

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

February 28	Bruce Hughes +
March 1, 7:00 AM	Bob Mackowiak
March 1, 1:00 PM	Carol + & Al Mattia
March 2	Frank Femling +
March 3	John Kidd +
March 4, 4:00 PM	Aaron Huff +

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

K of C. Breakfast

The February Knights of Columbus Breakfast will be Sunday, Feb. 26, after the 10:00 Mass. Donations will be used by the Knights for youth activities.

First-Friday Devotion

Friday, March 3, is the first Friday in March. First-Friday Devotion continues that day with Mass at 9:00 AM, followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour.

First-Saturday Marian Devotion

Saturday, March 4, is the first Saturday in March. Our First-Saturday Marian devotion continues that day with Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary, followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the soul of Bruce Hughes, former parishioner at St. Mary of the Rosary, whose funeral Mass was celebrated in Spokane last week and who will be buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in the spring.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Holy Ghost

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Holy Ghost Church in Valley will be Sunday, March 19, from Noon to 2:30 PM. The menu will be fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, bread, and pie. Adults \$10.00, Children 6-10 \$6.00, ages 3-5 \$4.00. Please support this annual fundraiser which benefits Holy Ghost Church.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1. There will be two Masses that day:

- ◆ 7:00 AM at St. Mary of the Rosary
- ◆ 1:00 PM at Providence St. Joseph Hosp.

Lenten Confessions and Penance Service

During Sacramental confession, Christ, through the priest, invites us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship with Him. Everyone is encouraged to receive the healing which comes from this sacrament sometime during Lent. In addition to the regular confession times (see bulletin header), other opportunities will be available:

- Thursday, March 30, 6:00 PM with three priests (St. Mary of the Rosary)
- Monday, April 10, 6:00—7:00 PM (Sacred Heart)
- Wednesday, April 12, 5:30—6:30 PM (SMR)

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion that has us meditate on the Passion of Jesus Christ, particularly popular during Lent.

Stations of the Cross take place on Fridays in Lent at 5:30 PM at St. Mary of the Rosary.

Stations of the Cross will also take place on Tuesdays in Lent at Noon at the following locations:

- ◆ Holy Ghost, Valley: March 7, 14, and 21
- ◆ St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe: March 28, April 4 & 11

Soup Supper Schedule for Fridays in Lent

- **March 3;** Knights of Columbus. Contact Joe Trudeau at (509) 998-6593.
- **March 10;** Pastoral Council. Contact Becky Washington at 935-6635.
- **March 17;** Liturgical Ministers. Contact Mary Burnell at 935-6313.
- **March 24;** Music Ministry & Finance Council. Contact Monna M. (935-6860) or Mary B. (425-760-3966).
- **March 31;** Ladies Auxiliary & Sacred Heart Parish. Contact Janet G. (935-8648) or Mary Jo S. (509-258-4107).
- **April 7;** All Parish. Sign-up sheets will be available at churches.

Annual Catholic Appeal

ACA is now underway and is making fairly good progress. I (Bishop Daly) want to thank each of you for your generous support. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. To date, the following pledges have been received:

- **St. Mary of the Rosary:** \$11,243 (44% of goal and 20% parishioner participation)
- **Holy Ghost:** \$2,676 (42% of goal; 31% parishioner participation)
- **Sacred Heart:** \$1,046 (39% of goal; 21% parishioner participation)

Family Faith Formation:

Large-Group Gathering

Our next Large-Group Gathering for *Family Faith Formation* is this Wednesday, March 1, 6:30—8:00 PM, at St. Mary of the Rosary parish hall. Fr. Jeff is our presenter for the adult faith formation; children K-6 will be with their catechists in the St. Mary's School building. See you there!

God's Merciful Love

This week's *Family Faith Formation* topic is "God's Merciful Love," covering Questions 64-67 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*). Please contact Fr. Jeff for more information or if you have any questions about this tri-parish religious education program.

By Heart Catechism

64. How do we know God's will? Through our reason, through the Bible, through Sacred Tradition, and through the teaching office of the Church (the Magisterium).

65. Does God forgive our sins? If we are truly sorry, if we confess our sins, and if we seek pardon and mercy, God will forgive our sins.

66. How does God draw the sinner to salvation? By the power of grace, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where sins are forgiven and salvation restored through the ministry of the priest.

67. How are venial sins forgiven? By a sincere Act of Contrition and the will to amend our lives.

The Church Cannot Teach Error

It seems that there are increasing demands (from both inside and outside of the Catholic Church) that the Church change her teachings to conform with modern notions, lest we run the risk of "being on the wrong side of history." Given our current era's preoccupation with sex, many of these demands for change involve related issues: homosexual acts, divorce and "remarriage," premarital sex, contraception, abortion, etc. And it is commonly thought that the Church (or at least her leaders) can simply decide, with a simple vote perhaps, what we can teach on any given topic . . . and furthermore, that if we *can* change Church teaching, then we *should*.

Such demands reveal a gross misunderstanding of both the nature and the power of the Church. The Church actually has no authority whatsoever to overturn teachings on these issues; the Church has no authority to overthrow biblical doctrines or the doctrines of Apostolic Tradition. A thing cannot be morally and doctrinally true one day and untrue the next. Ultimately, Church teaching is rooted in Jesus Christ Himself, and "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching." (Heb 13:8-9) And indeed, there are certainly many "strange teachings" in our time, but Jesus Christ and His Mystical Body, the Church — which are one — cannot and do not and will not change in proclaiming doctrinal and moral truth.

Our affirmation of revealed truth cannot change with the passage of time and popular vote; we cannot negate what God has revealed; we cannot tear pages out of Sacred Scripture; we cannot overturn Apostolic Tradition. Our "yes" to God's certain truth cannot become "no," and our "Amen" cannot become *non serviam* ("I will not serve").

Because once again, the Church has no authority whatsoever to overturn what God has definitively taught and revealed as truth. No one (not even a pope) can change the truth of Sacred Scripture or the truth of Apostolic Tradition. The Church cannot simply reinvent herself each time a given era demands conformity; her singular service is to the Lord. We as Church serve to proclaim His teachings and to hand on the deposit of faith to those who follow after us.

Many modern problems and errors come down to a faulty understanding of the Church; the Church is *not* just another human "social club" but, rather, the Mystical Body of Christ — the living and active presence of Him Who does not change. And so, the Church has no fear of "being on the wrong side of history" because she belongs to Christ, and Christ is God the Son, and God cannot and does not and will not change. Thanks be to God!

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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