

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 (at Holy Ghost)
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM at HG

Sacred Heart, Springdale

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

Mass Intentions

October 25	Michael Maresca +
October 26	Johnie McCanna +
October 27	No Mass
October 28	Peggy & Richie Richmond
Oct. 29, 4:00 PM	Hugh Osborne +

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday	5:30 PM Mass at Holy Ghost in Valley, followed by Adoration from 6:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday	1:00 PM at Prov. St. Joseph Hospital
Thursday	No Mass on Thursday of this week
Friday	9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

During November, we are called in a special way to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. November 1 is All Saints Day and it is a holy day of obligation, which means attending Mass this day is every bit as mandatory as attending Mass on Sunday (or Saturday vigil). November 2 is All Souls Day. It is a feast day in the church but NOT a holy day of obligation. Mass times for both are:

All Saints:

- Monday, October 31, 6:00 PM in Springdale
- Tuesday, November 1, 8:00 AM in Chewelah
- Tuesday, November 1, 5:30 PM in Valley

All Souls:

- Nov. 2, 8:00 AM at Jump Off Joe (cemetery blessing to follow)
- Nov. 2, 10:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary (cemetery blessing to follow)
- November 2, 1:00 PM at St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

A Stewardship Prayer

Almighty and ever-faithful God, I gratefully acknowledge Your goodness to me and humbly recognize the many ways you have blessed my life. Your mercy and kindness turn my thoughts to gratitude. Please give me the grace I need to respond to your gifts by responsibly caring for them and returning them to You with increase. Help me to be a trustworthy steward. It is my fervent hope that whatever sacrifices I am able to offer, You will bring them to fulfillment. I make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Stewardship Theology

The Catholic Church has a very rich theology of Stewardship. Stewardship is a way of life, the way that leads to life. It is an invitation and, indeed, a divine summons to all who want to live out the baptismal call to virtue and holiness of life. The life of the active and intentional disciple of Jesus Christ is a life of Stewardship.

Stewardship is a give-and-receive relationship with the Lord and His Church; the Lord and His Church have given us so much already, and we have willingly and graciously received what has been given to us. We, in turn, are called to give back to the Lord and His Church, and the Lord and His Church willingly and graciously receive what we give back.

We are given many gifts. Do we use them as God would have us use them? Or do we bury them in the ground, as it were, as if we had been given nothing? A right and just sense of Stewardship would have us actually use what God has given us, that we may then give back to God an offering of our own.

When we give back to the Lord and His Church (when we embrace fully the spirit of Stewardship), it is Christ-like of us that we be grateful for what we are given and for what we give back, that what we offer is in keeping with the Word of God (i.e. we are never to offer anything unworthy or evil when what God has given us is always good), that we are compassionate in our giving, that we are generous with what we have been given in sharing it with others and giving back to God, that we are prayerful about how we can give back (and, more to the point, how God is calling us to give back), that we are forgiving (for the gift of mercy and forgiveness is often the most precious gift that we can give to another when we have been wronged in any way), and that we be cheerful in our giving back to the Lord and His Church, for God loves a cheerful giver.

As our 2016-2017 Stewardship Campaign now begins, I encourage each of us to be especially prayerful and discerning about how we can give back to the Lord and His Church this year, being mindful always of the countless gifts and blessings that God has already given to us.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the soul of Don McLaughlin, husband of Janet McLaughlin, who passed away October 17. Eternal rest grant unto Don, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

K. C. Breakfast November 6

The next Knights of Columbus breakfast will be November 6 after the 10:00 AM Mass. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a good breakfast, visit with their fellow parishioners, and support the Knights with their efforts to raise funds for youth activities

Tri-Parish Youth Group

Our tri-parish youth group schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

October 23 — No meeting
October 31 — Service Project & Fundraiser
November 6 — Bowling Alley, 1:00—3:00 PM

For questions, call Lori at 675-4491.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The Purpose of the Sacraments

This week's *Family Faith Formation* topic is "The Purpose of the Sacraments," covering Questions 195-197 in *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*. Home Lesson packets are available on the parish website and also in your email (if you registered for FFF).

By-Heart Catechism

195. Why did Jesus institute the Sacraments? To sanctify humanity; to build up the Church, His Mystical Body; to render worship to God; to instruct.

196. Why does the Church encourage Catholics to receive the Sacraments? We are called to receive the Sacraments often and with great faith and eagerness because Christ gave them to us to nourish the Christian life.

197. What purpose do the Sacraments serve? The Sacraments are: 1) conduits of grace for individuals and for families; 2) remedies for sin and the effects of sin; 3) signs of faith.

Faithful Citizenship: Solidarity

Solidarity highlights in a particular way the intrinsic social nature of the human person, the equality of all in dignity and rights and the common path of individuals and peoples towards an ever more committed unity. Solidarity must be seen above all in its value as a moral virtue that determines the order of institutions. On the basis of this principle, the "structures of sin" that dominate relationships between individuals and peoples must be overcome.

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be (despite what Cain might say; Gen 4:9). Loving our neighbor has global dimensions and requires us to eradicate racism and address the extreme poverty and disease plaguing so much of the world. Solidarity also includes the scriptural call to welcome the stranger among us (including immigrants seeking work) by ensuring that they have opportunities for a safe home, education for their children, and a decent life for their families and by ending the practice of separating families through deportation. In light of the Gospel's invitation to be peacemakers, our commitment to solidarity with our neighbors (at home and abroad) also demands that we promote peace and pursue justice in a world marred by terrible violence and conflict. Decisions on the use of force should be guided by traditional moral criteria and undertaken only as a last resort. Pope Blessed Paul VI famously said, "If you want peace, work for justice." In reference to solidarity, a special emphasis must be given to the Church's preferential option for the poor. While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve preferential concern. A basic moral test for any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. In a society marred by deepening disparities between rich and poor, Sacred Scripture gives us the story of the Last Judgment (see Mt 25:31-46) and reminds us that we will be judged by our response to the least among us. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us: "Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere."

Pope Benedict XVI has taught that "love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to [the Church] as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel." This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond (unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression, and immigrants).

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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