

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent



**WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES**

**St. Mary of the Rosary**

502 E. Main Avenue, Chewelah, WA 99109  
Mass: 4 PM Saturdays & 10 AM Sundays  
Confession: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm & Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

**Holy Ghost**

3083 Hemlock St., Valley, WA 99109  
Mass: 8 AM Sundays

**Sacred Heart**

110 S. Main Street, Springdale, WA  
Mass: 6 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

**St. Joseph (Jump off Joe)**

3150 Church Road, Valley, WA

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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Holy Day of Obligation*  
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Vigil: Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at St. Mary's  
Mass: Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Holy Ghost



**Father's Corner for Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas, is it just a day for you? Or is it welcoming Christ into your heart? If it's just a day, you forget about church and your relationship with Christ until the next year. If you welcome Christ you make time for Him every day and listen to what he has to say. Following Christ has a price. It takes time, the sacrifice of your will and perhaps even being unpopular because the world seems to like Christianity less and less. What price will you pay to follow Our Lord? – Fr. Mike

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2020**

Mail in your ACA envelopes or drop them off in the collection basket for us to return to the Diocese of Spokane. Also, visit dioceseofspokane.org/give.

Parish	Goal	Pledged	% of Goal
St. Mary's	35,137	\$15,470	44%
Holy Ghost	5,994	\$5,825	97.2%
Sacred Heart	2,936	\$2,400	81.7%

*Christmas Masses*  
**Christmas Eve Vigil—Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
4 pm at St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah  
7 pm at Sacred Heart, Springdale  
10 pm at St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah  
**Christmas Day—Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9 am at Holy Ghost, Valley

**\*Reserve your seat at Christmas Masses**

With the new rules allowing for only 25 percent capacity at Mass, all parishioners interested in attending Christmas masses are encouraged to call ahead to reserve your spot. To guarantee your seat, call or email Fr. Mike or the parish office.

**UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE**

MON	Dec 7	6 pm	St. Mary's, Chewelah Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
TUE	Dec 8	6 pm	Holy Ghost, Valley Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
WED	Dec 9	9 am	St. Mary's, Chewelah
THU	Dec 10	12 pm	St. Mary's, Chewelah
FRI	Dec 11	9 am	St. Mary's, Chewelah Intention for Jen Schleker
SAT	Dec 12	4 pm	St. Mary's, Chewelah
SUN	Dec 13	8 am	Holy Ghost, Valley
		10 am	St. Mary's, Chewelah

**TODAY'S READINGS FOR DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Reading 1 - IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm - PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. (8) **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.** I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.** Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look

down from heaven. R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.** The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Reading 2 - 2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years. and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia - LK 3:4, 6

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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Gospel - MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."