

January 06, 2019 The Epiphany Of The Lord

Mass Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 28 (20ABC), Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matt. 2:1-12, Resp.: "Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you."

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—The Epiphany of The Lord
11:20 am Religious Education/Youth Program
- Mon. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass—**Dick and Susan Nieth**
- Tue. 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass
- Wed. 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass
- Thur. 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Bible Study—Conference Room
6:00 pm OLVCW Meeting—Conference Room
- Sat. 4:00 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
- Sun. 10:00 am Mass—The Baptism of The Lord
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, Karen Seagal and Guadalupe Carrillo. **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 Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee hour. If you would like to host a week, there's a sign-up sheet located on the table at the back of the church or call the Parish office for more information or to volunteer.

Community Help: Donations Unlimited

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

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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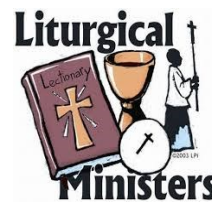
Please welcome Fr. Ildefone from Klamath Falls, OR. He will be here with us at OLV during Fr. Saji's vacation. Please keep Fr. Saji and Fr. Ildefone in your prayers.

OLV Catholic Women Meeting

Our OLVCW will be having their monthly meeting this Thursday, January 10th at 6pm in the Parish Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

OLV Liturgical Ministers Training/Refresher

Refresh Course: Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers;



All current Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and anyone interested in becoming a Lector/Eucharistic Minister please attend this refresher to be held on **Thursday, January 31st at 6:30 pm. Please meet in the Church.**

Knights of Columbus News:

Pool Tournament!

Pool Tournament will be starting this Monday, January 07, 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.

Breakfast

Please plan to attend the Knights of Columbus breakfast on Sunday, January 20 after Mass. Just \$5 per person or \$15 per family!

Monthly Meeting

Open to all men of the Parish; The Knights of Columbus are holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory basement. Come and find out what the Knights do.

The Epiphany of The Lord

On January 6 the Church celebrates the feast of "Epiphany."

This feast commemorates the mysterious visit of the magi to the Baby Jesus. What does the word "Epiphany" mean? "Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" (phainein) and "on, to" (epi-).

An epiphany is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience. What is the feast of the Epiphany about? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528]. When is Epiphany celebrated? This varies from country to country. In some countries, Epiphany is a holy day of obligation (Canon Can. 1246 §1). Where that is the case, it is celebrated on January 6th. In the United States, Epiphany is not a holy day of obligation, and its celebration is transferred to the first Sunday after January 1st (source). In 2019, it so happens that the first Sunday after January 1st is January 6th, so the U.S. celebration of Epiphany will coincide with its universal celebration. Pope Benedict explains: It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third century. At about the same time the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25. The two feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they arose, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true sun, of history [The Spirit of the Liturgy, pp. 106-107]. Eventually, however, the emphasis on January 6 shifted --particularly in the west (and in some parts of the east)--to reflect manifestations of Christ beside that which occurred at his birth (namely, those that occurred at the coming of the magi, at his baptism, and at the wedding feast of Cana). This year the baptism of the Lord is also celebrated the first Sunday after Epiphany (Jan. 13), and the wedding at Cana is celebrated on the Sunday after that (Jan. 20).

Christmas Flower Donations



Thank you to all who made a donation for our Christmas flowers. **In Memory of: King J Fothergill, Catherine C. Fothergill and George E. Kenney** from: Paul Fothergill. **In Memory of: Dolores Allen, Virginia Crosby, Dave Gillis and Les Illi** from: Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Allen. **In Memory of: Jere McCarthy and Mercedes Boyne** from: Kay McCarthy. **In Honor of: US Service Men & Women** from: James & Linda Jones.

In Memory of: Jerry & Roberta Johnson and Deceased members of the Pace Family from: Terry Gray. **In Memory of: Joseph & Josephina Eickholt and Jack & Ella Hemmings** from: Bill & Elaine Acevedo. **In Memory of: Gary Brown** from: Peg Brown.

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Sunday, January 13, 2019

Saturday, Jan. 12, 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Lector: Charlene Storie

Altar Servers: Riley Gregg, Carson De Clue

Acolyte: John Herman

Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Acevedo, Amanda Villagomez

Sunday, Jan. 13, 10:00 am Mass

Lector: Meldy Lim

Altar Servers: Kris Lim, Marisol Villagomez, Lizbet Villagomez

Acolyte: Jimmy Zamora

Eucharistic Ministers: Delia Jaramillo, Lucy Fredrick, Jim Wimer, Carol Wimer

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

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.

Abortion Healing

Winter holidays are traditionally a time of reflection. Those who have lost children to abortion are reminded of the loss, the regrets, the if-onlys. Decide now that it is time for hope and healing. Why wait any longer to heal? Project Aurora is providing Rachel's Vineyard retreats February 15-17 in Portland and March 15-17 in Medford. The retreat is a safe and compassionate environment! Financial assistance is available. For more information, call 541-942-2861 or email ProjectAurora@aol.com. www.ProjectAurora.org. www.rachelsvineyard.org

Marriage Retreat: Retrouvaille

A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 18-20, please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org



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Christmas Mass & Sunday 12/30

\$10,649