

St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM
Reconciliation: Sat. 2:30—3:30 PM and by appt.

Holy Ghost, Valley

St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe

Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM

Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday 6:00 PM
Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 1 Holy Ghost Altar Society members
Wed., Dec. 2 Vera Hageman +
Thursday, Dec. 3 All ill parishioners
Friday, Dec. 4 Ian Andres +
Sat., Dec. 5, 4 PM Shane Wang +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5:30 PM at Holy Ghost in Valley, followed by Adoration from 6:00—7:00 PM.
Wednesday 1:00 PM Prov. St. Joseph Hospital Chapel
Thursday 12:15 PM St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30.

Tri-Parish Retreat

I hope everyone is seriously considering and marking their calendars for our tri-parish retreat which will be Friday-Sunday, January 15-17, at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. The theme of the retreat is: "How Do I Become a Saint? The Basics." Sanctity seems elusive, but it is at the heart of what animates us daily: the walk of Faith in a Person, Jesus Christ. This retreat will be centered on how we can live an adventure of sanctity within the reality of what we do daily, with clear, solid, biblical actions and intentions that bring Christ's resurrected light into our day. Specific topics that will be covered include Baptism; Grace; the Beatitudes; the Sacraments; Prayer (various forms); true Joy vs. Addictions — all in a unity that will keep things simple for our work-a-day world. Retreat cost and other information coming soon.

Shopping at eScrip On-Line Mall

Inspirational Recordings

Ed Grim will be playing some CDs of theological reflections in the parish library during coffee hour (following the 10 AM Mass) on December 6 and December 20 as an aid to spiritual development during this holy season of Advent. Everyone is invited.

Advent Confession Schedule

Normal day/time/locations:

- ◇ Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22; 6:00—7:00 PM at Holy Ghost (during Holy Hour).
- ◇ Friday, December 4 (first Friday); 5:00—5:30 PM at Sacred Heart.
- ◇ Saturdays, December 5, 12*, 19*; 2:30—3:30 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary.

**Note: Fr. Kevin Oiland will sub for Fr. Jeff to hear confessions on December 12. Fr. Jason Hiner will sub for Fr. Jeff to hear confessions and celebrate all Masses December 19 & 20.*

Additional days/times/locations:

- ◇ Monday, December 14, 5:30—6:30 PM; St. Mary of the Rosary. (Fr. Victor Blazovich will sub for Fr. Jeff to hear confessions on December 14.)
- ◇ Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30—7:30 PM; St. Mary's.
- ◇ Friday, Dec. 18; 5:00—6:00 PM, Sacred Heart.
- ◇ Saturday, Dec. 19, 8:00—9:00 AM, Holy Ghost.
- ◇ Tuesday, Dec. 22; 12:00 to 1:00 PM, St. Mary's.
- ◇ Wednesday, Dec. 23: Noon to 12:30, St. Mary's.
- ◇ Thursday, December 24; Noon to 1:00, St. Mary's.

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation and the patronal feast day of the United States of America. The Mass schedule for the Solemnity is:

- Monday, Dec. 7, 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, 9:00 AM at St. Mary of Rosary
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, 5:30 PM at Holy Ghost (followed by Holy Hour)

Christmas Mass Schedule

- * Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00 PM (St. Mary of the Rosary's youth Mass), 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart in Springdale, and 10:00 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary
- * Midnight Mass will be at 12:00 AM at St. Joseph (Jump Off Joe)
- * Christmas morning Mass will be at 9:00 AM at Holy Ghost in Valley.

St. Mary of the Rosary Christmas Party

October Financial Report

Parish	INCOME	EXPENSES
St. Mary's	\$10,934.77	\$11,688.01
Holy Ghost	3,126.64	2,860.65
Sacred Heart	958.90	886.41
<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
St. Mary's	\$52,363.55	\$39,642.03
Holy Ghost	11,157.80	9,993.78
Sacred Heart	4,321.87	2,589.61

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Family Faith Formation:

December Large Group Gathering

Our large-group gathering in December for *Family Faith Formation* is Wednesday, December 2, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Children K-6 will meet with their catechists while the adults meet with Fr. Jeff. Childcare provided for the pre-K children. Our theme is "Forming the Right Conscience," covered in Questions 76, 79, and 304 of *The Apostle's Family Catechism*. Contact Tanya Parrott (936-2594 or stgkparrott@gmail.com) with any questions.

By Heart Catechism

- 76. **How does the Nicene Creed express our faith in Christ's divinity?** "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father." The principle teaching is that Jesus is God-made-man, the Word-made-flesh.
- 79. **Does the Catholic Church teach that Jesus is truly God?** Yes, the Church has always taught and will always teach that Jesus is truly, fully God, just as He is truly, fully man, existing from all eternity (God the Son) together with the Father and the Holy Spirit but born in time (Jesus, Son of Mary), taking our humanity while losing nothing of His divinity.
- 304. **What is the wish of the Catholic Church concerning devotion to Mary?** Special veneration ought to be given to Mary, for she is the Mother of God and the

Thank you to those who are starting to do their on-line shopping through eScrip's On-Line Mall. It is a benefit to your parish. We now conclude this week with what Canon Law instructs regarding such pastoral care and instruction.

The *Code of Canon Law* contains a provision that applies in this situation: "Those who have been excommunicated or interdicted after the imposition or declaration of the penalty and others obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to holy Communion." (CIC 915) Note that this canon does not have the qualifier "unless they are acting on their conscience." What it specifies for the denial of Communion is "obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin." Couples who have civilly remarried are presumed to be engaging in sexual intercourse and thus committing grave sin, unless they are known to be living chastely. If their civilly remarried status is known in their community, then the presumed state of grave sin is manifest. And if their pastor has warned them about their situation and they do nothing to address it, then they are obstinately persevering in it. In such a circumstance (the way canon law is presently written), the pastor is obliged to refuse Communion. There is thus a canonical requirement constraining pastoral action in addition to the theological ones discussed above.

This series on Forming Right Conscience was largely supplied by Jimmy Akin, senior apologist for *Catholic Answers*. I (Fr. Jeff) now add my own concluding remarks. It is no secret that divorce and remarriage is a very challenging, delicate issue. I know of no family, no individual, who is not in some way impacted by the sorrow of divorce. But this widespread sorrow convinces me all the more (and hopefully convinces all of us) that the Church's mission now is *not* to water down the Church's stance and teaching on divorce but rather to double-down, as it were, and with renewed fervor teach the Gospel truth about marriage and divorce that Jesus Christ Himself gives to us in Sacred Scripture. Divorce and remarriage is a tough issue, no doubt about it. But as I have said many times already and will say many times more: Jesus never promised us that discipleship would be easy; He only said that it would be worth it. May it be so not only with marriage,

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis for information.
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony: Couples contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis at least four months prior to marriage.

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Parish Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays: 10:00—11:30 AM, 1:45—5:00 PM; Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM-5 PM