

Our Lady of the Rosary

Boise

Holy Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 5:30 pm

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm

or upon request

St. Joseph's Idaho City

First Sunday **Mass at 12 noon**

Other Sundays **Communion at 10:30 am**

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This week at Our Lady of the Rosary

Mon	7:30	am	Liturgy of the Hours
Dec 09	8:00	am	Immaculate Conception Mass
Tue	7:30	am	Liturgy of the Hours
Dec 10	8:00	am	Morning Mass
	5:00	pm	iGnite Music Practice
	5:30	pm	St. Vincent de Paul
	7:00	pm	RCIA
Wed	6:30	am	Reel Men
Dec 11	11:00	am	Morning Mass
	4:00	pm	Catchiest of the Good Sheperd
	4:30	pm	Youth Choir
	5:15	pm	Instrument Practice
	5:40	pm	Choir
	7:30	pm	Knights of Columbus
Thu	7:30	am	Liturgy of the Hours
Dec 12	8:00	am	Morning Mass
	8:30	am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6:30	pm	Journey of Faith
	7:00	pm	Kings Men
Fri	7:30	am	Liturgy of the Hours
Dec 13	8:00	am	Communion Service
	10:00	am	Playgroup
Sat	12:00	pm	Children's Bazaar to 7:00Pm
Dec 14	3:30	pm	Reconciliation
	4:30	pm	Rosary in the Chapel
	5:00	pm	Mass
Sun	8:30	am	Rosary in the Chapel
Dec 15	9:00	am	Children's Bazaar to 7:00Pm
	9:00	am	Mass
	10:15	am	Children's Faith Formation
	5:30	pm	Mass
	6:30	pm	iGnite Youth Group

Happy Birthday

Dec 09	Viviana Aguiler, Benjamin Fish, Finn Garber, Gabriella Mendiola, Phyllis Sheridan, Mike Treinen, Toni Williams
Dec 10	
Dec 11	Nicholas Allen, Mark Brisson, Tom Muntifering, Keith Watkins
Dec 12	Barbara Borden, Adriana Crowe, Dorcus Nanyonga, Karen Verhaegh, Jordan Villamor
Dec 13	Gary Anderson, Quintin Boggs, Melodia Cariaga, Donna Nordin, Tonya Shipton
Dec 14	Karen Di Nucci, Ian Hosington, Shaunie Kim, Luke Schamburg, Jeff Schoenfelder
Dec 15	Jason Brinkman, Renee Coyle, John Kennedy, Mike Lechner, John Nordin, Andrew Smith, Mary Elena Starr

*Thank you for your Continuing Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.
Your gift of treasure this week \$ 8,209*

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019



PREPARE YE!

Prepare ye a way for the Lord! John runs before the Lord, baptizes for repentance, and proclaims that the kingdom of heaven is nearby. All this brings us hope for God's help, help, not just in our daily lives but also for our entry into paradise. When the root of Jesse blossoms, all is possible because the Lord Jesus comes to save us for God. Our Redeemer and Savior restore all to its place. *Ecce Agnus Dei!*

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A
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Readings today: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12
Next week: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

	Servers	Lectors	Ministers
Dec 14 Sat 5:00 pm	Rohnan Bailey Darin Noronha Danica Noronha	Bruce Derry Rose Marie Parsons Mies Whittington Toni Williams Kathleen Ratcliffe	Megan Noa Kris Doucette Paul Cariaga Robert Parsons
Dec 15 Sun 9:00 am	Anna Hale John Paul Hamerl Stephen Hamerl	Larry Arguinchona Mary Poell Ryan Fisher Kesha Roerick Sandy Kowallis Mary Mullen	Jim Mendiguren Theresa Mendiguren Jante Vaughn
Home 12/15 Visitors	Herb Bellingham Mary Lou Bellingham	Bruce Derry Carol Derry	Kim Shansby Shane Bengoechea

*subs needed

Items for bulletin or Announcements need to be in the office by Monday, 11:30 am for the following Sunday

Faith Formation

- ◆ **Thank you, Catechists and Volunteers!** Sharing the Catholic faith with the children of our Parish is so important; we could not do it without all of our volunteers. It is with sincere gratitude, we thank you for your time, talent, and treasure! **Parents, please share your appreciation with your child's teachers with a kind word, email, card, or small gift.**
- ◆ **Children's Faith Formation Families may God bless you with health and happiness this Advent and Christmas Season.** Thank you for sending your children to Faith Formation. Next Sunday, December 15th is our day of classes for 2019. Enjoy your Holiday break! **CFF Classes resume Sunday January 12, 2020**
- ◆ **Next Family Faith Formation is Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

Family ADVENT Ideas Online:

- ◆ www.holyheroes.com – Holy Heroes Advent Adventures – sign up for free daily emails filled with fun activities for children ages 4-12
- ◆ www.loyolapress.com – Go to Liturgical Year and then Advent to find Advent calendars, prayers, retreats, activities and more
- ◆ <https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-the-days-of-advent> – sign up for daily Advent videos from Brother Francis

Children's Liturgy of the Word: The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” On the Third Sunday of Advent, the pink candle is lit. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

The Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

Reading II: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



- ◆ **Adults:** God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you? How will you rejoice?
- ◆ **Children:** Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?



Would you like to help freshen up the church before Christmas. Please contact Eladia in the office and see what needs to be done to prepare for the Holiday

Our Lady of the Rosary

Annual Christmas Giving Tree ornament tags



The ornament tags are in the Gathering Space! Please make the holiday special for people in need. Wrap the gift (with ornament tag firmly attached) return to OLR by 10:00 AM on Sunday, **December 15th**. Clients of the Terry Reilly Health Services Clinic will be the recipients.

Youth Ministry

Adopt a family for Christmas:

Our youth group is sponsoring a family with 3 children ages 3-6years old as well as Mom & Dad. If you would like to donate an item or gift card to this family, please make donations on or before Dec. 15th so we can get them to the family. Please contact Cindy for more details if needed at canderson@olrboise.org

Youth Ministry Children's Christmas Bazaar:

Dec. 14th & 15th our youth room will be converted into a Christmas shopping for children to come and purchase items for their parents, siblings and loved ones. No peeking parents, this is for the kiddos only. We will have a gift wrapping station as well to help your little ones wrap their gifts. Saturday 11/14 Noon -7:00 PM and Sunday 11/15 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM .

If you would like to donate items to this event, please drop off items to the office. Thank you.

Gifts:

This year we are asking each family of our youth ministry to consider giving up the amount of one Christmas gift and donate that amount in your child's name to our Charitable Gift Fair for Church Builders to help build a well in Uganda. Please see the iGnite youth ministry page for more donation information or visit us at the Gift Fair after each Mass on Nov. 30-Dec.1st.

Cindy Anderson

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or [olryouthministry](#) Instagram



Looking For a Unique Christmas Gift Idea?

How about a goat? That is right... a goat would be a perfect gift that keeps on giving. All of us have that person that is a challenge to find the perfect gift. We got you covered! Come and make a donation of \$70. and get a wonderful card to give to that special person that you bought a goat in their honor. That goat will go to our sister parish in Uganda!



Bishop Kelly students will be selling cases of oranges or grapefruits They will be ready for pickup after the Masses on December 14th and 15th



There has been considerable confusion regarding the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception in 2019 and the obligation to attend Mass on that day. This feast in 2019, which falls on December 8th, the Second Sunday of Advent, is therefore transferred to Monday, the 9th and while it remains a Solemnity and should be celebrated as such in our parish, the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer. We will have a Mass at 8:00AM here at Our Lady of the Rosary.

Sacred Heart School



SCRIP: Sacred Heart will be selling scrip the weekend of December 14 & 15 after Masses.

MOSS will be having a bake sale too!

Area News

Taize Meditative Prayer Service will be held at Nazareth Retreat Center, 4450 N Five Mile Rd, at 7:00pm each Wednesday during Advent beginning December 4, 2019.

Taize prayer is communal, ecumenical, meditative prayer in the form of repetitive songs, brief periods of reflective silence and scripture readings. For additional information please call Nazareth, 208-375-2932 or email Nazareth@rcdb.org.

Cursillo: Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ



Catholics, 18 years of age and older, are able to attend. The women's Cursillo is scheduled from Jan. 23-26, 2020 and the men's Cursillo is scheduled from Feb. 13-16, 2020, both at the Nazareth Retreat Center. Interested women should contact Veja Jensen at 208-283-1113 or vejajensen@gmail.com. Men should contact Joe Lipetzky at 208-484-4238 or Drjoe@cornerstonepsy.com

The Idaho Catholic Men's Conference 2020

The Idaho Catholic Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Boise Centre East. The conference theme is "Be Not Afraid" and will feature dynamic national speakers including Patrick Coffin, Dr. Mario Enzler, and our own Fr. John Mosier. Bishop Peter Christensen will also be celebrating the opening Mass. The early bird registration fee is just \$60 before January 12. For all the details and to get registered go to www.IdahoCatholicMen.org or call 208-484-0898



Thank you for all your prayers and support of Corpus Christi House homeless shelter. We could not stay open without your help!

DONATE: We are in need of socks (men's and women's), deodorant, men's boxers/briefs and women's underwear (all sizes), bras, belts, and jeans and pants (all sizes). We can also use trial size or dollar store toothpaste, deodorant, combs, brushes and razors. In terms of food please check our website at:

CorpusChristiBoise.org for our full wish list.

VOLUNTEER: We need volunteer help in our kitchen, clothing room and education center on weekdays and Saturdays in the morning and afternoon.

Corpus Christi House is located at 525 S. Americana Blvd. in downtown Boise. Contact us at 208.426.0039 or cch.servicescoordinator@gmail.com, or through our website. May God richly bless you!

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Christmas Eve: Mass 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Christmas Day: 9:00 AM

St. Joseph's Idaho City 12:00 Noon



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One Minute Meditations

St. Maria di Rosa

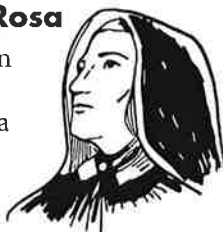
Born "Paula" in Brescia, Italy, Maria di Rosa

was the daughter of a mill owner and a countess. Coming from a wealthy family didn't spare her from difficulty. She lost her mother when young. At seventeen years old, she left school to work with her father at the mill. During the cholera epidemic of 1836, she cared for the sick. In 1840, she founded the Handmaids of Charity to care for the wounded during the wars.

Agent of change

True conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit. Salvation and faith are gifts from God – gifts that are not ours to give. Yet, believers are called to join with the Holy Spirit to bring others to God. When we have a strong and personal relationship with Jesus, we can be his agents of change.

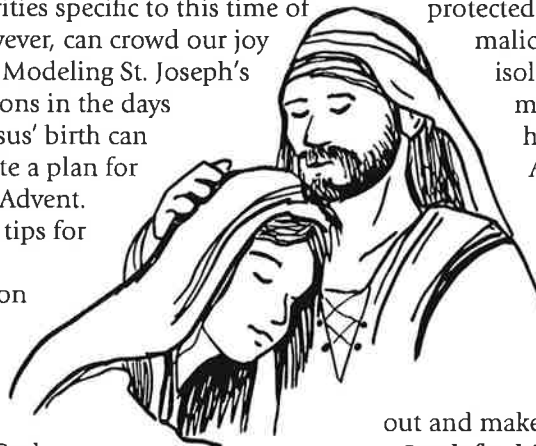
"Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
(Isaiah 40:5).



The joyful expectation of Advent

Jesus' birth at Christmas is real and amazing evidence of God's love. The priorities specific to this time of year, however, can crowd our joy and awe. Modeling St. Joseph's preparations in the days before Jesus' birth can help create a plan for our own Advent. Try these tips for joyful expectation of our Savior's birth.

Create silence. God found the quiet he needed in St. Joseph's life to speak and be heard over the noise of the carpenter's shop, the needs of neighbors, the demands of tax collectors. In the silence St. Joseph created just for him, God was able to work miracles.



Keep out the devil. When Joseph found out Mary was pregnant, he protected her from the evil of malicious gossip and isolation. He helped her to make a God-centered home filled with Love. Although the devil is powerful, he cannot go where he is not permitted. When we stay close to the Sacraments and live a God-centered life, we, too, keep the devil out and make room for Love.

Look for him. Can you imagine the joy with which St. Joseph expected Jesus' coming? We celebrate Jesus' arrival in Bethlehem with joy. We can joyfully welcome him into our lives now. And, with joy we can look forward to Christ's coming in glory on the Last Day.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Christmas after December 26?

The Catholic Christmas is not just one day but an entire liturgical season. It begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12th this year). During the celebration of Christmas,



we rejoice in the realization of God's plan for our salvation. God became man to save us. Thus, the Church makes sure we have enough time — almost a month — to fully celebrate such a joyful, hope-filled, destiny-altering event.

Open your heart to the Christmas promise

This time of year reminds us of our hope for a future of peace. But we cannot achieve this peace on our own. We must open our hearts to the promise of Christmas.

"One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again" (Isaiah 2:4). Violence flourishes if the world accepts it as inevitable. The world can change if the love of the Christmas Child takes root in our hearts. Peace flows from hearts that love.

"The poor will eat their fill; those who seek



the Lord will offer praise" (Psalm 22:27). Peace spreads more easily when all have enough. These days the poor are everywhere and people are struggling to hold onto hope. If we each make our holiday charitable efforts a year-round habit, perhaps the words of the psalmist will come true.

"The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

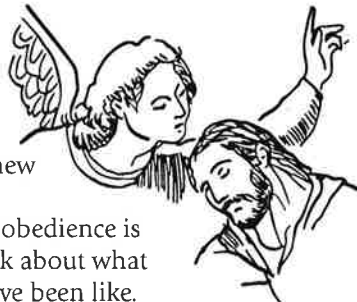
This Christmas we can once again rekindle our own sense of innocence and hope.

from Scripture

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, Trust God like St. Joseph did

By the time Mary gave birth to Jesus, St. Joseph was used to following orders from God without question. So when the angel appeared to him in his sleep urging him to flee to Egypt, Joseph obeyed immediately. He trusted that God would take care of him and his new family.

Joseph's unquestioning obedience is remarkable when we think about what the birth of Jesus must have been like. Mary and Joseph had traveled in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Whether on foot or donkey, it was a dirty, exhausting journey.



Once there, there was nowhere to stay except with the animals. After a short time, they fled to Egypt to escape danger, and stayed there for some years without family or friends. Through it all, Joseph trusted God to protect his family.

Being perfect didn't shield the Holy Family from experiencing pain and difficulty much like we do. Yet Scripture tells us that Mary and Joseph found strength from their faith in God and were guided by his Word. We can do the same.

Q & A Why does the Church year begin in Advent?

The Church has a liturgical year with its own seasons that help us to mark events that are important to Catholics. However, the Church year doesn't start

on January 1, or even on December 25 — when we celebrate Christ's birthday. Instead, it begins on the first Sunday of Advent, the season before Christmas.



Advent is the perfect season for new beginnings. It's a season of preparation: the King of Kings is coming! There are three "arrivals" of Christ to prepare for and celebrate: as an infant at Bethlehem, at Mass in the Eucharist, and as the King of Glory at the end of time.

In order to properly greet such a Guest, the Church sets aside this time for us to purify our hearts and souls. Whether that means being with God in prayer, attending Confession, volunteering in the community or cleaning house, Advent is the time for it. The Church wants us to begin the year well by preparing to welcome the King who comes to "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 1 – First Sunday in Advent. During this season, we anticipate Christ's coming. Catholics around the world light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

Dec. 9 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (1854). This feast day commemorates that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. Attending Mass is a wonderful way to celebrate.

Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). St. Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Mother at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She

asked that a chapel be built and sent him to the bishop with roses as a sign. When the roses were emptied from his cloak, it retained the image of Our Lady which can still be seen today.

Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, he was ordained into the Society of Jesus and worked strenuously through his writings and teachings to safeguard the Catholic faith after the Reformation. His work, *The Catechism*, is still used today.



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