

November 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 (2B); 1Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37; Resp. Psalm: "The 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: Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Chapel. **Please RSVP first.**

- Sun. 10:00 am Mass—**1st Sunday of Advent**
No CCD Classes
- Mon. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm College Meeting—Conference Room
- Tue. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
- Wed. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Youth Group
- Thur. 7:35 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
- Fri. 7:35 am Rosary—8:00 am First Friday Mass
- Sat. 4:00—4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
- Sun. 10:00 am Mass—**2nd Sunday of Advent**
CCD Classes after Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS: Bird Dobbins, Merrill & Kathy Gorham, Virginia Wimer, Astitas Aliaga, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson, Phil Hansen, Lorini Morehead, Bryan Lund, Mary Fiorillo, Carmen Lopez Sotelo, Ki E. Russell, Andy, Jeremy & Keller Younggren and Sheri Entrikin.
To update this list, call or email the 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 celebrating God's word and presence with us in today's Eucharistic celebration.

Building Repair Fund

When donating to the Building Repair Fund, please write a separate check. Thank you.

Sunday Mass Dispensation

The general **dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place until further notice.** Once the dispensation has been lifted we will let all parishioners know by email, phone call or mail.

Reconciliations—Confessions

Saturday 4:00 pm—4:30 pm or by appointment.

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call or email our Parish Office. Confessions are in the day chapel.

Prayer Request Line

Please contact Kathy McGee 541-663-1255 or Theresa Beery 541-963-2372.

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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Online resources to build your faith. Register for free at olvcatholic.formed.org

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm

All three Parish, La Grande, Union & Elgin Reconciliation Services will be held at OLV this year.

College Age/Young Adult Ministry

All college/young adult students are invited to attend our OLV College Group Ministry meeting on **Monday, November 30th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.** If you are interested or have any question, please email Brian Reynolds at brianbtr@me.com

Our Lady of the Valley is looking for contractors to bid on the following projects:

1. Install a 32x80 fire proof door on parish office basement storage room.
2. Unclog underground gutter drains located around the buildings. (prevent flooding)
3. Replace concrete steps and sidewalks in front of the church and parish hall with heated concrete.
4. Professional landscaper to landscape grounds, especially Marion Grotto.
5. Remodel parish hall.
6. Install handicap entrance to the parish hall.
7. Repair stucco and paint trim on the Rectory.

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to submit a bid to complete any of these projects, please contact the Parish Office for a complete scope of work. Thank you for your help.

OLV Christmas Baskets Applications



Applications for this year's Christmas baskets are now available in the office, applications are being offered to our parishioners first and are on a first come-first served basis. All applications are confidential, please call the office with questions.

Community Help: Donations Unlimited

To donate household items, linens, clothing, lamps and more please **call Linda Williams at 541-963-2282.**
Special needs at this time: Winter Coats size 5—14 years.

November 29: First Sunday of Advent

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

*'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'*¹

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed'" (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

1 Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006

Excerpted from the website of Congregation for the Clergy.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

For a Life in Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer

Tuesday, December 08, 2020

-Holy Day of Obligation-

Tuesday, December 08: 8:00 am

Reader: Amanda Villagomez

Tuesday, December 08: 7:00 pm

Reader: Lyle Schwarz

Sunday, December 06, 2020

Saturday, December 05: 5:30 pm

Reader: Charlene Storoe

Sunday, December 06: 10:00 am

Reader: Jimmy/Jenell Zamora

Usher: Branden Reynolds

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Saturday, December 12: 5:30 pm

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Reader: Amanda Villagomez

Sunday, December 13: 10:00 am

Reader: Jim Jones

Usher: Mike Morehead

Pope Francis Reflections

-Worldly Logic-

"Worldly logic is based on ambition, competition, it fights using the weapons of fear, extortion, and the manipulation of consciences. On the other hand, the logic of the Gospel, that is, the logic of Jesus, is expressed in humility and gratuitousness. It is silently but effectively affirmed with the strength of truth.

The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a kingdom of justice, love, and peace — Pope Francis

Reflection:

Would you say your logic — the way you make sense of things — more closely follows worldly logic or Jesus' logic? What helps you believe and follow the truth of Christ, the king of justice, love, and peace? What gets in your way of overcoming fear, manipulation, or ambition as typical tactics for "getting ahead" in life?

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COLLECTION

NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET: \$3,400

Sunday's Collection for 11/15 \$887.77

Social Outreach \$ Repair & Main. \$

