

December 02, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (3C), 1 Thess. 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Resp.: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

Events for this week

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday—Thursday
9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Marian Chapel in the church.

- Sun. 10:00 am Mass— 1st Sunday of Advent
11:20 am—Religious Education/Youth Programs
- Mon. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass—Joe Frederick †
- Tue. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass—Richard Eric Hunt †
9:00 am Book Club—Canceled Till Further Notice
6:00 pm—**Lighting of the Christmas Crib**
6:30 pm—K of C Potluck in the Parish Hall
- Wed. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass—Bob Bieker †
12:00 am RCIA Class
- Thur. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass —Joseph T. Brophy †
9:00 am Bible Study—Conference Room
- Fri. 8:00 am First Friday Mass
7:00 pm Vigil Mass—Feast Immaculate Conception
- Sat. 8:00 am Feast of the Immaculate Conception—
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
10:00 am Memorial Service—**Frank Miller †**
11:00 am Funeral Meal— Memorial Service.
4:00 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
- Sun. 10:00 am Mass—Second Sunday of Advent
11:20 am Religious Education/Youth Program

Babysitting during the 10:00 am Mass is 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, 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, Janet McLaughlin, Lorini Morehead, Ryan Lund & Kathy Gorham. **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.

Coffee Hour After Sunday Mass

Please join us after Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee hour. If you would like to host a week, there's a signup sheet located on the table at the back of the church.

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

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Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Next **Saturday, December 8th** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation Mass. Vigil Mass** will be on **Friday at 7:00 pm** and **Saturday at 8:00 am**

Lighting of the Christmas Crib

Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 pm

The Lighting will be followed by Knights of Columbus sponsored potluck in the Parish Hall all are welcome.

Second Collection: Retirement Collection

We will be having a second collection next Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday Dec. 9. Please include your donation for the Religious Retirement Collection with your regular offering, and please be as generous as you can. There's extra envelopes on the table at the back of the church.

Advent Penance Service

The parish Advent Penance Service is **Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 pm**. There will be three priest in addition to Fr. Saji with one Spanish speaking priest be available for this service.

Novena & Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Wednesday, December 12th we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with mañanitas in Spanish at 6 am. In the **evening**, there will be a **Bilingual Mass at 6:00 pm**, followed by a buffet style dinner.

All are welcome to attend and participate. There will be 3 priest, readings will be in Spanish and in English, all prayers will be in English. Please contact Amanda Villagomez if you would like to sponsor a novena at your house or church.

Novena Date, Time and Place

- Tues. Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm house of Bernicio & Adelaida Lopez
Wed. Dec. 5 at 6:00 pm house of Gustavo & Elizabeth Robles
Thurs. Dec. 6 at 6:00 pm house of Maria Josefina Hernandez
Fri. Dec. 7 at 6:00 pm. Our Lady of the Valley Church
Sat. Dec. 8 at 6:30 pm house of Ines Rodriguez
Sun. Dec. 9 at 6:00 pm house of Israel & Reyna Villagomez
Mon. Dec. 10 at 6:00 pm house of Manuel & Amanda V.
Mon. Dec. 11 **available**
Tues. Dec. 12 at 6:00 am Our Lady of the Valley Church
- Please call the office to get the address/phone numbers of the family sponsoring the novena.**

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 17. 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!

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary; December 08, 2018

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the solemn celebration of belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. It is universally celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. The Immaculate Conception is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, and is celebrated worldwide.

Pope Francis' Prayer for The Immaculate Conception

O Mary, our Immaculate Mother, On your feast day I come to you, And I come not alone: I bring with me all those with whom your Son entrusted to me, In this city of Rome and in the entire world, That you may bless them and preserve them from harm. I bring to you, Mother, children, Especially those who are alone, abandoned, And for this reason are tricked and exploited. I bring to you, Mother, families, Who carry forward life and society With their daily and hidden efforts; In a special way the families who struggle the most For their many internal and external problems. I bring to you, Mother, all workers, both men and women, And I entrust to you especially those who, out of need, Are forced to work in an unworthy profession And those who have lost work or are unable to find it. We are in need of your immaculate gaze, To rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things With respect and awareness, Without egotistical or hypocritical interests. We are in need of your immaculate heart, To love freely, Without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other, With simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks. We are in need of your immaculate hands, To caress with tenderness, To touch the flesh of Jesus In our poor, sick, or despised brethren, To raise up those who have fallen and support those who waver. We are in need of your immaculate feet, To go toward those who know not how to make the first step, To walk on the paths of those who are lost, To find those who feel alone. We thank you, O Mother, because in showing yourself to us You free us of all stain of sin; You remind us that what comes first is the grace of God, The love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us, The strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things. Let us not give in to discouragement, But, trusting in your constant help, Let us engage ourselves fully in renewal of self, Of this city and of the entire world. Pray for us, Holy Mother of God!

Would you like to Bring The Gifts to the Altar?

If you or your family would like to volunteer to bring The Gifts to the Altar during Mass on Saturdays and/or Sundays, there is a sign-up list located on the table at the back of the Church or call the office with any questions or to volunteer.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets every Thursday, from 9—10 am in the Conference Room. The focus is on the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to join and do not have a book, please contact

Lucy Fredrick at (858) 705-7403

OLV Book Club

BOOK CLUB IS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

FORMED Pick of the Week; **Jesus the Bridegroom**

The Greatest Love Story Ever Told

Dr. Brant Pitre is an enthusiastic and engaging speaker who regularly lectures throughout the country. In this stunning talk, Dr. Pitre applies his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity to the very heart of the Gospel: the love of Christ. You will learn what it really means to have a "personal relationship" with Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Bridegroom.

OLV Church Clean-Up Day

On Saturday, December 15 our Parish will have Church Clean-Up Day at 10:00 am. Please come and help get our church ready for Christmas by volunteering your time and energy, feel free to bring any cleaning supplies you may have. More information will be posted soon. Call the office with any questions.

Sunday, December 09, 2018

Friday, Dec. 07, 7:00 pm Mass: Immaculate Con.

Lector: Charlene Storoe

Altar Servers: Riley Gregg, Michelle Silva, Stephanie Silva

Acolyte: Patrick Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Amanda Villagomez, Lucy Fredrick, Corrine Dutto, Walt Beery

Saturday, Dec. 08, 8:00 am Mass: Immaculate Con.

Lector: Lyle Schwarz

Altar Servers: Clinton Tarvin, Gabriel Zamora

Acolyte: Jason Kehr

Eucharistic Ministers: Janis Bozarth, Elaine Acevedo

Saturday, Dec. 08, 5:30 pm Mass:

Lector: Charlene Storoe

Altar Servers: Elphirene Yiftheg, Michael Yiftheg

Acolyte: John Herman

Eucharistic Ministers: Amanda Villagomez, Kris Ann McDonald

Sunday, Dec. 09, 10:00 am Mass:

Lector: Phil Mendiguren

Altar Servers: Alex Kehr, Ridge Kehr, Kris Lim

Acolyte: Jimmy Zamora

Eucharistic Ministers: Angie Lakey-Campbell, Corrine Dutto, Jim Wimer, Carol Wimer

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 8:00 am Mass: Lady of Guadalupe

Lector: Amanda Villagomez

Altar Servers: Brittany Robles, Cecilia Villagomez

Acolyte: Jimmy Zamora

Eucharistic Ministers: Efrain Villagomez, Lupe Villagomez

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

Best Advent Ever

To sign up for the Best Advent Ever please go to:
www.BestAdventEver.com and set up an account.

Knights of Columbus Pool Tournament!

Pool Tournament will be starting the first Monday of January 2019. Open to all first thirty-two (32) entrants (male or female). Entry fee of \$5.00 per entrant mail entry free to: Phillip A. Mendiguren at 1806 2nd St. La Grande, OR 97850 or you can drop your entry fee in person at the Parish Office in advance of tournament. First-place will receive a trophy, bragging rights and 75% of money; Second-place will receive 25% of remainder of money. If you have any questions, please contact Phillip.

Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 18-20, 2019 call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

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COLLECTION

NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET: \$3,400

**Thanksgiving & Sunday's Mass 11/22 & 25
collection: \$1,818**