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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:

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

THE MARITIME WORLD. WE PRAY FOR ALL  
 THOSE WHO WORK AND LIVE FROM THE  
 SEA, AMONG THEM SAILORS, FISHERMEN  
 AND THEIR FAMILIES.

**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

**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:



**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**

**August 30th – XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

**August 31st – Weekday**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Luke 4:16-30

**September 1st– Weekday**

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 Luke 4:31-37

**September 2nd – Weekday**

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Luke 4:38-44

**September 3rd– Saint Gregory the Great**

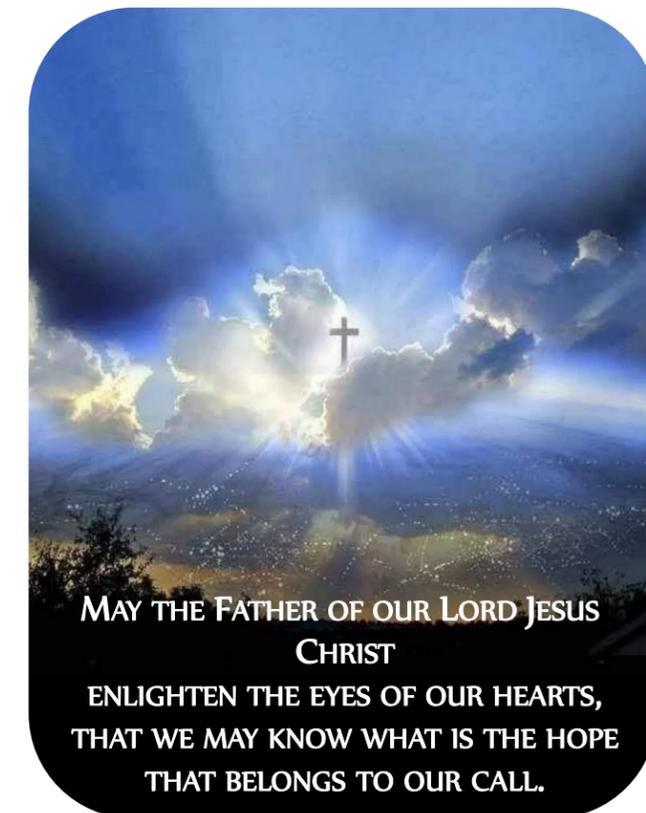
1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Luke 5:1-11

**September 4th– Weekday**

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Luke 5:33-39

**September 5th– Weekday**

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 Luke 6:1-5



MAY THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS  
 CHRIST  
 ENLIGHTEN THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS,  
 THAT WE MAY KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE  
 THAT BELONGS TO OUR CALL.

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,  
 “WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER  
 ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS  
 CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.”  
**MATTHEW 16:24**

## Shepherd's Corner

### My Dear Family in Christ,

We, the Pastor and the Finance Council of St. Mary's Church in Rifle, want to thank you for your continued dedication and sustained support in these difficult times of the Pandemic.

As you already know we are at a stage where our income, in general, has decreased significantly due to this situation. We are behind in our weekly contributions which has caused a deficit in our weekly operations budget. However, we are not in debt. We are trying to avoid accessing our Archdiocesan savings to overcome this shortfall, which is why we continue to ask for your financial support. We are pleased to inform you we saw a significant increase in our collections last week and we thank you for your continued support and help.

Therefore, from the administration of St. Mary's we stressed the importance of the need for all of us to work together in order to achieve success in this endeavor. We make an attentive call to your generosity asking for your help.

The Finance Council reports that the financial condition of St. Mary's has been severely affected due to the following:

- The decrease in annual offertory contributions  
The decrease in attendance at Mass due to COVID 19  
This has required the Church to make extensive reductions in overall operating expenses. Even though we have been continuously reducing our expenses, we are still in a financial deficit. I, along with the Parish Finance Council, ask you to prayerfully consider an increase in your financial donation in order to carry out our necessary mission and ministries here at St. Mary's.

We will be closely monitoring and working within both the State of Colorado and the Archdiocesan guidelines for larger group gatherings and social distancing. Also we will continue sanitizing the pews and surfaces in Church after Mass, providing sheet music in their place, and training ministers. We have worked to make online donations easier for you. Just go directly to our webpage [www.srmaryrifle.com](http://www.srmaryrifle.com) and you will find the info below the Archbishop videos. Just make sure to select our parish name on the list: *Saint Mary-Rifle*.

Finally, we are committed to ensuring that our Parish remains serving the catholic community in Rifle and we are going to work through all of these issues. Thanks again for your full support during these troubling times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Gerardo Garcia*

Rev. Gerardo Garcia, Pastor

Mrs. Michelle Duran, President of the Finance Council  
Miss Melissa Rodríguez, Business manager.

*17*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. *18*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. *19*In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. *1* Timothy 6:17-19

## Dear Father

### I feel guilty about putting my mother in a nursing home. Have I abandoned her?

Caring for aging, fragile parents is a responsibility that is increasing as people live longer due to advances in medical technology. Accompanying longer lives, however, is often poorer health. Frequently family members conclude that they don't have the wherewithal to care responsibly for their parents. So, they seek a nursing facility where parents may be properly cared for in terms of their physical, psychological, and even spiritual health. Nursing homes with staff that understand the needs of the elderly are a great assistance. They have experience with many elderly residents, while our experience may be limited to our own loved one. The situation becomes more complicated when parents ask their children to "never put me into a nursing home." As difficult as it is to refuse this request, neither you nor your parent knows how much care will be needed, so a guarantee isn't fair to the family. The best response would be: "We'll look after you as long as we possibly can, and we would only consider a nursing home if your needs become more than we could handle, or if it were the only place where you could be safely cared for." Sometimes guilt arises when we haven't had the best relationship with a parent, and regret things from our past. The best response then is to learn from the past and move forward. Commit to being more attentive, even though our parents no longer live with us. The worst abandonment would be depriving them of our love and affection.

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Homes for the elderly...should be the "sanctuaries" of humanity where one who is old and weak is cared for and protected...It is so good to go visit an elderly person! Look at our children: sometimes we see them listless and sad; they go visit an elderly person and become joyful!  
—MEETING WITH THE ELDERLY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

### Living Stewardship Now

If today was your last day on earth, what is the one thing you would need to do to die in peace? Make that happen!

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## Parish Happenings

### First Friday Adoration and Exposition

This coming Friday, September 4, is the first Friday of the month. Following the 8:30am Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the chapel, then moved to the sanctuary at 6:00pm for all night adoration, followed by Mass Saturday morning at 6:00am. Consider spending some quality time in the Lord's presence. Please be mindful of the 6 feet social distancing and disinfect seating area when leaving.

### Catholic University of America

Labor Day weekend, September 5 and 6, is the annual second collection for Catholic University of America. *"The mission of Catholic University centers on the discovery of knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church — a service that is greatly needed today."* Each year hundreds of priest and religious in addition to other students are educated at Catholic University. *"Since 1903, The Catholic University of America has been greatly blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection."* Learn more at [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu). Please consider making a donation to help educate those who serve the Church and the Nation.

### Second Collections

Due to the Coronavirus and no Masses this spring the Archdiocese of Denver and the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) have revised the schedule for second collections. The following is a list of these collections in addition to those that normally occur this time of year.

9/6/20 - Catholic University of America

9/13/20 - Holy Land - Good Friday

9/20/20 - ACA Commitment Weekend for the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal

### No Weekday Masses

There will be no weekday Masses Monday, September 7 through Friday, September 11. Additionally, there will be no 6:00pm Spanish Mass on Sunday, September 6.

**ALL OFFICE NEEDS WILL ONLY BE DONE OVER THE PHONE AT 970-625-5125 OR BY EMAIL AT [fr.garcia@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:fr.garcia@stmaryrifle.com)**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!**

### Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is for anyone of the Catholic faith who begins to be in danger of death due to sickness, long term or terminal illnesses, facing serious medical procedures or surgery, or suffering from the frailty of old age.

If in need of this sacrament contact Fr. Gerardo Garcia at the Parish office - 970-625-5125 or email him direct at [fr.garcia@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:fr.garcia@stmaryrifle.com).

### CONFESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE....

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday 8:00 am

Thursday 6:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30 pm

### Mass times will be:

Saturdays @ 4:30pm English and 7:00pm Spanish

Sundays @ 7:30am & 9:30am English and 12 & 6:00pm Spanish

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays @ 8:30am English

Thursdays @ 7:00pm Spanish

### Seating will be on a first come first serve basis.

Currently there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass. If you are in a high risk group, have a cough, sick, or been in contact with a sick person, please do not attend. Risks exist and attendance is voluntary.

Garfield Public Health has issued these directives:

1. Masks (face coverings) shall be required by all guests, when at all possible. (Archdiocese states if under age 2-3 or for medical reasons exempt.)
2. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between individuals or between groups of a single household.
3. Guests shall not be permitted to wait in the lobby area or in lines outside the door. No mingling time before, during, or after services.

Do not allow anyone to attend any event/activity in person if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness.