

# *St. Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church*

January 31, 2021



*Year of St Joseph*



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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**Due to the pandemic and the ease of the transmission of the coronavirus, Bishop Steven Biegler has granted to the Faithful in the Diocese of Cheyenne a dispensation from the obligation to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days, which is effective through March 26, 2021.**

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Reverend Andrew Kinstetter, Pastor

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## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

Sunday- 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Monday, Tuesday - 8:00 am

Thursday, Friday - 8:00 am

Confession, Saturday, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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## Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

## The Week of Worship

SATURDAY, January 30th

Confessions, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MASS, 5:30 pm †*Kathleen Molinari*

SUNDAY, January 31st *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

MASS, 8:00 am †*Susan Lescznske*

MASS, 10:30 am *People of the Parish*

MONDAY, February 1st

MASS, 8:00 am **Special Intention,**  
**Thomas H. Wertz II**

TUESDAY, February 2nd *The Presentation of the Lord*

MASS, 8:00 am **Special Intention,**  
**Cerra Kogel-Dumm**

WEDNESDAY, February 3rd

NO MASS

THURSDAY, February 4th

MASS, 8:00 am †*Father Ron Stolcis*

FRIDAY February 5th

MASS, 8:00 am †*Father Ron Stolcis*

SATURDAY, February 6th

Confessions, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MASS, 5:30 pm †*Janet Masters*

## Please pray for:

*The victims of the coronavirus, people affected by the quarantine and shutdown of public facilities, the medical staff tasked with the treatment and care of those who have contracted the virus, that God may protect them from further harm and grant those who are sick, swift recovery.*

### The Sick

*Agnes Vigil, Alice Schnitker, Ali Vialpando, Arvin Martinez, Burton Davis, Carol Richardson, Charlotte, Courtney Westoff, The Vasquez Family, Eloisa Mondragon, Ervin W. Hoffschneider III, Gordon Cook, James Westoff, Jessica MacKintosh, Janelle Ahrenholtz, Kevin Johnson, Larry Barela, Larry Garcia, Leo Lucero, Lucas Roussos, Mary Hulett, Mary Ann Selzer, Nicole Gonzales, Rachel Sanchez, Ramona Thelman, Ross Vigil, Shirley Salinas, Tanner Atencio, Shawna Kautzman Pena, Tammy Brown, Trisha Sparks, Vernon Wayne Scott, Veronica Newman, Vona Salazar, Wyatt Swaim.*

### Those who are serving our country

*James VanKirk, Kevin Gallegos, Mark Bedell,, Michael Stickley, Cruz Garza, Sean Heidel, Tommy Weber, Michael Longpre, Cole Yung, Patrick Golden*

# One Nation Under God

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

Religious education has resumed the normal schedule. CCD will meet Sundays at 1:00 pm in the church basement. RCIA meets on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the church basement. Confirmation Class meets Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm in the church basement. Youth Group meets at 6:00 pm in the church basement. Please contact Ava O'Hollearn at 745-3115 with any questions.

**A note from Fr. Andrew:** I would like to streamline communications between all of our parishioners beyond just the bulletin; we have a new website which is much more user friendly and informative ([www.stlaurenceotoole.org](http://www.stlaurenceotoole.org)) and I want to implement a service called Flock Note, which allows us to send text messages and emails to all of our parishioners or certain groups at once (with your permission of course as you need to sign up). You would then have the ability to text or email back in response and we would be able to engage through that medium. I am hoping that this will be a great way to better communicate and keep in touch with what is going on in the parish and with you on a more consistent and personal basis that isn't relying only on the bulletin for this kind of encounter (especially as many aren't getting the bulletin or are unable to come to Sunday Mass at this time). My hope is that this gives all of us a better way to build relationships with one another and grow in our parish family so that we are better evangelizers to our community and world. Your information will never be shared or distributed and will only be used for parish communications, and all I need from you is for you to go to the following website and sign up if you want to be a part of this (and I encourage you to do so!): <https://stlaurenceotoole.flocknote.com>

### **From the Diocese of Cheyenne:**

On January 25, 2021, the Diocese of Cheyenne issued a press release on the Canonical Rebuke and Definitive Decree regarding Bishop H. Joseph Hart by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It can be found at: [dioceseofcheyenne.org](http://dioceseofcheyenne.org).

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