

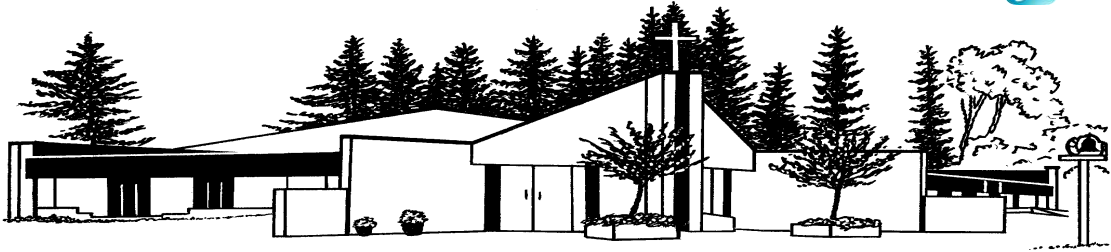
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# **RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ..... March 29, 2020**

**Saturday, March 28, Mass for March Intentions**

**Sunday, March 29, Mass for the Parish**

**Monday, March 30, Mass for the Soul of Jeff Gibson, rb Paul & Pati Heath**

**Tuesday, March 31, Mass for the Soul of Frank Aufdermaur, Sr, rb Bauer Family**

**Wednesday, April 1, Mass for the Soul of Patti Slack, rb Ron & Barb Raines**

**Thursday, April 2, For all the sick and dying from the Corona virus**

Dear Parishioners of Risen Christ,

I hope this note finds everyone in physical as well as spiritual health in this difficult time for every one of us. I would like to let you know that I miss seeing all of you and I think of you and pray for you. I am looking forward to seeing you again when we congregate in our church to praise the Lord. Please remember me and our parish and the entire Universal Church and the whole world in your prayers and intentions.

God will lead us through all of these challenges. God Bless you all.

.....Father Stanislaw Rog

**~OUR GIFT TO GOD~**

*“Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another each in the measure he has received.”*

(1 Peter 4:8-10)

Thanks to everyone who so generously supports our parish.  
Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

We anticipate a loss of revenue for the Parish but we also know that many of you would still like to make your weekly offering. Suggestions for giving are: mail your envelope to the parish office, or drop your envelope in collection basket on the entrance table.

The church will be open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Extra envelopes will be available for those who don’t have envelopes.



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**or call Wally: 406-758-0170 for more details.**

**CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY & PATRIOTISM**

**CRS RICE BOWL PRAYER INTENTIONS, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

For Maria Ana, whom we meet through CRS Rice Bowl, and all those attending school to achieve their dreams, may they receive the proper nutrition needed to focus on their studies and have a brighter future. We pray to the Lord...

That as a community we may recognize the importance of supporting students and their dreams, so that their communities can thrive. We pray to the Lord...

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Our Finance Council members are:

**Roger Ackerly, Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill,  
Loren Vranish, Wally Walbruch, and John Gunnerson**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Your Pastoral Council is always interested in your concerns. The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community. Take your questions about the future of the parish, your hopes and needs, to a Pastoral Council member:

**Judy Stack, 752-4411 and Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170**

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2020  
FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter  
Jim Thomas, rb Bobbie Thomas  
Poat & Roberts Family, rb Chris Beyer  
Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett  
John & Michael Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan  
Jami Hoagland, rb Pete & Ann Hoagland  
Bernie Windauer, rb John & Connie Babb  
Genevieve Zahller, rb John & Connie Babb  
Mary Ward, rb John & Connie Babb  
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen  
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan

**FOR THE INTENTIONS**

Salvatore Consiglio, rb Paula Swaim

**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS  
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Shelley Hembd, Lavine Heuscher, Michael Arace, Joe Riska, Sherry Miller  
Bob Neitzling, Tim Slobojan, John Gunnerson, James Hunter  
Larry Visocan, Mike Wright  
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status

**FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

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Dillon Armstrong, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich  
Kaleb Mitchell, Kyle Tannehill

**FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY**

If there is a birth, a sickness or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 250-8610. She will send a card.



**RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP**



Your Risen Christ Gift Ministry has gifts available for Confirmation, Baptism and First Communion such as small scapulars, cross necklaces, rosaries, key chains, and holy water fonts. Check it out for yourself! Please see Andrea Wright or Connie McCubbins before or after weekend Masses, or the office during the week.

## READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 5, 2020

Matthew 21:1-11	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Isaiah 50:4-7	The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue.
Philippians 2:6-11	He emptied himself and took the form of a slave.
Matthew 26:14-27:66	The Passion according to Matthew.

### ~ QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~

**“How can you increase your desire to know God?”**

Through prayer and study (Jas 1:5-6) and through the sacraments and liturgy of the Church, especially the Mass.

It is through prayer that God will give you the grace to know, love, and serve Him (Jn 5:30; Sir 2:15-17). By studying, you can learn more about God. By worshiping, you come to know and adore Him. When you begin the learning process, you will quickly find that the study of God is fascinating. The more you learn, the more you will want to learn.

Because God is the Author of all things, He knows everything about everything (Jn 1:1-3; Jn 21:17; Acts 17:25). Therefore, the study of God and His interaction with the world *must* be interesting. In fact, I believe the study of the things of God will be the most rewarding endeavor you will undertake.

Matthew J Pinto, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, “Lazarus, come out!” It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: “Come out!” Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?

### POP TOP TABS

You can help support the Ronald McDonald House in Missoula by collecting pop top tabs from aluminum cans, such as energy drinks, soup cans or anything with a metallic tab. Please put them in the basket in the entryway.

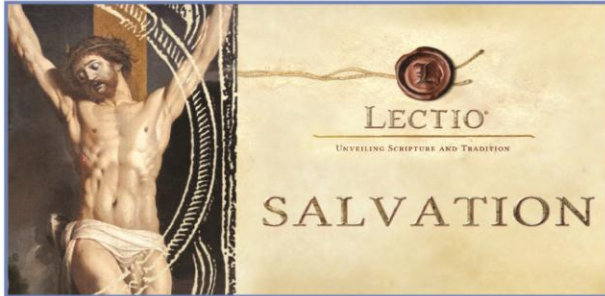
### RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE



Call Lavine Heuscher at 406-752-4007 should you or someone you know need prayer. The Risen Christ Prayer Line is in place to pray for the needs of our families, friends, or our community intentions. You are also invited to join us in this important ministry. Please call for more information.

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 2:12**

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PICK OF THE WEEK



**Lectio: Salvation**  
with Dr. Michael Barber

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven “for us men and for our salvation.”  
But what does “salvation” mean?

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Fr. Stan

***The Nazareth Page***  
***A gospel meditation for your home***  
***March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Lent***  
***John 11:1-45***

Although I live in a quiet corner of the United States, we enjoy regular train service. The Empire Builder is one of Amtrak's remaining great passenger trains and each day it visits our town, once in the morning heading east and once each evening travelling west. It's not always on time. In fact, when it is, locals notice.

In today's gospel we are reminded of one of the greatest miracles of Jesus, his bringing his close friend Lazarus back to life after he had been entombed four days. Jesus was criticized because it was thought that if he had come earlier, he could have prevented the death of his friend. Maybe he could have, but he chose not to. Jesus was following his own timetable. In his view he was right "on time."

Of course, the death of Lazarus saddened Jesus. He even wept as he approached the sealed tomb, a clear reminder of his humanness. But now it was time for Jesus to get to work. Later in John's Gospel he will say that he is the way, the truth and the life. He is the Lord of life. He came to us on Earth so that we might have life in abundance. Thus, he would call Lazarus forth from the tomb. And in the presence of many, Lazarus came out. There is no record of the crowd's response, or that of his sisters, Martha and Mary. Fittingly, the gospel today ends with the note that because of this miracle, many began to believe in Jesus. If we were there, we would likely do the same.

God's most precious gift to us is that of life. Our existence does not begin with our words, "Make me be!" No, our coming into the world is because God wanted you and me to be. God wanted to share life with each of us. God arranged that the way we come into the world is best through a family's love, although sadly, we know that this intent of God is not always realized. Still, God's love for each of us is a constant. Every breath we take can be traced back to God saying, "I love you."

Having the power of giving life, and supporting it in us, remains God's doing. We are also informed in John's gospel that God does not will that our death be the end of us, but only a transition from this life to the next. Deep within us is a hunger for our lives not to end. To go on forever. This hunger for continued life was implanted in us by the One who loved us long ago. When Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, he was creating a sign of things to come. That he did this, perhaps his greatest miracle, for a family he deeply loved is also worth thinking about. It is not surprising that the authorities became more intent on getting rid of Jesus. Their claim to power was insignificant when compared to his.

David M. Thomas, PhD