

December 13th, 2020
Third 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 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays

St. Joseph (Jump off Joe)

3150 Church Road, Valley, WA

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Please contact the office for the Sacrament of Baptism, Anointing of the Sick and Marriage.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Father's Corner for Dec. 13th

What is Christmas? Is it a time of hassles trying to get presents? A time to party? Is it a time to fight to get that fancy gift or hope you receive a better one? Or is it a time to do penance, pray and learn what pleases Our Lord? Is it merely a day? Or a reminder of a lifestyle that lasts all year? Christmas should be a time to remember the one gift we can't buy at any price and the One Person who gives our existence meaning and purpose. Jesus Christ. – 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	\$17,270	49.2%
Holy Ghost	5,994	\$5,825	97.2%
Sacred Heart	2,936	\$2,400	81.7%

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

TUE	Dec 15	6 pm	Holy Ghost, Valley
WED	Dec 16	9 am	St. Mary's, Chewelah
THU	Dec 17	12 pm	St. Mary's, Chewelah
FRI	Dec 18	9 am	St. Mary's, Chewelah
SAT	Dec 19	4 pm	St. Mary's, Chewelah
		6 pm	Sacred Heart, Springdale
SUN	Dec 20	8 am	Holy Ghost, Valley
		10 am	St. Mary's, Chewelah

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington

Did you know that you can make a financial gift to your parish that will last forever? You can! To learn more contact Sr. Mary Tracy, SNJM (509) 358-7334 or metracy@dioceseofspokane.org

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Vigil—Thursday, Dec. 24th

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. 25th

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.

TODAY'S READINGS FOR DECEMBER 6TH

Reading 1 - IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm - LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.** My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the

help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

Reading 2 - 1 THES 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Alleluia - IS 61:1 (cited in LK 4:18)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel - JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.