



**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
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**Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
**June 14, 2026**

*"The term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person.... Devotion to the Sacred Heart...calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work" (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy 166, 172). "The essential nucleus of Christianity is expressed in the Heart of Jesus; in Christ the whole of the revolutionary newness of the Gospel was revealed and given to us: the Love that saves us and already makes us live in God's eternity. Even our shortcomings, our limitations, and our weaknesses must lead us back to the Heart of Jesus. His divine Heart calls to our hearts, inviting us to come out of ourselves, to abandon our human certainties to trust in him and, following his example, to make of ourselves a gift of love without reserve" (Pope Benedict XVI).*

*The Lord set his heart on you and chose you.*

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-11** <sup>6</sup>*For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love upon you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples; <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you, and is keeping the oath which he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup>and requites to their face those who hate him, by destroying them; he will not be slack with him who hates him, he will requite him to his face. <sup>11</sup>You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command you this day.*

**Psalms 103:1-4, 6-7, 8, 10** **R/ The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**

<sup>1</sup>*Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>6</sup>The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.*  
*God loved us.*

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-16** <sup>7</sup>*Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord; and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. Alleluia, Alleluia*  
*I am meek and humble of heart.*

**Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30** <sup>25</sup>*At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; <sup>26</sup>yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

**12:00 noon Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harlowton, MT.**

**Daily Mass on Thursdays at noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harlowton, MT.**

**\*\*\*Confessions before Sunday Mass beginning at 11:30 am or by appointment. Please join us to pray the rosary for our nation and community 1/2 hour before Sunday Mass.**

**Sunday Mass at 9 am at St. Bartholomew, White Sulphur Springs & 4:30pm at Holy Cross, Townsend.**

**\*\*\*Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays – join us anytime between 12:30–3:30 pm.**

**Youth Group meets each Thursday from 7 to 8:30 pm.**

**Please join us for our monthly parish potlucks on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Mass - 6/28/26; 7/26/26; 8/23/26**

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**No Mass on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, July 2, 2026.**

**On Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the bishops of the United States will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are encouraged to pray a novena in preparation for this historic event. More information on this event can be found at <https://diocesehelena.org/sacredheart>.**

**A priest from Food for the Poor will be visiting today, June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**The ordination to the priesthood of Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell is at the Cathedral in Helena on Thursday, 6/18/26 at 3 pm.**

**We will host 2 farewell parties for Fr. Cody. The first is open to everyone in the town and will be held at Chief Joseph Park on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 pm. If you don't have plans to bring something, you are welcome to bring a dessert. The final farewell party for our parish will be during our normal Parish Potluck on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Please pray for our seminarians:**

Riley Helgoe

Bret Rotz

Carter Anderson

James Semling

Ryan Frampton

Jake Smith

Anthony Olmes

Shae Bills

Carson Gorton

Mason Yochum

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell

Jamie Severson

Matt Keck

Liam Aippersbach

*Congratulations to Fr. Dillon Armstrong on his ordination to the priesthood! Please keep him in your prayers.*

## **Father Cody's Corner: Basics of Catholicism Part 139: The Common Questions**

### **Who can receive the Anointing of the Sick?**

This question is one of the most commonly asked and also one of the most commonly misunderstood. The Anointing of the Sick is reserved for a specific set of ailments. The most obvious are any ailments which would cause death, i.e. someone in danger of death or

undergoing a serious operation. Yet, any operation is a serious medical concern. Therefore the Church allows for anyone undergoing surgery or an operation to receive the anointing. Another group is those people with new or chronic conditions. A new diagnosis or a chronic condition that worsens are grounds for an anointing. Old age is another condition for receiving the anointing. More specifically someone who is burdened by the effects of old age to the point that it affects their daily life in a serious way. The last category, which is very rarely used and needs to be more common, is the people with mental or spiritual conditions. People who have mental disorders, serious effects from addictions, serious spiritual issues, and similar concerns can be anointed. The Church greatly expanded the qualifications for the anointing of the sick to reflect the many situations and conditions that we experience so that we can bring Christ's healing power into more aspects of our lives.

Most people believe that only Catholics can receive the anointing of the Sick and this is mostly true. The norms for the Sacrament are that a person must be baptized in order to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Baptism is a necessary prerequisite that cannot be dispensed. Normally, baptized Catholics are the only ones who can receive the anointing. However, one alternate condition is allowed. In the event that a baptized non-Catholic is in danger of death and understands the nature of the Sacrament and requests it from a priest, then we are allowed to anoint non-Catholics in this situation.

### **Can someone be anointed several times?**

Yes, a person can receive the anointing of the sick several times. The following conditions must be met. First, the person either is diagnosed with a new condition, a chronic condition worsens, the effects of old age get significantly worse, or a new serious medical condition arises. A person cannot be anointed several times for the same basic condition nor just because they want it. The health of the person must get worse before being anointed again. Beyond these restrictions, the Church doesn't place limits on the number of times that a person can receive this Sacrament. ~ Fr. Cody

## Kingdom of Priests: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Readings: Exodus 19:2–6; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; Romans 5:6–11; Matthew 9:36–10:8

The words God speaks to Israel in today's First Reading are intended for us as well.

The Church is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Israel—a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (see Deuteronomy 26:19; Isaiah 62:12).

In the Church, we have been gathered as the new "Israel of God" (see Galatians 6:16). He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Moses was Israel's first shepherd (see Exodus 3:1). With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God's people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd (see Numbers 27:17).

These same words are used in today's Gospel to describe Jesus' pity for the crowds, who are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

Israel's shepherds—the Pharisees and scribes—had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness (see Matthew 23:1–36; Jeremiah 50:6).

But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep—searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered "for lack of a shepherd" (see Ezekiel 34:1–24).

Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God's priestly kingdom (see John 10:11).

As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority (see Matthew 9:35; 10:1). In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:46; Romans 1:16).

Together we have been saved and reconciled to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church (see Revelation 1:6).

So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever. ~ Dr. Scott Hahn

### Suggested Prayer of the Faithful page 184 June Magnificat

*(Each local community should compose its own Universal Prayer but may find inspiration in the texts proposed here.)*

**With all our difficulties and needs, we come before the Father full of confidence:**

*That the Church will stand before the world without stain or blemish, holy and obedient to God's Word.*

*That those who hold public office will imitate the goodness of God, who secures justice and the rights of the oppressed.*

*For all who are preparing for marriage: that the Lord will strengthen them to live with sacrificial love, faithful to each other and to the Church all the days of their life.*

*For those who are sick or infirm, and for their caregivers: that God in his mercy will draw close to them and raise them up.*

*For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially those from our families or parish community.*

*For the grace this week to labor courageously and generously for God's harvest, proclaiming the kingdom of heaven in all that we say and do.*

**Most merciful Father, it is good to proclaim your kindness and faithfulness. Keep us always faithful; may we always aspire to please you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Intercessions page 187 June Magnificat

**As disciples, we are sent to proclaim the good news of our Shepherd's kingdom by our lives and our love for God and neighbor. Let us pray to him:**

**R/ Guide and guard your people, Lord!**

*For the Church's pastors and missionaries:*

– keep them faithful to the ministry you have entrusted to them: **R/**

*For those who mistrust the Church:*

– heal their wounds and restore them to the life of your flock: **R/**

*For those who feel lost and afraid:*

– protect them from harm: **R/**

**Personal intentions Our Father....**

**God our Shepherd, your love for us is abiding, creative, protective, and strengthening. Guide us, and guard us from all that would tear us away from you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### MEDITATION OF THE DAY The Infinite in the Finite pages 166-167 June Magnificat

The eternal Son of God, in his utter transcendence, chose to love each of us with a human heart. His human emotions became the sacrament of that infinite and endless love. His heart, then, is not merely a symbol for some disembodied spiritual truth. In gazing upon the Lord's heart, we contemplate a physical reality, his human flesh, which enables him to possess genuine human emotions and feelings, like ourselves, albeit fully transformed by his divine love. Our devotion must ascend to the infinite love of the Person of the Son of God, yet we need to keep in mind that his divine love is inseparable from his human love. The image of his heart of flesh helps us to do precisely this....

The image of the Lord's heart speaks to us in fact of a threefold love. First, we contemplate his infinite divine love. Then our thoughts turn to the spiritual dimension of his humanity, in which the heart is "the symbol of that most ardent love which, infused into his soul, enriches his human will." Finally, "it is a symbol also of his sensible love."

These three loves are not separate, parallel, or disconnected, but together act and find expression in a constant and vital unity. For “by faith, through which we believe that the human and divine nature were united in the Person of Christ, we can see the closest bonds between the tender love of the physical heart of Jesus and the twofold spiritual love, namely human and divine.”...

When we plunge into the depths of his heart, we find ourselves overwhelmed by the immense glory of his infinite love as the eternal Son, which we can no longer separate from his human love. It is precisely in his human love, and not apart from it, that we encounter his divine love: we discover “the infinite in the finite.” ~ Pope Francis His Holiness Pope Francis († 2025) reigned as pope from 2013 to 2025.

**Intercessions page 169 June Magnificat**

***By your love, we see love, O Lord. In your love, hear our prayer:***

***R/ Lord, have mercy!***

*You give bread to the hungry of body and the hungry of heart:*

*– teach us to feed the hungry in your name. R/*

*You give sight to the blind of eye and the blind of spirit:*

*– free us from the blindness which cannot see and love you in others. R/*

*You raise up those who are bowed down under life’s hardships:*

*– give us the strength to bear one another’s burdens. R/*

***Personal intentions Our Father....***

***May the Lord deliver us from all evil and bring us to life everlasting! Amen.***

***Marian Antiphon***

**ORDINATION**  
TO THE  
PRIESTHOOD

KALEB  
MITCHELL

Thursday, June 18, 2026 | 3:00pm  
Cathedral of St. Helena  
*All are Welcome*

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Diocese of Helena

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