wonderful turnout with the Diocese.

**ADULT EDUCATION at Saint Anthony, Wednesdays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm** with Dave Odermann.

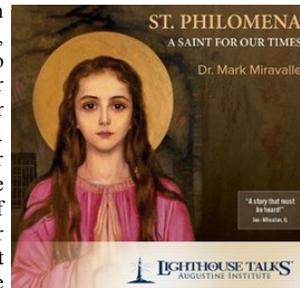
**Discussion: Proofs of the existence of God.**



Men's book study will begin a new title on Saturday, May 8th. Informational flyers are in the Narthex. Pick up your copy and be prepared to join in the lively discussion! Discussion Leader: Jim Borer

The Lighthouse CD Display Kiosk in the narthex has been replenished! Take a moment to look at the new titles that have been added to supplement and encourage our spiritual growth during our Lenten journey.

Though St. Philomena lived approximately 1700 years ago and was only discovered in the catacombs of Rome in the early 1800's, her faithful witness as a young virgin who was martyred for her purity and for her fidelity to Christ speaks powerfully to our culture, and especially to young people. Commonly referred to as a "wonder worker", she has the distinction of being the only saint canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession. Learn more about Saint Philomena and what a powerful advocate we have before the throne of Almighty God.



The Laurel Knights of Columbus are offering two \$500 scholarships to qualified applicants for the Spring of 2019. Any Laurel High School Senior may apply. Applicants are encouraged to submit their letters of application as soon as possible to Mr Jason Hill. To obtain an application please contact the parish office.

On Wednesday, April 10, all gentlemen are invited to gather at 6:30 am at The Rock Church for the last Men's Lenten Breakfast.

**We're looking for a few good men: Join Saint Anthony Men's Choir!** Practices are every Sunday at 10 am @ the Men's Practice Hall ( Cry room in the church). **Do the hard thing—come sing with us!**



VBS will be here before you know it! Are you interested in helping this year? For details or to volunteer, contact Stephanie Swecker at 855-8416, or at caleyanne14@gmail.com

Are you up for the Lenten Challenge? Can you find 40 items to donate to our parish garage sale? The sale will be held on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1.

For those who have renewed their subscription to the Magnificat Magazine, please submit your payment of \$32 per subscription. You can drop payment off at the office or in the secure box in the Narthex.

**Marriage Encounter Community**

Our monthly meeting will take place on Sunday, April 14th, 2-4 pm, at the Saint Pius X Parish Center (717 – 18<sup>th</sup> St. W). Enter through the south-facing glass door. All married couples interested in enriching their marriage are welcome. We will have a presentation by a couple in the community along with social time. Come join us!



Questions? Call Kevin & Beth Walter 406-860-2442.

**Saint Anthony Stewardship Report**

Fiscal Year-to-Date Income	\$ 150,198.84
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 167,280.00
	(\$ 17,081.16)
Income Week of March 31	\$ 4,150.86
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,080.00
	\$ 70.86

Thank you for supporting your Saint Anthony parish!  
**Care & Share**

2019 Assessment	\$ 35,059.07
March Collections	\$ 5,430.00
Balance due to Diocese (Pledges not included)	\$ 29,629.07

**Upcoming Spring 2019 Cum Christo Weekends.**

Begin planning now!  
Men's Weekend, **April 25-29**, Kevin Holland, Rector  
Women's Weekend, **May 2-5**, Cami Chandler, Rectora



**Parish Council of Catholic Women**

PCCW President	Tracy Chechet	426-8526
April 7	Coffee & Rolls	St Joan
April 14	Coffee & Rolls	St Bridget
April 21	No Coffee & Rolls	
April	Altar Cleaning	St Louise

**Monthly meeting on 2nd Monday, April 8th at 6:30 pm**

**Ready to get involved in the parish?**

**Join the Knights of Columbus!**



Knight of the Month - Steve Story  
Knight Family of the Month - Bob & Betty Saxbury

**Monthly meeting on 3rd Monday, April 15th at 7:00 pm**

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**Lector Schedule**

<b>Saturday, April 6th</b>	<b>Sunday, April 7th</b>
5:30 pm Melody Deyle	8:45 am Jahna White
	11:00 am Tracy Chechet



**SEVEN PRAYERS IN HONOR OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

These seven prayers presented in this format were approved by Pope Pius VII in 1815. The feast day of the Seven Dolours is traditionally either the **Friday of Passion Week** (which is the Friday before Good Friday) or more generally on September 15, the official date for the feast.

They start with the following introduction: (they use a familiar verse/response pattern for groups, but you can say each of these lines by yourself, of course!)

**V. O God, come to my assistance**

**R. O Lord, make haste to help me**

**V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

(The Hail Mary is prayed a total of seven times:-once after each of the seven prayers.)

[For the First Sorrow - The Prophecy of Simeon:] I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful, in the affliction of thy tender heart at the prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon. Dear Mother, by thy heart so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God Hail Mary, etc.

[For the Second Sorrow - The Flight Into Egypt:] I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful, in the anguish of thy most affectionate heart during the flight into Egypt and thy sojourn there. Dear Mother, by thy heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of generosity, especially toward the poor, and the gift of piety. Hail Mary, etc.

[For the Third Sorrow - The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple:] I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful, in those anxieties which tried thy troubled heart at the loss of thy dear Jesus. Dear Mother, by thy heart so full of anguish, obtain for me the virtue of chastity and the gift of knowledge. Hail Mary, etc.

[For the Fourth Sorrow- Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary:] I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful in the consternation of thy heart at meeting Jesus as he carried His Cross. Dear Mother, by thy heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude. Hail Mary, etc.

[For the Fifth Sorrow- Jesus Dies on the Cross:] I grieve for thee O Mary, most sorrowful, in the martyrdom which thy generous heart endured in standing near Jesus in His agony. Dear Mother, by thy afflicted heart, obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel. Hail Mary, etc.

[For the Sixth Sorrow- Mary Receives Jesus:] I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful, in the wounding of thy compassionate heart, when the side of Jesus was struck by the lance and His Heart was pierced before His body was removed from the Cross. Dear Mother, by thy heart thus transfixed, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding. Hail Mary, etc.

[For the Seventh Sorrow- Jesus is Placed in the Tomb:] I grieve for thee, O Mary most sorrowful, for the pangs that wrenched thy most loving heart at the burial of Jesus. Dear Mother, by thy heart sunk in the bitterness of desolation, obtain for me virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom. Hail Mary, etc.

After the seven prayers, we conclude with the following:

**V. Pray for us, O Virgin most sorrowful**

**R. That we made be worthy of the promises of Christ**

Let us Pray—Let intercession be made for us, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the hour of our death, before the throne of Thy mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Thy bitter Passion. Through Thee, Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.

The second grade class has been preparing to receive first sacraments. Students and sponsors will be participating in the Confirmation Retreat on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 12:45 pm. Saint Anthony is hosting this year on Saturday, May 11, at 5:30 pm. Students from Joliet will be joining with Saint Anthony. Very Rev. Jay Peterson will be officiating for Bishop Warfel. Please pray for the children!



**Weekly Mass Schedule**

We gather to pray the Holy Rosary 1/2 hour before every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Tuesday is excepted: we pray the Perpetual Help Devotion 15 minutes before Mass and follow Tuesday's Low Latin Mass with the Marian Movement of Priest's Cenacle group meeting. We pray the holy rosary and share a reading from the Blue Book with discussion after. Please join us! We need to pray for our Priests and our Pope!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	✝	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Offered By</u>
Monday, 8th	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours			
Tuesday, 9th	5:30 pm	Low Latin Mass	✝	Robert (Bob) Barnhart	Manders Family
Wednesday, 10th	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Robert (Bob) Barnhart	Dale & Connie Blom
Thursday, 11th	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Fr Roger Veik	Saint Anthony Parish
Friday, 12th	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Robert (Bob) Barnhart	Dale & Connie Blom
	6:00 pm	Benediction		Eucharistic Adoration	Sign up now!
Saturday, 13th	9:00 am	Daily Mass		In Reparation for Crimes & Sins of the Clergy	Saint Anthony Parish
	5:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass		Doug Dressler	
Sunday, 14th	8:45 am	Solemn Mass		Pro Populo	
	11:00 am	Sunday Mass		Ken Berestecky	

