



Union, La Grande & Elgin, Oregon

MARANATHA (Come, Lord Jesus)

+++ Winter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Come, Lord Jesus is a nice prayer for the season of Advent.** In the year 2020, we all have gone through a lot of ups and downs. Most among these that people might bring to mind is the difficult times they have had passing through this coronavirus pandemic. Restricting our freedom of movement with our family and friends. I pray for all those who lost life and also pray for their families. May the loving Lord comfort each and every one. Also, I remember and pray for the doctors, nurses and all health workers in my daily mass.

As we are in the end of the year 2020, we are once again in the season of Advent. We prepare ourselves through daily prayers, reading the scriptures and reflecting on it, participating in the Eucharistic celebration, praying the rosary and making a good confession to receive our Lord and savior Jesus Christ who is the word incarnate. He is the light of the world. He dispels the darkness and brings peace, joy, hope and love. Let us open our hearts, our life and families to welcome him.

May Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ help us to overcome these difficult times with his abundant graces.

May he comfort us and give us courage to face the challenges of daily life with hope.

May Our Lord, be the center of our life and activities. He created each and everyone of us in his image and likeness.

Our Lord tells us "**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,** and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from **me,** for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt 11: 28 - 30).

Dear friends it is **time** to respond to his invitation. Come and join our Lord in his holy sacrifice of life for us. We assure you that we are taking all precautions for your wellbeing and safety.

**FR. SAJI THOMAS CMI, PASTOR**

Sacred Heart, Union

Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande

St. Mary's, Elgin



**- Advent Reconciliation Service -**

**Our Lady of the Valley: Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 pm.**

**- Christmas Mass Times -**

**Sacred Heart Union: Christmas Day 8:00 am**

**St. Mary's Elgin: Christmas Day 12:30 pm**

**Our Lady of the Valley: Vigil Mass 5:30 pm**

**Midnight Mass 12:00 am**

**Christmas Day 10:00 am**