

December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings: is 63:16-17, 19, & 64:2-7; I Cor. 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37;
Resp. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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
- Mon. 7 am Mass: Jane Herman†
8 am Rosary
Evening: Rosary Novena—Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Tue. 7 am Mass: Leonard Herman †
8 am Rosary
Evening: Rosary Novena—Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Wed. 7 am Mass: Bernice & Earl Liggett †
8 am Rosary
Evening: Rosary Novena—Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Thur. 7 am Mass: Romay & Phil Ater †
8 am Rosary
- Fri. 7 am Mass: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception —Chester Moats†
8 am Rosary
7 pm Mass: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception followed by family celebration of the Parish's Feast Day.
Evening: Rosary Novena—Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Sat. 4:00 pm Confessions
5:30pm Vigil Mass
Evening: Rosary Novena—Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Sun 10:00 am Mass
11:00 am Religious Education/Youth Programs —Youth-led Advent prayer for the parish!
Evening: Rosary Novena—Our Lady of Guadalupe

Babysitting during 10:00 am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS: Jackie & Bruce Caldwell, Delia Jaramillo, 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.**

Donuts TODAY!!

Thank you, Chuck and Jeannette Bieker, for providing today's hospitality. If you enjoy having coffee hour after Mass, please sign up to provide this hospitality on a future Sunday. See the signup at the back of Church.

December 10: Canceled to allow everyone to attend the youth-led prayer after Mass.

December 17: Knights of Columbus Breakfast

December 24: Host Needed

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**

Daily Mass Time Changed for Advent

Daily Mass is being celebrated at 7:30 am. \ to allow those who begin work at 8 am to attend. This will continue through Christmas. Please join us in celebrating Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist.

Advent Angel Giving Tree

The traditional Giving Tree will be up in the back of Church next weekend. Please help those in need by giving a gift. The requests will be on tags on the tree. If you select a tag, please return the tag with the gift by Monday, December 18. If you wrap your gift, please be sure to attach the tag from the tree (for office use—it will not be left on the gift) as well as a brief description of what is in the gift. You do not have to wrap the gift. Please feel free to drop the unwrapped gift off with the tag!

Second Sunday of Advent Youth-Led Prayer Service

Next weekend immediately after the 10 am Sunday Mass, please plan on staying in the church as the youth lead a bilingual Advent-focused prayer service, including the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. We hope that many parishioners will join together in prayer as we reflect on this special time in the liturgical year, preparing our hearts for Jesus.

Virgen de Guadalupe

A novena leading up to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe begins the evening of Monday, December 4th. Each evening we will gather in the houses of different families to pray the Rosary in Spanish, meditating on Our Lady's apparitions to St. Juan Diego in Mexico. The start time varies: 5 pm or 6 pm. The final Rosary will be on Tuesday, December 12th, during the mañanitas. If you are interested in participating in the novena, let Amanda know, and she will provide you with the addresses and times for each night. On December 12th, we will have mañanitas in the church at 6 am followed by a breakfast in the parish hall. At 6 pm that night there will be Mass in Spanish followed by a buffet style dinner. We hope to see many parishioners attend.

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, Dec. 16, there will be a retreat for those preparing for Confirmation from 10 am - 4 pm. Please pray for our youth as they prepare for confirmation on April 2.

December Youth Choir

The **Youth Choir** will rehearse after Mass on **Sunday, December 10 and 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 surrounded by hundreds of other Catholics. It will be held 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. If you would like to donate to support OLV Youth's attendance at ICYC, your contributions would be used to sponsor registrations for youth or for transportation expenses. You would be investing 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.

Immaculate Conception!

December 8th is a big day. It is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. On this day, we celebrate God's preparation of Mary to be the mother of Jesus. He did this by preserving her from original sin. Sometimes Protestants will comment that this would mean that Mary didn't need a savior. That is not what the Church teaches. Rather we understand that since Jesus is eternal, one with the Father, he saved his own mother before his life on earth! Preserving her from original sin makes sense in that it was into her body that God himself would come. Some have used the analogy of the Precious Blood. As we use a special vessel, a chalice, to hold the Precious Blood of Our Lord, Mary is the vessel of life for Jesus and as such it makes sense that she be preserved without stain of original sin in preparation for this day.

This feast day has a special significance to us. Not only is Our Lady under the title of "The Immaculate Conception" the patroness of the United States, she is patroness of Our Lady of the Valley. There will be a celebration with refreshments and family activities after the 7 pm Mass.

Neighbors Together Woodlot

December 9th is a "**work day**" - Chop and split wood, stack it, and clean the woodlot.

December 16th is a **giving day** - Help load wood into people's vehicles.

A couple of guidelines:

*Minors will be allowed to do things like clean up and loading, if they are accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

*Wear solid shoes and bring gloves.

*The woodlot supervisors have to give permission to anyone running chain saws or wood splitters - We don't want any injuries.

If you have anyone who would like to help, email me or call the **Neighbors Together phone #: 541-963-9126**.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, Dec. 8, 7:30 am Mass

Lector: Janet McLaughlin

Acolyte: John Herman

Eucharistic Ministers: Walt Beery, Elaine Acevedo

Friday, Dec. 8, 7 pm Mass

Lector: Nancy Allen

Altar Servers: Clinton Tarvin, Riley Gregg

Acolyte: Dan Gonzalez

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe and Cathy Petrussek.

Second Sunday of Advent,

Saturday, Dec. 9, 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Lector: Dave Fessler

Altar Servers: JorgeLuis De Anda, McKenna Shaw

Acolyte: Joe Petrussek

Eucharistic Ministers: Janis Bozarth, Kris Ann McDonald

Sunday, Dec. 10, 10:00 am Mass:

Lector: Meldy Lim

Altar Servers: Alex Kehr, Ridge Kehr, Lizbet Villagomez

Acolyte: Jason Kehr

Eucharistic Ministers: Corrine Dutto, Delia Jaramillo, Efrain Villagomez, Lupe Villagomez

The Anima Advent Series continues!

Wine, Cheese, Chocolate... and yes, Conversation

Join us for the second of a three week **Advent discussion series Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 pm**, in the Conference Room. Hosted by Christ and Janet McLaughlin, the series provides an opportunity **to reflect on our life in Christ and prepare our hearts for his coming**. Refreshments are provided.

Advent Meditations and More!

In addition to the Advent resources available in FORMED, you may want to sign up for daily meditations emailed to you each day of the season. Here are some ideas:

Bishop Robert Barron at WordonFire:

<https://DailyCatholicGospel.com>

Dynamic Catholic: dynamiccatholic.com/advent

The USCCB offers a number of **resources** to help celebrate Advent well — **including a bilingual family Advent calendar!** See the resource list at www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/index.cfm

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