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- Bulletin - Tuesday
- Announcements - Thursday

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Ministry Schedule

4:30pm Saturday

Eucharistic Ministers:
 Lector:
 Ushers:
 Served: X
 Cantor:
 Gifts:
 Sacristian:
 Church Cleaners:

9:30am Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers:
 Lector:
 Ushers:
 Served:
 Cantor:
 Gifts:
 Coffee Hostess:
 Offertory Counters:
 Sacristian:

Sacred Heart Parish

230 NORTH 6TH STREET, SILT — SUNDAY MASS AT 7:30AM
 ◇ COFFEE HOUR - 3RD SUNDAY AFTER MASS
 ◇ CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS BY REQUEST
 LECTOR ():
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ():
 OFFERTORY: ATTENDANCE:

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION. THAT THOSE
 SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION MAY BE
 HELPED AND ACCOMPANIED.

Pray for Vocations

SUNDAY: 3RD & 4TH YEAR THEOLOGY
MONDAY: 1ST & 2ND YEAR THEOLOGY
TUESDAY: 1ST & 2ND YEAR THEOLOGY
WEDNESDAY: SPIRITUALITY YEAR
THURSDAY: COLLEGE FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES
FRIDAY: VOCATIONS MINISTRY
SATURDAY: APPLICANTS & PROSPECTIVE
 SEMINARIANS



**ST. MARY PARISH
 CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Liturgical Schedule

English Mass Schedule

- MON., TUES., FRI. - 8:30 AM
- SATURDAY - 4:30 PM
- SUNDAY - 9:30 AM

**Sacred Heart
 230 N 6th St. Silt**

- SUNDAY - 7:30 AM

Spanish Mass Schedule

- THURSDAY - 7:00 PM
- SATURDAY- 7:00 PM
- SUNDAY-12:30 PM

Reconciliation Schedule

- MON, TUES, FRI—8:00AM
- THURSDAY—6:30PM
- SATURDAY—3:30 & 6:30PM
- SUNDAY—12:00 PM
- 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 11:00AM

Adoration Schedule

- FRI. AFTER 8:30 AM MASS



Readings of the Week

May 3rd – IV Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

May 4th – Monday in the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 John 10:11-18

May 5th - Tuesday in the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30

May 6th– Wednesday in the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 12:24-13:5a John 12:44-50

May 7th– Thursday in the Fourth Week of Easter

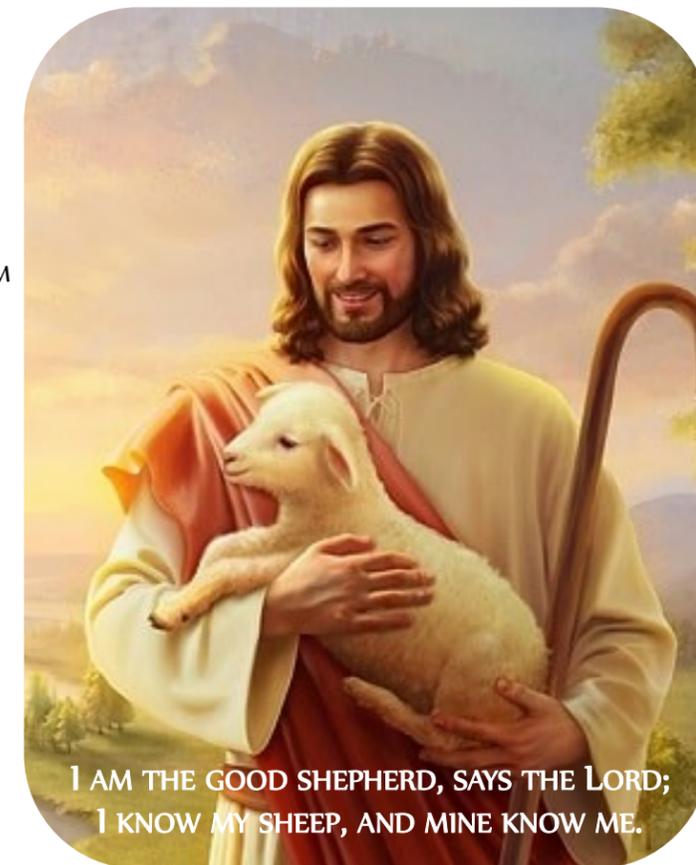
Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20

May 8th– Friday in the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6

May 9th – Memorial of Saint Athanasius

Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14



I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SAYS THE LORD;
 I KNOW MY SHEEP, AND MINE KNOW ME.

THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE, AS HE
 CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME
 AND LEADS THEM OUT.
JOHN 10:3

Shepherd's Corner

SHEPHERDING

If you've never lived on a farm, it is easy to have a rather romantic image of a shepherd. A shepherd's duties, however, demand much more than holding a beautifully carved staff and calmly watching the flock. The shepherd must ensure a supply of fresh grass and hay in the winter, assist births, treat illnesses, and guard the sheep from attacks by predators. The shepherd must keep the flock together, build and take down temporary shelters, remove manure from holding pens, and move the sheep to new pastures when necessary. Scorched by the sun or chilled by bitter cold, the shepherd can never leave the sheep untended without risking injury to the flock. Sheep were first domesticated around ten thousand years ago in the Middle East. They continue to provide human communities with wool, meat, and milk today. Among Jewish people in ancient times, wealth was measured in terms of livestock: sheep, goats, and cattle. Sheep—especially lambs—were the favored animal of sacrifice to God. It is no wonder, then, that the scriptures are woven through and through with references to sheep and shepherds, culminating in the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who cares for even the least of his flock, and as the Lamb sacrificed for our sins. In our Church today, some of us are irritated by the thought of ourselves as sheep and disappointed in or even angry with those who are our appointed shepherds, namely our bishops, priests, and deacons. Here are two things to consider: How much better would we be as Jesus' "little flock" if we stuck together and followed the Good Shepherd, and how much stronger would our clergy shepherds be if we not only showed our support for their efforts, but also helped them to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the flock that they guide?

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We pray for...

Zack Sowieja & family, Ruben Quintero, Marilyn Bryan, Darrell Redman, Fred Garcia, Julie Kuper, Pat Schmeckel, Corky Wilson, Mary Ann Olson, Esther Jones, Joshua Jones, Lucy Wolff, Bob Christensen, Yvonne Diaz, Pat Squire, Marlene Brandt, Dolores Snell, Martin Ghastin, and for all others in our Parish and Community who are in need of our prayer.

For the souls of our departed: Dora Castro, Dorothy Bruno and Amadeo, Rodney Olson, Clarence Gomez, Ted Diaz, Dorothy Ceremuga, Brian Garland, Helen Mahon (Jackie Vazquez's grandmother), Georgi Aibner, Patty Mobley, Dale Baker, Barbara Rossum, Criselda Chavez, Billy Woody, Rudy Alvarado, Linda Tomasi, Mike Frances, Selensky, Mary Ellen Smith Bouchard, Pauline Zoulek, Rita Carpenter, Norman Buchan, Therese Daily Gonzales & Bernice Ghastin.

Dear Father

How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us "through the gates"?

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world's end is hidden. Jesus said, "But of that day and hour no one knows... but the Father alone" (Matthew 24:36). In spite of Christ's admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on misinterpretations of the Book of Revelation. The main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to assure us that God's power will prevail. In the ongoing struggle between good and evil, there are times when evil seems to have the upper hand. No matter. Evil will be conquered and God's rule will extend over all creation. The world might end tomorrow, or next year, or in five billion years. Jesus tells us we can't know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ. And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd, whom we meet in today's Gospel. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

We should never forget: the Church is not a static reality, inert, an end in herself, but is on a continual journey through history, towards that ultimate and marvelous end that is the kingdom of heaven, of which the Church on earth is the seed and the beginning.
—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Living Stewardship Now

Write short notes to parish clergy and diocesan bishops thanking them for all that they do in service to God's people. Speak up on matters of importance to your parish or diocese. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate. Contribute to the support of a seminarian. Join a Serra Club.

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Parish Happenings

Dear Religious Education Parents,

Due to these unprecedented times, we are doing our part to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Governor Polis has given a directive for all schools to be closed until April 20. St. Mary's RE program would only have one more class scheduled after this date. I have visited with Father Gerardo and we have decided to cancel the remainder of RE classes for the 2019-2020 school year. I will be posting on our Facebook page, lessons for parents to teach their children. I pray you to use this as an opportunity to deepen your faith as you and your children learn more about the Catholic Church together. If you are struggling with anything, please call (970-456-9088) or email me (mandiedovey@stmaryrifle.com). I am here to help.

Important Notices:

• Classes are canceled for the remainder of the year.

• According to the information given from the Arch Diocese of Denver, Confirmation/Eucharist sacraments have been canceled. Father Gerardo will remain in close contact with the Diocese and following their recommendation of when we will be able to offer the Sacrament. As soon as Father knows, we will share this information out. Please notify all family and sponsors that the May 9 date has been canceled.

• Paperwork. I will still be collecting paperwork. Please either email or text me the documents. Documents needed are: Candidate-baptismal record, Sponsor-Confirmation record and marriage certificate from the Catholic Church or another religion recognized by the Catholic Church. Civil marriage records are not an acceptable record. I still need student homework on the Saint they are choosing. Their paper needs to include who their saint is, 3 facts about that saint and why they chose their saint. Sponsor Interview needs to be completed. Please check Facebook and Flocknote for this document of questions to ask the sponsor and email or text me the answers, please. If you are having issues emailing or texting me documents, reach out to me and we will discuss another method of delivery.

Please know that you all are in my prayers. I know we are sad and upset by the events happening around us. But, remember that we are the children of God and He is a good Father. We will overcome and be stronger in our faith as a result. Please stay safe, healthy and as always Faithful.

Yours in Christ,

Mandie Dovey
Coordinator of Religious Education.

St. Mary Rifle Confirmation Student/Sponsor Interview

- In order to begin thinking and praying together about being witnesses of your Christian faith, we ask you to interview your Sponsor. Ideally, you and your Sponsor can sit down together, but if that is not possible, you can do this interview by phone.
- During the interview, ask at least the questions listed on this sheet. You may also add some of your own! (It is a good idea to send the questions to your Sponsor ahead of time, so that s/he has some time to prepare).
- Take notes during your conversation and then afterward, type your Sponsor's answers (in complete sentences).
- Submit the interview, including both questions and answers to Miss Mandie by email (mandiedovey@stmaryrifle.com or by text 970-456-9088). Please have your interview turned in by Sunday, April 26, 2020.

Sponsor Interview Questions

1. Where do you see God in your daily life? When and how do you most feel His presence?
2. How do you live your faith through service to others? Why do you feel called to serve in that way?
3. How do you continue to grow in your faith?
4. Do you find it difficult to live your faith in today's culture? How is it difficult and how do you handle it?
5. What advice do you have for me as I'm preparing for Confirmation?

The Archdiocese of Denver has advised Garfield County churches to cancel weekend Masses, effective immediately, until further notice. Masses Monday through Friday and religious education classes are also canceled. The church will be open for individual prayer. The Fr. Gerardo García will be available to confess at these scheduled times. Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. There will also be Facebook Live masses.



ARCHBISHOP'S
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"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." (Hebrews 13:16)
Your sacrifice will affirm your desire to make Christ known to others. Please give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303.867.0614.