

December 20th, 2020
Fourth 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

Please welcome our new office manager!
Jef Lant has been hired as the new office manager to take on the duties of the secretary, bookkeeper and maintenance custodian at the Catholic Parishes of South Stevens County. Jef will start after the new year.

Thank you Tracy and Jim!
Tracy Ferrell has been our parish bookkeeper for the last 3 years and we appreciate all the work she has done in keeping our budget balanced and bills paid, and everything else! Thank you Tracy!

We also wanted to express our gratitude for all the work Jim Hitchcock has provided for us as our Maintenance Custodian for the last few years. Thank you Jim!

Welcome Fr. Ed Marier – 4th Sunday
Next Sunday we welcome back Fr. Ed Marier who celebrates masses in Valley and Chewelah on the 4th Sunday of each month. Fr. Marier will cover 8 am mass at Holy Ghost and 10 am mass at St. Mary’s Sunday, Dec. 27th.



Father’s Corner for Dec. 20th
Come Lord Jesus! Welcome into our hearts. Let us think about what this means. To welcome Our Lord doesn’t mean we give him one or two days a year but every day. We ask him to help us change our lives to please him. Do we ask ourselves what pleases Our Lord? Let’s not forget, Christmas is about HIM and our relationship with him. That’s the important thing. –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. Congratulations to Holy Ghost for reaching its goal for the 2020 ACA!

Parish	Goal	Pledged	% of Goal
St. Mary’s	35,137	\$18,495	52.6%
Holy Ghost	5,994	\$6,525	108%
Sacred Heart	2,936	\$2,500	85%

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Vigil—Thursday, Dec. 24th
4 pm at St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah
7 pm at Sacred Heart, Springdale
THERE WILL BE NO 10 PM MASS

Christmas Day—Friday, Dec. 25th
9 am at Holy Ghost, Valley

Please note: Fr. Mike has canceled the 10 pm mass on Christmas Eve

***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

TUE	Dec 22	6 pm	Holy Ghost, Valley
WED	Dec 23	9 am	St. Mary’s, Chewelah
THU	Dec 24	4 pm	St. Mary’s, Chewelah <i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>
		7 pm	Sacred Heart, Springdale <i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>
FRI	Dec 25	9 am	Valley, Holy Ghost <i>Christmas Day Mass</i>
SAT	Dec 26	4 pm	St. Mary’s, Chewelah
		6 pm	Sacred Heart, Springdale
SUN	Dec 28	8 am	Holy Ghost, Valley
		10 am	St. Mary’s, Chewelah

TODAY’S READINGS DEC. 20th

Reading 1 - 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16
When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!” Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.” But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?’” “It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my

people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

Responsorial Psalm - PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**
The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**
“I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.”
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**
“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’ Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.”
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Reading 2 - ROM 16:25-27
Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia - LK 1:38
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel - LK 1:26-38
The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.