

June 24, 2018

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Mass Readings: Isa. 49:1-6 (587), Acts. Of the Apostles 13:22-26, Luke. 1:57-66, 80, Resp.: "I praise you, for I am wonderfully made."

Events for this week.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
in the Adoration Chapel

Sun. 10:00 am Mass
Mon. 8:00 am Mass, Rosary 7:35
Tue. 8:00 am Mass, Rosary 7:35
Wed. 8:00 am Mass Rosary 7:35
Thur. 8:00 am Mass Rosary 7:35
Sat. 4 pm: Confessions
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sun. 10:00 am Mass

Babysitting during 10:00 am Mass, Downstairs in the Rainbow room with Linda.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE

THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS: Rita DuBernay, Mark Lowery, Susan Hoyt, David Walker, Rod Durham, Mary Fiorillo, Gayle Knight, Debbie Knight, Roxanne Gibson, Bill Brown, Ella Rogers, Valentino Ricciotti, Quenten Fabiano, Laurel Olmsted, Marie Hannah-Hamer, Laulima Lyman, Ruby Annalora, Cindy Hagness, Kay Frost, Louise Mitchell, Boomer Doell, Joseph Vaughan, Todd Wilson, Frank Elliott, Katie Sheere, Bob McBride, Kay Sheere, Bird Dobbins, Merrill Gorham, Correne Bonkowski, Maria Haney, Virginia Wimer, Anna Melba Astitas Aliaga, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, June Shira, Chelsea Tose, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson, Phil Hansen, Larry Espinola, Janet McLaughlin, Lorini Morehead and Ryan Lund. **To update this list, call or email the parish office.**

Welcome

We extend a special welcome to those that are passing through, those that have made this their home and those still searching for their parish family. We are glad you are here and celebrating God's word and presence with us in today's Eucharistic celebration.

Is Your Home Blessed?

Blessing your home is a great way to invite your family and friends to celebrate the many blessings of God and to share your Catholic faith. It is also a great opportunity for families to welcome Fr. Saji into their home, especially so that the kids have the opportunity to interact with a priest and get to know him in an informal setting. If you would like your home blessed — even if it has been blessed in the past — please call the parish office or contact Fr. Saji to schedule a time for him to visit and bless your home.

Help Keep Donuts Available

No coffee hour this week. Please help keep coffee hour available Sunday mornings by signing up to host a week. **Please sign up at the back of Church if you would like to host, or call the office.**

Thank You to Our Bulletin Sponsors

The businesses advertising on the back of the bulletin make it possible to provide the bulletin at no cost to the parish. Let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin!

Prayer Request Line

Please contact Mary Gover 963-3042
or Theresa Beery 963-2372.

Baptism

Preparation is required for parents. Please call the office for further information.

Marriage

Preparation and instruction classes at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Saji at the parish office.

Communion to the Sick

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 541- 963-7341.

Website

www.olvcatholic.org

FORMED

Online resources to build your faith. Register for free at FORMED.ORG and enter parish code: **MAMWFF**

DIOCESAN CAMPS IN POWELL BUTTE, OREGON

Registrations are due soon for Diocesan summer camps. Please contact Amanda (youth@olvcatholic.org) or the parish office by Wednesday, June 27 if you are interested in having your child attend or in being a chaperone. All registrations will be processed through the parish.

Upper Elementary Camp grades 4th-6th will be July 12-15 and middle school grades 6th-8th camp will be July 19-22. The cost is \$155, and registrations are available on the bulletin board in the parish hallway.

Thank You For Your Support!

Our Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who stopped by the Parish hall to enjoy a delicious breakfast last Sunday after 10 am Mass and everyone who donated, helped setup and clean Friday and Saturday for their 2nd Garage Sale. Your support and donations were greatly appreciated. Please consider joining us next month.

OLV Sunday Mass Choir

Saint Augustine says "**He who sings prays twice.**" Please share your musical and vocal talents by joining the Sunday Mass Choir. We rehearse every Tuesday evenings at 6:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the parish hall conference room. We look forward having you join us anytime.

Retroville Marriage Retreat

Rediscover Your Marriage

"My God is now my strength!" Let God be the strength of your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on August 17th-19th at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House. For more information call 1-503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.helpourmarriage.org
Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

Altar Servers Needed

The honor of Altar Server is open to any boy or girl who has received their first communion and up to the age of 18. Please join us. It is great to serve God on the altar. Call the office to sign-up, or speak with Fr. Saji.

Community Help: Donations Unlimited

To donate household items, linens, clothing, lamps & microwaves please call Linda Williams at 541-963-2282.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Feast Day: June 24

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28). John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30). John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic. The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus.

John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus. Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

Reflection

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

Ordination for the Diocese

On **Thursday, June 28, Seminarian Stephen Garza** will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon (Transitional) for the Diocese of Baker. The ordination will take place at **7 pm at Our Lady of Angels Church in Hermiston**. A reception will follow. Please keep Stephen in your prayers as he completes his preparation for ordination, and please consider attending this joyful celebration as Deacon Stephen commits his life to the service of God's people in the Diocese of Baker.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Sharing our Faith*. If you have not made our commitment, today would be a convenient opportunity to do so. Pledge cards, envelopes and pencils are available in your pews or in the vestibule of the Church. One completed, please place your pledge card in the Offertory basket. This year the campaign goal is \$625,000 and our parish goal is \$14,922. Every gift is important to the success of the Appeal. Thank our for your generosity. To learn more about the appeal and to view the video of Bishop Cary's Appeal message, please visit the diocesan website www.dioceseofbaker.org

Bishop Liam Cary's Visit to OLV

Bishop Cary will be visiting Our Lady of the Valley on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 & 28. There will be an Exhortation in English from 3-5pm on Saturday, Vigil Mass at 5:30pm followed by a Potluck. On Sunday, Mass will be at 10am Exhortation in Spanish from 11:30am-1pm. We hope you are able to take time out of your schedule to join us. If you have any questions please call the office.

Sunday, June 30, 2018

Saturday June 30, 5:30 Vigil Mass:

Lector: Charlene Storoe

Altar Servers: Carson De Clue

Acolyte: Dan Gonzalez

Eucharist Ministers: Kris Ann McDonald, Walt Beery

Sunday July 1, 10am Mass

Lector: Delia Jaramillo

Alter Servers: Melissa Zaragoza, Marisol Villagomez, Natalia Robles

Acolyte: Jason Kehr

Eucharist Ministers: Chuck Bieker, Lupe Villagomez, Lucy Fredrick, Corrine Dutto.

All Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers please meet in the Sacristy 15 minutes before Mass.

It's Time to Think about the FAIR!

August 1-4: FAIR BOOTH

We Need Your Help to Make It a Success!

We have a little over a month before the fair! This is the parish's biggest fundraiser of the year, and your help is needed to make it a success. Sign-up sheets to donate food and to volunteer to work at the fair will be available soon. **There will be a Fair Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Parish Conference Room.** Please support this important event through your donations of goods and of your time! If you have any questions please contact Tony & Kay Faro or call/email the Parish Office.

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Office@olvatholic.org

2018 Annual Parish Picnic

Please mark your calendars and save the date for our Parish Picnic. This year it will be on Sunday, Sep. 9 at Riverside Park with Mass starting at 11:00 am, followed by lunch and fun.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Pure Fatherhood

Fathers are the link between heaven and earth and are intended to be an image of our Heavenly Father. Drawing on the examples of St. Joseph, Devin Schadt shows us how to become a father on earth like our Father in heaven. Devin is a husband, a father of five, and the co-founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph, an apostolate dedicated to the renewal of authentic fatherhood.

Share Your Soles and Help Keep a Dream Alive

This is an appeal to all parishioners to please consider helping. Pete Eke is an OLV parishioner and an EOU student and member of the Men's Basketball team. Before coming to America he was unable to purchase basketball shoes; he received his first pair at a locally hosted basketball camp in Nigeria. After feeling so blessed he came up with a shoe drive called "Share Your Soles and Help Keep a Dream Alive" campaign platform with the purpose of giving back, serving and motivating campers on the importance of dreaming and working hard towards that dream. This shoe drive will benefit Nigerian students/athletes during a 4-day basketball camp in his home town of Enugu, Nigeria. The camp is scheduled to take place in July 2018. Any form of support towards this project whether thought donations of funds, shoes (new or gently used) are greatly appreciated. The funds raised from this campaign will be used to ship the shoes collected from the shoe drive as well as hospitality for the campers and other things that may be needed. If you

would like to make a donation you can go to www.gofundme.com/keeping-dreams-alive-through-soles If you have any other questions or would like to bring in donations; please contact Nancy Beem at

541-786-9741

COLLECTION

NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET: \$3,400
Sunday's 6/17 collection: \$2,857

