

ST. PATRICK & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISHES

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016

Pastor
Fr. Patrick Beretta

Pastoral Associate
Seaneen Prendergast

Office Manager
Julie Brinton

Masses

Saturday
4:30 p.m. St. Patrick

Sunday
9:00 a.m. I C
11:00 a.m. St. Patrick
7:00 p.m.
Montana Tech Campus
Ministry Mass, I C

Weekday
7:00 a.m. St. Patrick (Tu-F)

Lauds (Morning Prayer)
following Mass (W,Th,F)
following Devotion (Tu)

Sacraments

For all Sacraments
please contact the
Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick
Communal Anointing following
7:00 am & 12:10 pm Mass on
1st Friday or please contact the
Parish Office

Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
St. Patrick
or by appointment
with the priest

Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
St. Patrick Church
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Tu, W,Th,F)

Our Mother of Perpetual
Help Devotion

Tuesday after 7:00 a.m. Mass

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Parish Notices

CAN YOU HELP?

*There is a need for a faithful adorer
to spend time with Jesus on Tuesdays
from 9:00 -10:00 am.*

*Is Our Lord inviting you to be
His faithful companion?*

*If you can commit to this Holy Hour
please contact Becky Hyle at 494-3892
or by e-mail: rhyle@q.com*



The Parish Office
will be closed
Monday July 4th

COLLECTION AMOUNT JUNE 18-19 WEEK 51

Envelopes	\$2,966.00
Loose	\$1,979.00
Other Income	\$570.00
Total	\$5,515.00

Total this Fiscal Year \$397,597.22

Budget Amount \$500,000.00

Needed to Make Budget \$102,402.78

Weekly Goal \$9,600.00

Weekly Average To Date \$7,796.03

Thank You for your generous support!

Community Notices

SON LIGHT

Celebration

*Will be held at the Helena Civic Center on Friday,
October 7th at 5:00 pm.*

*The Son Light Steering Committee has selected a 2016
Subaru Outback 2.5i.*

Limited value at over 34,000 for our grand prize.

Tickets are \$25.00 and only 5,000 will be sold.

Tickets are available at the parish office...

Are You Called to be a Monk?

Serve the Lord in Prayer & Work
Monastic Vocation Retreat at Mount Angel Abbey
July 15-17, 2016

Open to men 18 – 45 yrs. old; Free of charge
Contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at 503-845-3123
odo.recker@mtangel.edu or visit our website:
www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The secular Discalced Carmelites will be celebrating a
Mass in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on
Saturday July 16th at 1:00pm at SS. Cyril & Methodius
Parish in East Helena. This annual event highlights the
activities of the Secular Discalced Carmelites
in Western Montana.

It is also an opportunity for those who may be
interested in the Lay Order to find out more
information. Enrollment in the Brown Scapular will
take place for those who desire. A lunch reception will
follow after the celebration of Mass. During the social
event Secular Discalced Carmelites will be available
to answer any questions regarding the
Secular Discalced Carmelite Order.

For more information contact:
Becky Hyle at 406-494-3892 or
Barb Zeller (e-mail) barbarazllr130@gmail.com



STEELE'S WAREHOUSE

PLEASE SEE ADVERTISEMENT
ON BACK OF THE BULLETIN!



Mon	Jun 27	St. Patrick,	7:00 am	NO MASS
Tue	Jun 28	St. Patrick,	7:00 am	Bob Periman (18th Ann.) rb Nita Periman
Wed	Jun 29	St. Patrick,	7:00 am	Carl Perdue Jr. rb Steve & Celine Maloney
Thu	Jun 30	St. Patrick,	7:00 am	Phil Pauli rb The Family (50yr. Ann.)
Fri	Jul 01	St. Patrick,	7:00 am	Rachel Hight rb Mom & Dad
		St. Patrick,	12:10 pm	Jim Cashell rb Steve & Celine Maloney
Sat	Jul 02	St. Patrick,	4:30 pm	Caszy Bogie rb Steve & Celine Maloney
Sun	Jul 03	IC	9:00 am	Rachel Hight (5th Ann.) rb Mom & Dad
		St. Patrick,	11:00 am	Drzew Kehoz rb His wife Linda
		IC,	7:00 pm	NO MASS



In
Loving
Memory

St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

It would be easy to concentrate on the mystical experiences God gave this saint, rather than on her life. In fact, it would be difficult to do differently, so overwhelming were those gifts from God. The temptation for many modern readers (including the author) would be to see little to identify with in these graces and walk away without seeing more. The other temptation would be to become so fascinated with these stories that one would neglect to dig deeper and learn the real lessons of her life. But Mary Magdalene de Pazzi is not a saint because she received ecstasies and graces from God. Many have received visions, ecstasies and miracles without becoming holy. She is a saint because of her response to those gifts a lifelong struggle to show love and gratitude to the God who gave her those graces. In fact Mary Magdalene saw her ecstasies as evidence of a great fault in her, not a reward for holiness. She told one fellow sister that God did not give this sister the same graces "because you don't need them in order to serve him." In her eyes, God gave these gifts to those who were too weak to become holy otherwise. That Mary Magdalene received these gifts proved, in her mind, how unworthy she was. Born in Florence on April 2, 1566, Mary Magdalene (baptized Catherine) was taught mental prayer when she was nine years old at the request of her mother. Her introduction at this age to this form of prayer which involves half an hour of meditation did not seem to be unusual. And yet today we often believe children incapable of all but the simplest rote prayers.

At twelve years old she experienced her first ecstasy while looking at a sunset which left her trembling and speechless. With this foundation in prayer and in mystical experience, it isn't surprising that she wanted to enter a contemplative monastery of the Carmelite Order. She chose the monastery of St Mary's of the Angels because the nuns took daily Communion, unusual at the time.

In 1563 she had her second mystical experience when the other nuns saw her weeping before the crucifix as she said, "O Love, you are neither known or loved."

Mary Magdalene's life is a contradiction of our instinctive thought that joy only comes from avoiding suffering. A month after being refused early religious profession, she fell deeply ill. Fearing for her life the convent had her professed from a stretcher at the altar. After that she experienced forty days of ecstasies that coexisted with her suffering. Joy from the graces of God were mixed with agony as her illness grew worse. In one of her experiences Jesus took her heart and hid it in his own, telling her he would not return it until it is wholly pure and filled with pure love. "She didn't recover from her illness until told to ask for the intercession of Blessed Mary Bagnesi over three months later.

What her experiences and prayer had given her was a familiar, personal relationship with Jesus. Her conversations with Jesus often take on a teasing, bantering tone that shocks those who have a formal, fearful image of God. For example, at the end of forty days of graces, Jesus offered a crown of flowers or a crown of thorns to her. When he accused her, "I called and you didn't care," she answered back, "You didn't call loudly enough" and told him to shout his love. She learned to regret the insistence on the crown of thorns. We might think, it is easy to be holy if God is talking to you every day but a few of us could remain on the path with the five year trial that followed her ecstasies. Before this trial, Jesus told her, "I will take away not the grace but the feeling of grace. Though I will seem to leave you I will be closer to you." This was easy for her to accept in the midst of ecstasy but, as she said later, she hadn't experienced it yet. At the age of nineteen she started five years of dryness and desolation in which she was repelled by prayer and tempted by everything. She referred to her heart as a pitch-dark room with only a feeble light shining that only made the darkness deeper. She was so depressed she was found twice close to suicide. All she could do to fight back was to hold onto prayer, penance, and serving others even when it appeared to be no good.

Her lifelong devotion to Pentecost can be easily understood because her trial ended in ecstasy in 1590. At this time she could have asked for any gifts but she wanted two in particular: to look on any neighbor as good and holy without judgment and to always have God's presence before her.

To be continued...