

SAINT LAWRENCE

CATHOLIC CHURCH • HEBER CITY

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Welcome to the vibrant communities of St. Mary's and St. Lawrence Mission, where our shared vision is to thrive together as one united family in faith. This beautifully symbiotic bond enriches the tapestry of our entire parish. St. Mary's dedication ensures the flourishing of St. Lawrence Mission, while St. Lawrence Mission helps St. Mary's to extend the Catholic Faith to the entire Wasatch Back!

What is a Mission and its relationship to St. Mary's in Park City?

St. Lawrence is the mission church for the rapidly growing community of Catholics in the Heber Valley. A Mission is a church dependent on a parish that is not yet fully capable of providing for the many things needed to be a full-fledged parish itself. St. Mary's provides priests and other resources so St. Lawrence can have ministry. Often, missions can't have Mass every week, so the St. Mary's/St. Lawrence community is truly blessed to have such a full schedule!

Am I a parishioner at St. Lawrence or St. Mary's?

If you regularly attend St. Lawrence, **we encourage you to register at StLawrenceMission.org** so we can better communicate with our members. However, St. Lawrence, as part of a larger Catholic community, has sacramental records centralized at the main parish, adhering to Canon law. Baptisms take place at the main parish in Park City, and St. Lawrence serves as a picturesque venue for weddings and Quinceañeras, embracing the local historical significance it holds for those in the Heber Valley.

How does St. Mary's assist St. Lawrence?

By being part of a broader parish community, members benefit in a variety of ways. For example, the priest, whose salary, healthcare, and food are provided by St. Mary's, can dedicate himself to serving St. Lawrence full-time. Other things crucial to a parish are provided as well, such as working to make Religious Education completely free to all in both locations, full-time employees for maintenance and communications, support for the Spanish-speaking community, **and enabling St. Lawrence to be able to accept online donations, which have grown to be a significant proportion of total giving. For example, about 60% of offertory donations in early 2024 are thanks to the ability to give online.** Moreover, St. Mary's pays for the majority of charitable assistance for Wasatch and Summit County residents.

What does St. Lawrence do for St. Mary's?

With some of the most essential out-of-pocket expenses covered, St. Lawrence can focus on running its Religious Ed program, allowing hundreds more kids to be catechized in our own facilities and provide 2 full-time staff members of our own to help with requests across the county.

What is the relationship to the St. Lawrence Thrift Store?

The Thrift Store is run by the parish as a way to help serve those in need and raise needed funds. The Thrift Store regularly gives St. Mary's money that is about the same as the cost of a full time priest so St. Lawrence can have one.

Can I attend both churches? Are they both open to all?

Yes! Both communities benefit from shared faith formation, social events, facilities, resources, sacramental opportunities, and expanded offerings, thanks to the selfless contributions of parishioners at both locations. Everyone is invited to the parish-wide Summits, which features renowned guest-speakers. And everyone is encouraged to go to Mass or serve in ministries at whichever location they wish! We are one faith-community!

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