

December 24th, 2017 / *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

St. Mary of the Rosary Catholic Church

502 E. Main Avenue, Chewelah, WA – Mass schedule: 4 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sundays
Confessions: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. every Saturday

Holy Ghost

3083 Hemlock St., Valley, WA - Mass schedule: 8 a.m. Sundays
Confessions: 7:15-7:45 a.m. Sundays & 1-1:45 p.m. every third Saturday of each month.

Sacred Heart

110 S. 2nd Street, Springdale, WA - Mass schedule: 6 p.m. Saturdays
Confessions: 1-1:45 p.m. every second Saturday of each month

St. Joseph Mission 3137 Church Rd, Jump Off Joe, WA

Weekday Mass Schedule

No Daily Masses for Dec. 26-29

Thoughts on Stewardship

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In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes"---"I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say". ---that the promise finds fulfillment.

December 25, 2017---Christmas

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

Parish Announcements

Confession Schedule

St. Mary's every Saturday at 2:30-3:30 pm
Holy Ghost every Sunday at 7:15-7:45 am
Sacred Heart every 2nd Saturday at 1-1:45 pm
Holy Ghost every 3rd Saturday at 1-1:45 pm

Baptism of children: Please call to schedule instruction and a date for the baptism.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the office if you or someone you know is sick.

Marriage: Schedule an appointment with the pastor at least 6 months prior to setting a wedding date.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped put together the funeral mass and luncheon for Steve Shults last Saturday, Dec. 16. May he rest in peace.

Christmas Break

There will be no daily masses on December 26-29 and no parish office hours Dec. 26—Jan. 1.

Save the date!

Save the Date for St. Mary's Annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Dessert Auction on Feb. 3, 2018. Tickets will be on sale after the New Year.

Mass Intentions

If you have scheduled mass intentions in the past and have yet to see them on the calendar as intended, we ask that you please call the parish office to reschedule. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

As of Dec. 22nd, **St. Mary of the Rosary** has pledged \$22,859 in the Annual Catholic Appeal for the Diocese of Spokane (or 91% of the goal of \$25,136) with 39.5% family participation. **Holy Ghost Parish** has pledged \$5,499 (or 88% of the goal of \$6,250) with 50% participation. **Sacred Heart** has pledged \$2,200 (or 82% of the goal of \$2,677) with 39% participation.

Parish Stewardship Report: Dec. 16-17

Chewelah (St. Mary's): \$1,230.32
Valley (Holy Ghost): \$326.00
Springdale (Sacred Heart): \$133.00
Money Tree Donations for Fr. Booth: \$373.51

2018 Calendars Now Available

Our 2018 Calendars are now available at the back of the church. One per family please.

St. Mary of the Rosary Advent Sock Drive

We are accepting new or gently used WARM socks for the men at the house of charity - gloves and hats are also accepted. Socks are the only clothing item they stock year around. See collection box / signage in the back of the St. Mary of the Rosary church.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Mass Schedule – Dec. 24-25th

This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day. Attendance at a Sunday morning Mass does not fulfill the obligation to attend a Christmas Mass either on December 24th or 25th nor does attendance at a Christmas Eve Mass satisfy the Sunday obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Accordingly we will celebrate the usual schedule for weekend Masses on Saturday, December 23rd and Sunday morning, December 24th for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24th: 4:00 pm Family Mass at St. Mary's (Chewelah), 7:00 pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart (Springdale), and 10:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Mary's (Chewelah).

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25th: 9:00 am Mass at Holy Ghost (Valley)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Jan. 1st

As the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Jan. 1st falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass that day is *abrogated* (waived). Mass will not be celebrated.

Other Announcements

Walk for Life

The Walk for Life is at Riverfront park on January 20 at 11:00 am. Bishop Daly will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 9:30 am prior to the walk.

"Hearts On Fire" Men's Conference

The 8th Annual "Hearts On Fire" Catholic Men's Conference will be at the Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center (located off the Sullivan exit of I-90 East in the Spokane Valley) on Saturday, January 27th, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

This event invites all Catholic men to encounter God through message, prayer, community, and sacraments. The theme for this year's conference is Created for Greatness. The fee is \$40. Register online at www.dioceseofspokane.org/mens

Retrouvaille—A Lifeline For Marriage

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. Retrouvaille is for many couples who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 2-4, 2018 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the website at www.Retrouvaille.org.

Wholehearted Catholic Women's Gathering

The inaugural WHOLEHEARTED Catholic Women's Conference is scheduled for February 10, at St. Thomas More, Spokane. This year's theme is "Warmth from the heart; light to the world." We are very excited to welcome Heather Renshaw and Sister Clare Hunter, FSE, as our keynote speakers!

WHOLEHEARTED is a gathering of Inland Northwest Catholic women to be encouraged and equipped to live life joyfully and abundantly, and to share the heart of Christ with all. Tickets are on sale at www.wholeheartedcatholic.org.

Thank you for being with us. Please let us know how we can better serve you.

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