

# December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings: Is. 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thes. 5:16-24; Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28  
Resp. My soul rejoices in my God.

## Events for this week.

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

- Sun. 10 am: Mass  
11 am: Religious Education/Youth Programs  
11 am: Children's Choir Practice for Christmas Mass at the beginning of Religious Education  
11 am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Mon. 7:30 am: Mass: Henry & Lorena See †  
8 am: Rosary
- Tue. 7:30 am: Mass: Bobby & Robert Jacobs †  
8 am: Rosary
- Wed. 7:30 am: Mass: Family of Dick & Susan Nieth †  
8 am: Rosary
- Thur. 7:30 am: Mass: Esther Garcia & Eduardo Gallardo †  
8 am Rosary
- Sat. 4 pm: Confessions  
5:30pm Vigil Mass: Family of Arsenia Eugenia †
- Sun 10 am: Mass — 4th Sunday of Advent  
4 pm: Youth Choir rehearsal  
4:30 pm: Caroling before Christmas Mass  
5 pm: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass followed by Birthday Cake for Jesus and Gifts for Children.  
11:30 pm: Caroling before Midnight Mass  
12:00 am Midnight Mass followed by Birthday Cake for Jesus and Gifts for Children.

**Babysitting during 10:00 am Mass**  
(in basement classroom under parish office).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS:** Jackie & Bruce Caldwell, Mark Lowery, Susan Hoyt, David Walker, Rita DuBernay, 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, Rita Ellison, Virginia Wimer, Anna Melba Astitas Aliaga, Denise McDaniel, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, June Shira, Chelsea Tose, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson. **To update this list, call or email the parish office.**

## Knights of Columbus Breakfast TODAY

Please plan to attend the Knights of Columbus breakfast next weekend. Just \$5 per person or \$15 per family! A great deal for a great meal!

## Angel Giving Tree: Please help those in need!

If you took a tag from the tree, **please return the gift by Tuesday, Dec. 19, by noon.** If you wrap your gift, please be sure to attach the tag from the tree (for office use) as well as a brief description of the gift. You do not have to wrap the gift; feel free to drop the unwrapped gift off with the tag! There are still some tags on the tree. If you can, please take a tag to help those in need.

## 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**

## Christmas Food Baskets

If you signed up to bring food for the Christmas food baskets, please bring that to the office by tomorrow, Dec. 18. Please see the list at the back of Church to see what food is still needed.

## Gifts for Youth

As last year will continue the Christmas celebration after each Mass with Birthday cake for Jesus and gifts for youth (infants through high school). Please bring small wrapped gifts to the office by Monday, December 18. Indicate what is inside so we can label for an approximate age range. Ideas: playdough, coloring books, bubble bath, small gift certificates, toy cars. Contact Amanda with questions.

## Advent Penance Service this Tuesday

This **Tuesday, Dec. 19**, the Our Lady of the Valley will have its annual **Advent Penance Service**. Confessions will begin at **7 pm**. There will be four priests in addition to Fr. Saji **hearing confessions, and** confessions will be available in Spanish. An examination of conscience is included in this bulletin to help you prepare. Additional examinations of conscience are available at usccb.org. In the search bar, entire "examination of conscience." There are examinations for children, young adults, as well as adults. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1468. *"The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship.*

1487. *The sinner wounds God's honor and love, his own human dignity as a man called to be a son of God, and the spiritual well-being of the Church, of which each Christian ought to be a living stone.*

1489. *To return to communion with God after having lost it through sin is a process born of the grace of God who is rich in mercy and solicitous for the salvation of man. One must ask for this precious gift for oneself and for others.*

## Notice from Fr. Saji

*I failed to acknowledge the source of the message I sent out in the beginning of the Advent season.*

*Fr. Saji Thomas, CMI*

## **December Youth Choir Practice Today!**

The Youth Choir will rehearse after Mass on **Sunday, December 17** and will sing at the **Christmas Eve Family Mass**. Please meet in the conference room on **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, at 4 pm** to warm up for caroling and Mass.

## **ICYC**

The Idaho Catholic Youth Convention is an opportunity for our high school youth to have a dynamic experience celebrating and learning more about their Catholic faith. Date: March 9-11, 2018 with the theme Endless Joy. The event includes: Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, music, speakers, and youth from the Boise Diocese doing skits and Saint monologues. Speakers include Fr. Rob Galea - a priest, singer and songwriter currently serving in Australia and Danielle Rose, a music missionary. Donations to support OLV Youth's attendance at ICYC by sponsoring registrations for youth or funding transportation expenses are an investment in nurturing and strengthening the faith of our youth. Please contact Amanda if your youth would like to attend or if you are interested in contributing.

## **Living the Liturgical Year**

December 17 marks the beginning of the "**O**" Antiphons. And though we may not know it, we are all familiar with the O Antiphons because they are the base of the song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. These antiphons are prayed during Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours before the Magnificat ("My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my soul rejoices in God my Savior... Lk 1:46-56) from December 17 - 23, the octave before Christmas and the final preparation of Advent. Each antiphon reflects a prophecy from Isaiah about the coming of, and Israel's waiting for, the Messiah, and each highlights a title of the Messiah. As one author put it, "The "O" Antiphons are the story of the covenant yearning of the Chosen People, condensed in seven small phrases" (<http://www.catholicculture.org>)

We are now the people who wait and yearn for the Lord. We have anticipated his second coming in the Advent liturgies, we anticipate his birth at Christmas, and the O Antiphons are our opportunity to renew the good intentions we had at the beginning of Advent to live it well and prayerfully. Praying the O Antiphons each day can remind us of who it is we are looking for at Christmas.

12/17: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

12/18: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

12/19: O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

12/20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

12/21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

12/22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

12/23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

(<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/the-o-antiphons-of-advent.cfm>)

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 23, 5:30 pm, Vigil Mass:**

Lector: Amanda Villagomez

Altar Servers: Carson De Clue, Clinton Tarvin

Acolyte: Joe Petrussek

Eucharistic Ministers: Janis Bozarth, Elaine Acevedo

**Sunday, December 17, 10:00 am, Mass:**

Lector: Delia Jaramillo

Altar Servers: Elphrine Yiftheg, Michael Yiftheg

Acolyte: TJ Yiftheg

Eucharistic Ministers: Chuck Bieker, Delia Jaramillo

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

## **Adult Faith Formation in January**

Three Adult Faith Formation opportunities begin in January. Beginning January 9, on Tuesday mornings at 9 am, Kathy Gorham will facilitate a discussion of the book *Rediscovering Jesus*. Beginning on January 11, Thursday mornings at 9 am, Lucy Frederick will facilitate a study of the Gospel of John. Beginning January 10, on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, Chris and Janet McLaughlin will facilitate the study "Who Am I to Judge" by Dr. Edward Sri. More information on these programs will follow. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office to allow for planning for materials.

## **Virgen de Guadalupe**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration a success: those who decorated, who provided flowers, music, food, and those who attended the mañanitas and Mass.

## **Thank You to Our Bulletin Sponsors**

When you patronize one of our sponsors, let them know you saw their ad in the bulletin!

## **Community Help: Donations Unlimited**

To donate household items, linens (including bedding of all sizes), furniture, or appliances, and clothing (coats are needed!). call Linda Williams at 541-963-2282.

## **Stained Glass Donations are Underway**

We have sponsors for all the stained glass windows in the Church and for two of the three windows in the Chapel. Our Lady of Good Counsel is still available to sponsor for \$1,000. Given the great outpouring of interest, the angel windows over the door to the hall and over Our Lady of Guadalupe as well as the two very plain windows in the sacristy and the window in the door in the alter will be available for a \$500 sponsorship. Every donation matters, and donations made in someone's name can be a great gift for someone who needs nothing..

## **Young Man Needs a Room**

Nikota Farmer is working at People Helping People and needs a room to rent. He has references. Please call him if you have a room. 541-786-8453.



## **COLLECTION NEEDED**

**TO MEET BUDGET: \$3,400**

**Last Sunday's collection: \$2,206**