

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

**MARCH 30, 2025**

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—**

**LÆTARE SUNDAY**



## FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Chosen Movie night will be on Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30pm at Stageline. Everyone is welcome to come. Free Pizza!! Invite your friends, family, neighbors, anyone to come join us! This is the 2nd to last one of the series.
- RE will resume on Wednesday April 10th at 4 pm. Thank you for your patience.
- **Easter Mass will be at our normal Sunday time of 9 am, 4/20/25.**
- Bishop Vetter has promulgated the indulgences and Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year of Hope. You can go to the Diocesan website at <https://diocesehelena.org/jubilee2025/> or see the letter on the bulletin board.
- Please see the center page for information on a special Mass of Healing for Survivors of Abuse and Trauma offered by Bishop Vetter next month.
- Catholic Relief Services is in great need of extra funding this year. If you are willing to give some money to their organization to help those in need throughout the world, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have anything to add to the announcements or bulletin please reach out to Father Cody.



## VOCATIONS PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.*

### Seminarians

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake

<b>St. Bartholomew Calendar</b>	
	<b>4th Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday</b>
Sun. 3/30/25	The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00 am
Mon. 3/31/25	
Tues. 4/1/25	
Wed. 4/2/25	Daily Mass: 11:00am Catholicism 201: 11:30-1:00pm Youth Group: 6:30pm
Thurs. 4/3/25	
Fri. 4/4/25	
Sat. 4/6/25	
	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
Sun. 4/7/25	The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

# Mass of Healing

for Survivors of Abuse and Trauma

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 5:30PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF HELENA

◇ On **Thursday, April 10th, at 5:30 PM** at the Cathedral of St. Helena, Bishop Vetter will offer a Mass of Healing for Survivors of Abuse and Trauma.

- \* This special Mass is an opportunity for prayer, healing, and hope for all who have experienced abuse or trauma in any form, as well as for their families and loved ones. It is open to the public, and the entire community is invited to intercede for those in need of healing and peace.

Together, we will pray for all survivors, for those who work to protect children and the vulnerable, and for the Holy Spirit to guide efforts toward justice. This Mass is also a meaningful opportunity to renew our shared commitment to safeguarding the most vulnerable and fostering a culture of care, accountability, and restoration.

- \* Following the Mass, Bishop Vetter will be available for prayers and individual blessings of those who desire it.

## **Basics of Catholicism part 82—The Penance Service**

One of the more common experiences of the Rite of Penance is the Penance Service. Actually, this form of the Rite of Penance is the fullest expression of this Sacrament and completes all the expected parts for a Sacrament. Let's walk through it.

Penance Services begin with a Liturgy of the Word. Often we dismiss or ignore this part of the Sacrament especially when a priest hears individual confessions. The Church recognized the connection between the proclamation of the Word of God and Sacramental actions in the life of Jesus. Before Jesus performed a miracle, he always preached the Word of God to them. The same applies during a Penance Service. The proclamation of the Word of God is a transformative experience which teaches us about the nature of God, the actions God did to secure our salvation and save us from our sins, and the ways we failed him and need mercy and forgiveness. Even in the celebration of individual confessions, the Church strongly recommends some connection to Scripture whether by a small recitation of a passage at the beginning or by using Scriptural passages as part of the advice that the priest can give.

The second part of the Penance Service is the examination of conscience and the communal Act of Contrition. An important part of the Penance Service is the opportunity for each person to examine their conscience and prepare for the individual confessions. Usually the priest, or another minister, leads the people through the basic sins and a reflection based on these categories of sins. The goal of this moment is for us to reflect more deeply on the nature of sin, the different types of sins, and possibly recognize some sins we didn't realize we were committing. Normally people focus on specific sins that they know are sins without taking time to pray and reflect on the movement of their consciences. Following the examination of conscience, the people say the Act of Contrition together. Since it was said communally, it doesn't need to be said during the individual confessions.

The third part is the individual confessions. The Church expects each person to go to a priest during this time and confess their sins. The Penance Service itself doesn't forgive sins. The priest, using the Prayer of Absolution, grants the forgiveness of sins to those who come for individual confessions. Reminder: the Church requires each member to confess their sins once a year to a priest. We are not required to attend a penance service.

The final part, and the one that is least used, is a final prayer and blessing at the end of the Penance Service. Most people bolt as soon as they have confessed their sins to a priest. But, the Penance Service anticipates that the people stay until everyone is done to show the communal nature of this service and the need to support each other in our fight against sin. The ending is very short: a prayer and a blessing. Yet, it emphasizes that the individual confessions are part of the Penance Service and that we are here to support one another.

Fr. Cody

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Baptism:** Contact Parish Office

**Weddings:** Contact Parish Office *\*at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.\**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **4th Sunday of Lent**

March 30, 2025

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am  
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

#### **Weekly Collection totals:**

3/9/25—\$940.00

3/16/25—\$1065.00

3/23/25—\$458.00

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