St. Patrick & Immaculate Conception Parishes

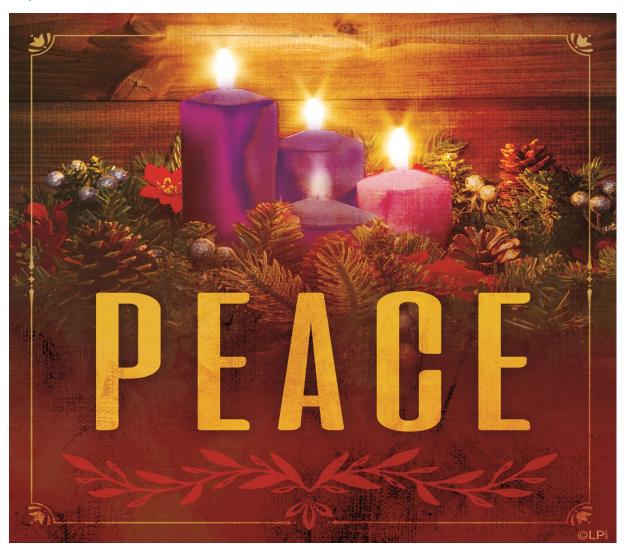
December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Sacraments
For all Sacraments
please contact the
Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick Communal Anointing following 7:00 am & 12:10 pm Masses 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. <u>Masses</u> Saturday 4:30 p.m. St. Patríck

Sunday 9:00 a.m. I C 11:00 a.m. St. Patríck 7:00 p.m. IC Montana Tech Campus Mínístry Mass

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

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

> 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 St. Patrick

Website: butteccn.org

Parish Events & Announcements

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, Christmas Eve

5:00 pm: Children's Mass, St. Patrick

11:00 pm: Mass of Midnight, IC

December 25, Christmas Day

9:00 am: IC

11:00 am: St. Patríck

January 1st, Solemníty of Mary,

11:00 am: St Patríck

(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)

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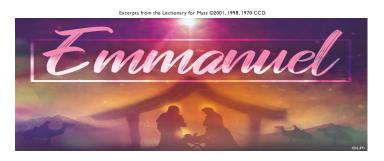
There will be no 7am Mass on Dec. 26th.

The parish office will close on December 20th at 4pm and will re-open on January 2nd.

There will be no adoration during this time.

Due to early publication the COLLECTION AMOUNTS for 12/22/19, 12/29/19 & 1/5/20 will be posted in the 1/12/20 bulletin.

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



Congratulations on your Baptism

Jolie Faye Denny

12/22/19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help decorating our

churches for Christmas on

DECEMBER 23rd
St. Patrick at 10:00 am
Immaculate Conception at
5:00 pm

If you would like to help, please call the parish office.

Our Prayers &
Sympathy
to the Families of
Earl Larvie
Sean Vetter
May perpetual light
shine upon them.

SCHALK'S POSIE PATCH

Please see advertisement in back of the bulletin.



From Your Catholic Foundation

Are you beginning to think about the year-end charitable giving for the Catholic Church?

Your Foundation can help. Our goal is to help Catholics like you through the maze of gift options available to

support your Catholic faith. Contact Jeanne Saarinen, Executive Director of

The Foundation for

the Diocese of Helena, Inc. Inc.,

(406) 389-7051 or <u>isaarinen@diocesehelena.org</u> through the end of the year for help with:

- *Qualifying a gift for the 40% Montana Charitable Endowment tax Credit.
- *Making a gift from your IRA.
- *Transferring appreciated stocks to the Church.
- *Catholic Charitable Gift Annuity-make a gift and you receive the income for life.
- *And much more! If you want to claim a gift on your 2019 taxes, don't wait until the end of December to do IRS and stock gifts as they take longer to process. If by giving online by credit or debit card, it needs to be charged on or before December 31. Your catholic foundation's mission is to serve and strengthen the people, parishes, ministries, and apostolic mission of the Diocese of Helena.

Learn more at www.fdoh.org.

Christmas Eve

<u>Tue Dec 24 St. Patrick, Children's Mass 5:00 pm</u> <u>Living & Deceased Members of the Parish</u>
<u>Tues Dec 24 IC, Mass of Midnight 11:00 pm</u> <u>Living & Deceased Members of the Parish</u>

Christmas Day

<u>Wed Dec 25 IC, 9:00 am</u> <u>Living & Deceased Members of the Parish</u> <u>Wed Dec 25 St. Patrick, 11:00 am</u> <u>Living & Deceased Members of the Parish</u>

Thu Dec 26 NO MASS

Fri Dec 27 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Special Intention

<u>Sat Dec 28 St. Patríck, 4:30 pm</u> Ron & Sue Ueland (Anniversary) rb Sue

Sun Dec 29 IC, 9:00 am Skip O'Brien rb The Family

St. Patrick, 11:00 am Jonathan Keltner rb Colleen Cooney & Family



RECOLLECT

"News of a great joy." LUKE 2:10

AS WE FIND OURSELVES

actively entering into the fourth week of Advent, we are invited during these days to begin intentional preparation for Christmas. How we prepare in these days depends in what we are preparing for. In other words, there is a difference between preparing for a day versus preparing for a person.

There is a temptation in the days immediately preceding Christmas to focus on December 25. There are lots of details to tend to: Where are we going to be for the Holidays? Are we hosting or are we visiting? What are we bringing or what are we preparing? Are there last minute gifts to buy? Do we have everything we need? Has everyone's name been checked off the list? There is much to do and many details that require our attention in preparation for Christmas day.

Those details are important. God wants us to celebrate the gift of the Holy Family within the community of our own families. The incarnation reminds us that God is a part of life, our human experience. However, Mary was not preparing for a day; she was preparing for a person. In the days immediately preceding the very first Christmas, the Mother of God was focused on the person who was to be born. Because her focus was on a person, her preparation was not lost in the details of the day but in her being ready for the person on whom the day was going to center itself.

Imagine for a moment what would have been in Mary's heart as she anticipated the birth of her son. Imagine how many times she sang to Jesus while he was in her womb. Imagine how many times the child within her would have stirred in her womb as she began to sing to him. Imagine Mary's anticipation of giving birth to the Savior of the world.

Imagine what these days of preparation can be for you if you prepare with Mary and like Mary.



