

## MY PARISH FAMILY

Immaculate Conception (Colville) – Sacred Heart of Jesus (Kettle Falls)  
Pure Heart of Mary (Northport)

**October 29, 2023: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



### MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, October 31

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Gabriel McKenna +*

#### Wednesday, November 1 **All Saints' Day**

**7:15 a.m. Mass (Kettle Falls)**

*Pro Populo*

**11:30 a.m. (Republic)**

*Pro Populo*

**5:30 p.m. (Colville)**

*Pro Populo*

#### Thursday, November 2 **All Souls' Day**

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass (Colville)

#### Friday, November 3

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Dave and Jeanie McBride*

#### Saturday, November 4

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

*Phil Hanley +*

6:00 p.m. Mass (Kettle Falls)

*Special Intention*

#### Sunday, November 5 Mt 23: 1-12

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

*Pro Populo*

12:30 p.m. Mass (Northport 1st Sunday)

*Jeannette Good +*

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

*Diana Bonair*

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### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays: 7:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

All other Fridays: 7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Every Thursday: 7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m.



Dear parishioners and guests,

Last week in this column, we began to look at the theological principle of *sola scriptura* – the (Protestant) belief that the Bible is the only authoritative source of teaching on matters of Christian doctrine and practice. We saw that one of the first challenges that arises is that of interpretation.

There is no difficulty when different interpretations can be harmonized, but *sola scriptura* becomes problematic when conflicting interpretations cannot be reconciled. Some people claim that “the Bible interprets itself,” but unfortunately this does not offer a clear and reliable resolution to the issue. If that theory held water, we would not have tens of thousands of Protestant denominations, as everyone would interpret the Bible in the sole way the Bible itself supposedly intends.

A second drawback to *sola scriptura* is its inability to explain the origin of the Bible without reference to tradition. Many who hold to *sola scriptura* treat the Scriptures almost as if they dropped out of the sky in a neatly bound volume in English translation! Obviously, this is not how it happened. The Bible emerged out of a *context* of living Tradition: first the Jews (Old Testament) and then the early Christians (New Testament).

If the Bible is the only authoritative source of teaching for Christians, then how did the believers of the first century (that is, Catholics) know what to believe and how to act as Christians, before the New Testament was finished being written? We have to keep in mind that the New Testament was compiled *after* the Church had already been born. Christians for the first several decades did not have a New Testament to which they could refer.

The other question that arises surrounding the text of the Bible is: how do you know what books belong in the Bible? Who decides what to include and what to exclude? There were many spiritual writings in the centuries before Christ and in the early years of the Church’s existence, but not all of them are included in the Bible. Why not? There is certainly nothing in the books of the Bible themselves to indicate a list of inspired books. There had to be some authoritative entity that made judgments as to the divine origin of the individual books that make up the Bible.

It was the Church who, guided by the Holy Spirit, discerned what writings should be included in the Bible. Reformers deemed that certain books should not be included, but what is it about these particular men that should make us trust their judgment on such a serious matter? More next week.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes. Olin Birdsong, Oscar Romo, June Machala, Jonathan Coe, F. Hendricks, Phil Anderson, Cinda Lorenzetti, Kenton Foundas, Chris Miller, Arvilla Vickers, Peter Perkins, Janneth Brown Drury, Monty LeCaire, Brittney Gagnon, Monica Parazoo, Pat Graham, Margie Christensen, Meggie Hyman, Dale McLeod, Mila Stewart, Lori Elledge, Susan Williamson, Mike Miller, and Lynn Gray. (Please remember, the list rotates each week.)

**If you or someone you know are sick or homebound and would like to receive a visit and Holy Communion, please call the Parish office.**

### **Weekly Contributions: October 21-22**

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2,100.50  
Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$127.00  
ICP Capital Improvements: \$70.00  
Social Outreach: \$25.00  
*Online giving not included.*



It’s time again for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA): our primary opportunity to support the work of the Catholic Church across Eastern Washington. We are making good progress toward our goals. A big *thank you* to those who have contributed. If you have not made a pledge yet, please consider doing so soon!

### **GOALS**

ICP-Colville: \$46,913  
SHJ-Kettle Falls: \$8,435  
PHM-Northport: \$2,293  
ICP-Republic: \$16,698



### **All Saints’ Day: Wednesday, November 1**

All Saints Day is celebrated in the Church as a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be celebrated in Colville, Kettle Falls, and Republic. Please check the schedule on the front of the bulletin.



### **Funeral Annoucement for Evelyn Romo**

Please join us for the funeral Mass of Evelyn Romo, Friday, November 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception.

*+Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her+*





**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** A free sit-down meal will be offered at the Ag Trade Center on November 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Parish will once again be preparing the delicious mashed potatoes for this event, and we need volunteers on Tuesday, November 21, from about 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to scrub, peel, cut, cook, and mash the potatoes to feed the hungry. Many hands make light work! To sign up or for more information, please contact Pat Taylor at 509-942-9592.

#### Catholic Charities Colville Family Haven Update



The Colville Family Haven project is now fully funded, and zoning is cleared for construction. Parishioners are invited to the site of Colville Haven on Wednesday, November 8, at 11 a.m., for a blessing of the ground on which the apartments will be built. Father Kenny will offer prayers and bless the site that will eventually give safe shelter to families in our community. The site is on Buena Vista Dr., next to Colville Mini Storage.

**Colville Strong** *Discover Opportunities to Get Involved in the Mental Health of Our Community.* The National Alliance on Mental Illness in Washington is offering an opportunity to learn more about mental health support for individuals and their families. All are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday, November 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Colville parish hall. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is not required. For more information, please contact Deanna Roy at 206-971-1599.



**Mystery of Faith Series:** The Foundations of our Faith  
We concluded our series on St. Peter with Peter's martyrdom. Peter came full circle from his denial of Christ in the garden to his leadership of the early Church to his martyrdom. To summarize Dr. Gray: "We as Catholics have sometimes fumbled and lost our story. We don't often know the origins of our story. We need to go back to these origins – to go back and look at the Scriptures and to go back and look at the Tradition and see how our story comes together. Then we will know our story and we'll be able to share that story with others." **No Mystery of Faith this Tuesday. We will resume on Tuesday, November 7.**



#### Spiritual Adoration

What if you can't make it to a church or chapel for Adoration?

St. Faustina would recommend "spiritual Adoration." Her times of Adoration were both in the convent chapel and in private in her room and even on her sickbed. God knows we can have very good reasons for not visiting him in a church or chapel — family responsibilities, job, health, distance from a church, and so on. But we can do "spiritual Adoration" anywhere, anytime, including setting up our own Adoration chapel with a designated corner or chair at home! The saints were no strangers to "spiritual Adoration." Many religious would request a cell (bedroom) facing the chapel or a nearby church. From their window they would kneel and bow down in Adoration toward the Eucharistic Lord.

Throughout the day, it's possible to follow St. Faustina's example, which was not necessarily rushing to the chapel but slowing down to spend a moment in simple Adoration. Spending time in Adoration draws us into intimacy with Jesus. And as we get closer to him, he gives us the wisdom and strength to serve his Church and the people he has placed in our lives. Take a good look at your routine and find a way to include Adoration in your life. You will truly become the one you befriend.

*"Adore, my soul, the mercy of the Lord."*

*"I adore you, O living Bread."*

*"My only hope is in You."*

*Saint Faustina*



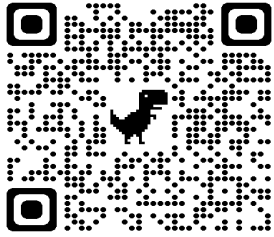
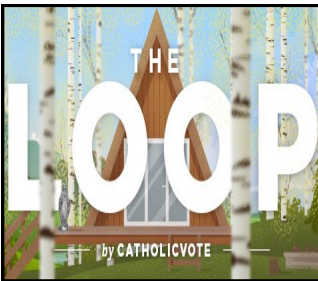
On November 2, we observe the **Commemoration of All Souls**. This is a day to remember our beloved dead and pray for them. As Catholics we believe in Purgatory, which is a state of purification. Even though our sins are forgiven, the consequences of our sin may linger. Our prayers for those in Purgatory are an expression of our trust in God's mercy. In Purgatory, God is repairing what was broken so we can live with Him forever. We must cooperate with Him in this work of love.

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