

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

JANUARY 26, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Options clinic baby bottle drive has begun. Option Clinic is a non-profit organization in Helena who supports women with pregnancies and other pregnancy related health issues. Please consider picking up a baby bottles, filling it with some coins, cash, or checks, and returning them by Feb. 9th.
- The next Chosen Movie night is Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm at Stageline. This will be RE and Youth Group for the week. Please take a postcard to give to your family and friends.
- If you have not received message from the parish about Mass cancellations and would like to, contact Fr. Cody with your preference of either an email or text message.
- I am in need of more Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone is willing to be a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Cody.
- The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off several months ago with our parish goal of \$6800. So far we have raised \$1420. Please consider donating to this important campaign to run the necessary functions of our Diocese.
- The deadline for early registration for the Fatima/ Lourdes Pilgrimage is Friday, January 31st. If you would like more information, please contact Fr. Cody. Please see fliers at the entrance of the church.
- Youth Group will be from 4:00-5:00pm until basketball season is over (end of February).

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

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 Smith.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun. 1/26/25	Confession: 8:30—8:50 am Mass: 9:00 am
Mon. 1/27/25	
Tues. 1/28/25	
Wed. 1/29/25	Daily Mass: 11:00 am Catholicism 201 after Mass Youth Group 4:00-5:00pm.
Thurs. 1/30/25	
Fri. 1/31/25	
Sat. 2/1/25	
	Presentation of the Lord
Sun. 2/2/25	Confession: 8:30—8:50 am Mass: 9:00 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:

11/17/24—\$1,161.00

11/24/24—\$340.00

12/1/24—\$656.00

Thank you for your generous support of St. Bartholomew!

Celebrating **MARRIAGE** WITH BISHOP AUSTIN VETTER

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA

MASS // INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF COUPLES //
RECEPTION //

BISHOP VETTER EXTENDS A WARM INVITATION TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES, FROM THE NEWEST OF NEWLYWEDS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMMEMORATED OVER SIX DECADES, TO A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION.



EVENT DETAILS

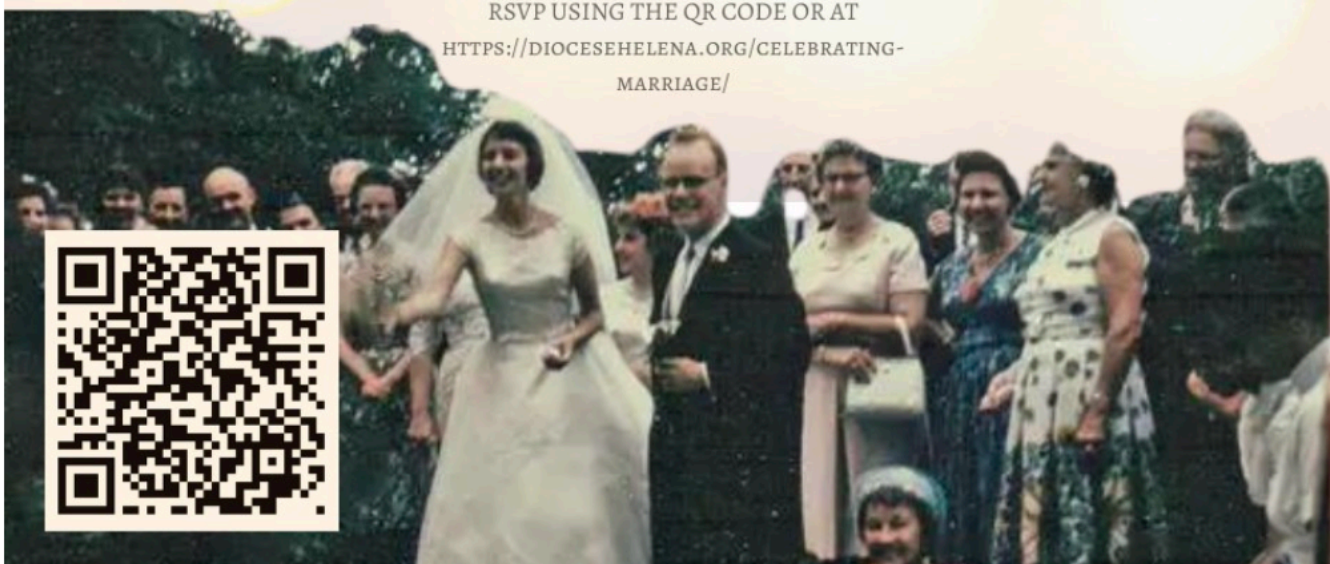
FEBRUARY 14TH // BEGINS WITH 6:00PM MASS // RECEPTION TO FOLLOW // HEAVY APPETIZERS AND DESSERT INCLUDED // SEMI FORMAL ATTIRE // \$25 PER COUPLE

CHILDCARE

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST WHILE SPACES LAST.

February 14th

RSVP USING THE QR CODE OR AT
[HTTPS://DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/CELEBRATING-
MARRIAGE/](https://diocesehelena.org/celebrating-marriage/)



Basics of Catholicism part 73—Types of Sins

The Catholic Church teaches that there are two types of sins: mortal and venial. In the 1st Letter of St. John he speaks about deadly and non deadly sins. Non deadly sins can be healed through prayer and working with the person. He claims that deadly sins cannot be helped. Although we would argue that he is wrong, I want to expand upon his reasoning and the challenges with mortal and venial sins.

What is a mortal sin? A mortal sin or deadly sin is often described as “breaking our relationship with God.” There is some truth to this definition. We must remember, however, God never breaks his relationship with us. He can’t. His love for us is so great that should He cease to love us or to break off His relationship with us, we would cease to exist. Therefore we can never assume that any sin we commit would sever our relationship with God from God’s perspective. From our perspective it gets far more serious. When we commit a mortal sin, several changes happen in our relationship with God. The first change is that we lost communion with God. We have done something to violate our relationship with God and therefore can no longer be in communion with Him. Although we speak of excommunication as a serious condition the Church can place upon a person, the reality is that we put ourselves in that state and the Church acts to show the gravity of our action. All mortal sins are excommunications; they take us out of communion with the people around us, the Church, and God. The second change is with our faith lives. Mortal sins damage our willingness to follow God’s will, cause prayer to become less desirable and sometimes even excruciatingly hard, damages our relationship with others and the Church, and can greatly limit the amount of grace that comes into our lives. When our souls are tainted with the effects of mortal sins, we block the graces and things of God causing us to pull away from Him. I hope through this explanation that you realize the gravity and power of a mortal sin.

Mortal sins usually fall into a few different categories. Yet, the most important starting point is the feeling of the damage in our relationship with God caused by the sin. Most people have not built a spiritual life strong enough to realize the effects of these sins. Other characteristics may indicate a mortal sin plaguing a soul. Behaviors such as a refusal or strong distaste for anything that deals with God, a pulling away from the Church, spiritual people, or a strong resentment to the Church, and increasingly sinful behaviors, or a continual turning towards sinful behaviors or things that are against God.

The vast majority of mortal sins can be summed as a violation of the 10 Commandments. Other mortal sins include physical harm to a priest, bishop, or the pope, desecration of the Sacraments, or gross violation of a church. This list does not exhaust the possibilities but should help you start pondering mortal sins. In the next part I will go into more detail on the specific conditions that lead to a mortal sin.

Fr. Cody

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

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

