

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings: Is. 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt. 3:8-14; Mk. 1:1-8
Resp. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

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 Youth-led Advent prayer for the parish!
Evening: Rosary Novena—Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Mon. 7:30 am Mass: Stephen Bozarth†
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- Tue. 6 am: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mananitas with
Rosary followed by breakfast in the hall
7:30 am Mass: Joseph Schlieski, Sr. †
8 am Rosary
6 pm Mass: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
(in Spanish) followed by dinner in the hall.
- Wed. 7:30 am Mass: Dorothy Schlieski †
8 am Rosary
6:30 pm Final Advent Discussion
- Thur. 7:30 am Mass: Douglas Schlieski†
8 am Rosary
9 am Final Book Club Meeting: *Meet Your Mother*
- Sat. 10 am to 4 pm: Confirmation Retreat
4 pm Confessions
5:30pm Vigil Mass: Hugh and Lena Long †
- Sun 10 am Mass
11 am Religious Education/Youth Programs
11 am Knights of Columbus Breakfast

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.**

NO Donuts TODAY!!

Thanks to everyone who has hosted Coffee and Donuts. **Next weekend will be a Knights of Columbus Breakfast.** We will not have coffee and donuts on Christmas Eve. **Donuts will resume after the first of the year IF volunteers sign up** to take responsibility for the hospitality. See the sign up sheet at the back of Church.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Next Week

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!

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

Remember that daily Mass is at 7:30 am during Advent. Please join us in celebrating Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist.

Angel Giving Tree: Please help those in need!

Please help those in need by giving a gift. Select a tag, purchase the gift, and 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) 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!

TODAY: Youth-Led Prayer Service

Immediately after the Sunday Mass, there will be a **bilingual, youth-led Advent prayer service**, including the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. **Please stay and join 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** is underway. There is a gathering in different home each evening at 5 or 6 pm to pray the Rosary in Spanish, meditating on Our Lady's apparitions to St. Juan Diego. **If you are interested in participating, contact Amanda for the location and time of each night's gathering. On December 12th, the final Rosary will be during the mañanitas in the Church at 6 am** and will be followed by a breakfast in the parish hall. At 6 pm that night there will be **Mass in Spanish followed by a buffet dinner.** We hope to see many parishioners attend.

Confirmation Retreat this Saturday

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.

Advent Penance Service

The parish Advent Penance Service is Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 pm. There will be five priests in addition to Fr. Saji. Confessions will be available in Spanish.

Stained Glass Donations are Underway

Thank you to all those who have already donated. Please consider what you can donate or pledge for this project.

December Youth Choir Practice Today!

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Last week, we celebrated Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Under that title, she is patroness of the United States. This week we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Under this title she **is patroness** not only of Mexico but **of all the Americas**. Pope St. John Paul II also spoke of her as **patroness of the unborn**. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe we are familiar with is from the miraculous imprint of her image on the tilma worn by St. Juan Diego when he presented the local Bishop with the roses he requested as a sign of the authenticity of Mary's appearance. This image is fascinating. It is on a poor quality cactus cloth that should have decayed within twenty years or so. However, despite exposure to humidity, salty air, and the impact of being near tens of thousand of candles, without protection for 166 years, it showed no signs of decay. Dr. Aldofo Orozco, a physicist at the National University of Mexico, points out that "All cloths similar to the Tilma placed in the environment around the Basilica have lasted no more than ten years." He also points to a painting made of the original image in 1789, protected with glass, and displayed near it. After eight years, it was thrown away because the colors were fading and the fabric was deteriorating. The original tilma shows no signs of decay after 485 years, and it has survived an accidental spill of 50 percent nitric acid on the cloth without destroying it as well as a 1921 attempt to destroy it by bomb. "The explosion broke the marble floor and window 150 meters from the explosion but neither the tilma nor the normal glass protecting it was damaged or broken," though a brass crucifix near the blast was twisted. Dr. Orozco considers, that the continued existence of the tilma "**is completely beyond any scientific explanation**" (catholicnewsagency.com). In fact, scientists have said that the image does not have natural, animal, or mineral colorings (and there were no synthetic colorings in 1531!); others said there is no trace of paint of any kind of treatment of the fabric (zenit.org). Some have called this image **Mary's "Miraculous Self-Portrait"** (monestaryicons.com).

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Saturday, December 16, 5:30 pm, Vigil Mass:

Lector: John Herman

Altar Servers: Elphrine Yifthege, Michael Yifthege

Acolyte: TJ Yifthege

Eucharistic Ministers: Amanda Villagomez, Walt Beery

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

Lector: Caroline Ward

Altar Servers: Gabriel Zamora, Cecilia Villagomez,
Celeste Villagomez

Acolyte: Jimmy Zamora

Eucharistic Ministers: Gustavo Robles, Elizabeth Robles,
Angie Lakey-Campbell, Lucy Frederick

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

Get FORMED

Many resources about Our Lady of Guadalupe are available, for both adults and children, in both English and Spanish. The movies that are available are "**Guadalupe**" (English and Spanish) for adults and "**Juan Diego**" (English and Spanish) for children.

Also in FORMED: Opening the Word and Journey through Advent

When you open FORMED.org, you will see a link for "Opening the Word." This is a weekly reflection on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. During Advent, a time of preparation, it is especially appropriate to take time during the week to reflect on the Gospel, to open our hearts and minds to God's word, in preparation for Sunday Mass. You may also want to search for "Journey through Advent" by Bishop Robert Barron. This audio provides a homily for each Sunday of Advent.

Neighbors Together Woodlot

December 16th: Help load wood into people's vehicles. If you have anyone who would like to help, email me or call the **Neighbors Together phone #: 541-963-9126**.

Last Week of the Anima Series

Wine, Cheese, Chocolate... and yes, Conversation
Join us for the last **Advent discussion Wednesday** from **6:30 to 8 pm**, in the **Conference Room**. This is a time to **reflect on our life in Christ and prepare our hearts for his coming**. Refreshments are provided.

Thank You to Our Bulletin Sponsors

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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.

TODAY: Religious Retirement Collection

Please include your donation for the Religious Retirement Collection with your regular Sunday offering, and please be as generous as you can.

COLLECTION NEEDED

TO MEET BUDGET: \$3,400

Last Sunday's collection: \$2,964

