



# Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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## February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 † Sexagesima Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 4, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. Andrew Corsini, BC

*Pro Populo*

Mon., Feb. 5, No Mass in Springs – St. Agatha, VM

*For all CMD Students, Parishioners and their families*

Tues., Feb. 6, No Mass in Springs – St. Titus, BC

*RIP Poor Souls (Vroom)*

Wed., Feb. 7, No Mass in Springs – St. Romuald, Ab

*RIP Poor Souls*

Thurs., Feb. 8, No Mass in Springs – St. John of Matha, C

*RIP Poor Souls (Brinkoff)*

Fri., Feb. 9, No Mass in Springs – St. Cyril of Alexandria, BCD

*RIP Poor Souls (Brinkoff)*

Sat., Feb. 10, No Mass in Springs – St. Scholastica, V

*RIP Poor Souls (Brinkoff)*

Sunday, Feb. 11, HIGH MASS 9:00 am – Quinquagesima Sunday

*Pro Populo*

### Serving Schedule:

Sun., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>: Anthony Kosovich, Oliver Vigil

Sun., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>: Steven Kosovich, Anthony Vigil

Sun., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: Anthony Vigil, Joseph Fries

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy blot out my iniquities. - Divine Office*

**Confessions:** Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass    **Tues. & Wed.** – 7:30 am    **Thurs.** – 2:00pm

**Ending Hymn:** Hail O Queen of Heaven    Pg.65 #70

**Catechism Classes:** today from 8:15am – 8:45am

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Third Sunday of the month immediately following Mass

**Adult Doctrine Class:** will be replaced with Holy Communion, Stations of the Cross and Lenten Talk

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Gabriel Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Miller Family, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Malachai Miller, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

**JANUARY COLLECTIONS:** 1-1 \$303; 1-7 \$776; 1-14 \$671; 1-21 \$1185; 1-28 \$1061.

**FLOWER COLLECTION:** An extra collection will be taken today to supply fresh flowers for the beautifying of God's home!

**BLESSED BEESWAX CANDLES:** are available in the back of Church. A donation to help cover the cost is appreciated.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** will follow Mass today This special blessings begs for preservation from diseases of the throat and from choking through the intercession of St. Blaise.

**LENTEN RETREATS:** will be held in Colorado Springs for adults on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>; for children on March 7<sup>th</sup>, and in Denver for adults on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. A Men's Retreat will be held in Spokane in March. See the flier in the back for details.

### **JOYFUL SERVICE ~ Fr. Daniel Considine, SJ**

St. Paul says, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. If we want to serve God, joy should be not only an element; it should be the staple of our life. Our difficulties are so great, our enemies so many, that unless we are supported by joy, we shan't do what God wants us to do. It is a point of great consequence. There is a sort of impression that in the service of God there ought to be a certain sobriety, an earnestness-yes, *sadness*, which makes the distinction between the service of the world, and the service of God; and that those who serve God must expect more tribulation and uneasiness of mind. Entirely false. St. Paul, speaking under the dictation of the Holy Spirit, says, 'Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.' If we think the ideal of a religious person is to be sad, it is quite wrong, it is the direct opposite to the truth. We are never so much fitted to cope with the difficulties of the spiritual life as when we are in joy. Often, when difficulties are to follow, God strengthens souls by an extra dose of joy. He expands the heart, and fills us with more faith and hope and love, and so makes us ready to overcome our enemies. Read carefully the Acts of the Apostles: no one can read them without being struck by the spirit of buoyancy and exaltation that fills and pervades them; one might almost call it high spirits. The Apostles carried their lives in their hands; they were scourged, and came forth from their severe flogging full of joy, rejoicing they were found worthy to suffer for Our Lord. We certainly then can't be doing wrong in making our lives lives of joy. This matter bears on our daily life. Is this our view?

We are so apt to think others have so much to make their lives happy. 'They ought to rejoice.' The question remains: does God mean ME to rejoice in Him? Don't evade the difficulty by saying, 'Oh, it's some sort of spiritual joy which I don't understand: ordinary joy I can't feel.' 'What is meant if not real joy, real happiness, and if you don't feel the service of God produces this, there is something wrong with you. It is a very common error-that God sends us trials for their own sake. Looking on pain and trouble as good things is not a sound view. It does us harm by making us think God takes pleasure in seeing us suffer.

The greatest possible happiness to be got out of life is in the service of God. **God doesn't like to see us cry, even though it is good for us. It pains God for me to suffer pain- that is a lovable and TRUE view of God.** To think of the Passion as God heaping torments on His Son is Jansenist. What does He want of me? He wants you to take your life as it is, bearing your trials and disappointments as quietly as you can. When we are unfaithful, to believe that Our Lord will give us up, that is utterly false. We can never love Our Lord as we should, if we think He remembers things against us. Remember the way He behaved towards His Apostles.

