

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

November 15 Frank & Margaret Ross +
November 16 Anna Banks +
November 17 John Davey +
November 18 Samuel Olson & Maddie Riley
Nov. 19, 4:00 PM Rev. Cliff Hulings +

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 12:15 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary
Friday 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Adoration from 9:30—10:30

Welcome!

We welcome Msgr. Thomas Dempsey who is celebrating all four Masses with us this weekend as he shares his ministry of “Food for the Poor”.

Crystalline Luncheon

Only two weeks until St. Mary’s Crystalline Luncheon! Make sure you reserve your seat! **Saturday, November 19 at 11:00 AM.** No tickets at the door. Call Kellie at (509) 993-4150. And hostesses are still needed also; it’s a perfect opportunity to be creative with things you already own!

World Missions Collection

This coming week, all registered parishioners will receive a World Missions Collection letter from Bishop Daly along with a pledge envelope. Please support the bishop’s work by donating as generously as you are able.

Parish Office Closures

The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the soul of Jim Kerst, Holy Ghost parishioner, who passed away October 27. Eternal rest grant unto Jim, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Jim’s soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thanksgiving Mass

Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, will be offered at St. Mary of the Rosary at 9:00 AM. You are invited to bring food for the Chewelah Food Bank. We will also take up a collection for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Good Samaritan Fund

In the past year, the Good Samaritan Fund provided \$1,552 of assistance to nine families. These people are our friends and neighbors who have fallen upon hard times, and thanks to your generosity, we were able to help them get back on their feet. Our office was contacted by twice that many folks, but others we were able to help by using either Catholic Charities vouchers, Providence St. Joseph Hospital gas vouchers, or by making referrals to Salvation Army or Rural Resources. The Good Sam fund helps when other avenues of assistance are not applicable.

Year of Mercy

The last day of the Year of Mercy is the Feast of Christ the King, November 20. There is still one week remaining to gain your Year of Mercy plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Here are the conditions you must observe in order to receive this special plenary indulgence. (A plenary indulgency means that God shows extra mercy to that person upon their death, possibly making the difference between the soul going to Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory or reducing or eliminating Purgatory altogether. It can be offered either for oneself or for the intention of someone already deceased.)

1. Visit a designated church and pass through the Holy Doors
2. Make a profession of faith in the church (either says the Apostles’ or Nicene Creed)
3. Pray for the pope’s intentions and for the pope
4. Meditate on mercy while receiving Communion during a period either 20 days before or after visiting the pilgrimage church
5. Participate in the sacrament of penance during a period either 20 days before or after visiting the pilgrimage church

Operation Santa

In lieu of the Tree of Sharing, this year Chewelah will help provide Christmas gifts to children from low income families through a project called Operation Santa. It is possible for you to buy gifts for this project yourself and then drop them off at specified locations. However, to simplify this gift-giving opportunity for our parishioners, **we will be taking up a second collection at all Masses on November 26 & 27** and giving the money to the leaders of this organization. If you choose to donate by check, you can make it out to St. Mary of the Rosary. We will deposit all checks and cash and write one check to Operation Santa. Thank you for your generosity.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The Blessed Virgin Mary

This week’s *Family Faith Formation* topic is “The Blessed Virgin Mary,” covering Questions 302-304 in *The Apostolate’s Family Catechism*. Home Lesson packets are available on the parish website and are also in your email (if you registered for *Family Faith Formation*). Please contact Fr. Jeff for more information or if you have any questions about this tri-parish religious education program.

By-Heart Catechism

302. **Why does Mary, after Christ, have the highest place of honor in the Church?** She is the Ever-Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, and therefore also our own spiritual mother.
303. **What are some of the special gifts that God gave to Mary?** She was conceived without Original Sin (this is her Immaculate Conception); she remains ever-virgin even after giving birth to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; she is mother of God and mother of the Church; she was gloriously assumed, body and soul, into Heaven after the end of her earthly life (this is her Assumption).
304. **What is the wish of the Catholic Church concerning devotion to Mary?** The church encourages special veneration to be given to Mary, due to her being mother of God, mother of the Church, and our spiritual mother. All Marian devotion must be *through Mary to Jesus*.

Bible Study with Fr. Jeff

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30—8:00 PM.
2 Maccabees, Matthew 25, and Revelation. Join us!

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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Mass Intentions for the Living and the Dead

In what way can we say that one way of offering a Mass, for the living or for the dead, is “more powerful” than another? First of all, it is necessary to clarify that in itself, the Mass has the same value of Christ’s paschal mystery of which it is the ritual representation. Therefore, its value is infinite, and one Mass is not more powerful than another. Thus, any difference in value must be sought in the effect on the person for whom the Sacrifice is being offered. In the case of the deceased in Purgatory, any benefit is received passively, since the soul is no longer capable of performing new meritorious acts. While such a soul is already saved, it cannot increase in sanctity but only purify those imperfections which impede its definitive entrance into glory.

A living person, however, is still capable of growing in sanctifying grace. And so, a Mass offered for a person already in God’s grace has the effect of offering a gift of increased grace which the person may willingly receive in order to become more Christ-like. As an intercessory prayer, a Mass offered for a person in a state of actual mortal sin may yet supply the grace necessary for repentance even though conversion is always a free acceptance of the grace that is offered.

While the Mass may be offered for other intentions as well (for instance, for those who are ill), whether the Mass for the living is more powerful than for the dead lies principally in the above point regarding the possible increase in sanctity. The offering of the Mass may also assist in this increase of sanctity by helping people face their sufferings and trials more deeply united to Christ.

Only the living can become holier, even to the point of directly entering Heaven after death. Some might be perplexed by the idea that there can be differences in sanctity in Heaven. The saints sometimes used a useful image to describe this possibility. During life, by freely corresponding with grace, each person prepares his or her own capacity of being filled with God. In Heaven, some will be like liqueur glasses; others, beer tankards; others, barrels; and a few oil tankers. The important thing is that all will be filled to the brim, and none will feel the lack of anything necessary for happiness.

Of course, the Church recommends praying and having Masses offered for both the living and the dead, for none should be excluded from our charity.