

MY PARISH FAMILY

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

November 19, 2023: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 21

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Richard & Karen Amos

Wednesday, November 22

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Don Hanley +

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

Edward Borgias +

Thursday, November 23 **Thanksgiving Day**

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Cecilia Van Dynhoven +

Friday, November 24

7:15 a.m. Mass and Adoration (Colville)

Frank & Ruth Porter +

Saturday, November 25

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Jean Williamson Wilford +

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

P. St. Hilaire Intention

Sunday, November 26

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville) Mt 25: 31-46

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. Mass (Curlew 4th Sunday)

Ed Borgias +

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Barbara Rochelle

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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,

For the past few weeks, we've taken a critical look at the idea that the Bible is the only authoritative source of teaching on Christian faith and life. A parishioner approached me after Mass last Sunday with a comment that made me realize that there was a further clarification I needed to offer.

His point (if I understood him correctly) was that, when I argued that human beings could not trust themselves as authoritative interpreters of Scripture, I also ruled out the Church as an authoritative interpreter of Scripture because *the Church is also human*. I'm grateful for the parishioner's comment because it's a reasonable objection very worthy of addressing. Also, there may have been other readers of this column who thought the same thing, so it will be good to explain a bit more.

The first part of my clarification is that, when I say that the Catholic Church alone has the ability to interpret Scripture with authority, I don't mean that every Catholic can trust in his or her own personal interpretation as authoritative just because he or she is Catholic. (I don't think this was the parishioner's point, but it may be good to include.)

The second part of the clarification is that, while the Church is indeed human (and often *painfully* human!), she is not *only* human. The Church is not just the sum total of human beings that have ever belonged to her. The Church, being joined to Christ as *His Body*, is endowed with divine life. Jesus Himself established the Church not only as His bride, but also as a vehicle for the transmission of His teachings to all future generations.

In order to ensure the accurate transmission of those teachings, the Lord endowed the Church with the authority to teach on His behalf. This authority to teach the authentic faith of Jesus Christ is what we refer to as the magisterium. It doesn't mean that every Catholic is infallible in his or her understanding of Christian doctrine. It means that when the Catholic Church offers us official instruction having to do with faith and morals, we can trust that it is without error.

While the Holy Spirit can and does act in all kinds of people, teaching them truth and giving them wisdom, Jesus still deemed it necessary to establish the Church as the guarantor that His teachings would be handed down faithfully from generation to generation. So, it's not based on her humanity that the Church claims to teach the truth; it's grounded in Jesus' historical establishment of the Church and His gift to her of divine authority.

Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire, Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our Colville, Kettle and Northport Parishes: Harold Rothwell, Mert Graham, Donna Norman, Palin Driver, Suzan Andrew, James Rowland, Elaine Huff, Lisa Huff, Roger Bresnahan, Diane Hess, Jim Miller, Loretta Bowling, Ella Sprangers & family, Father Charles Klutz, Bonnie Priest, Karen Hamel, Kenzie Sackman, Mick, Greg and Luke McCrea.

(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: November 11-12

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$2,748.00

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$335.00

Northport (Pure Heart of Mary): \$30.00

ICP Capital Improvements: \$60.00

Social Outreach: \$200.00



A big *thank you* to those who have contributed. Remember that anything over our goal comes back to us as a rebate!

PROGRESS REPORT

ICP-Colville: \$50,535 out of \$46,913 (108%)

SHJ-Kettle Falls: \$8,745 out of \$8,435 (104%)

PHM-Northport: \$2,830 out of \$2,293 (123%)

ICP-Republic: \$13,150 out of \$16,698 (79%)

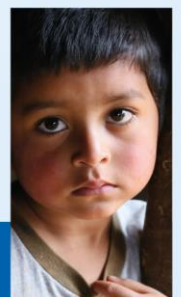


Community Thanksgiving Dinner

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 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.

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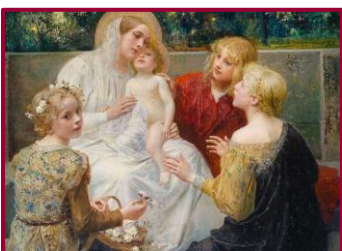
Thanksgiving Day Mass: What better way to give thanks? Start your Thanksgiving Day celebration with Mass at **9:00 a.m.** Remember to bring in your baked goods for a special blessing **Please remember the parish office will be closed.**



On Sunday, December 3rd, the First Sunday of Advent, we enter a new Liturgical Year. The lectionary turns from Cycle A to Cycle B. There are three Lectionary Cycles A, B and C. In Year A the Gospel readings are generally from Matthew; Year B is mostly Mark; and Year C is mostly Luke. Why do we have three lectionary cycles? These cycles are a result of the Second Vatican Council, which ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible. How much of the Bible is covered as a result of that change? 13.5 percent of the Old Testament (not counting the Psalms) and 54.9 percent of the non-Gospel New Testament.



Silent Day of Prayer on Our Lady of Loreto: The Astounding Miracle of the Holy House of Loreto will be presented by Sr. Mary Eucharista at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane on Tuesday, December 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Holy House of Nazareth is miraculously not in Nazareth! (Only the basement grotto where the Annunciation took place is preserved for veneration in the Basilica of the Annunciation.) The Holy House, which was carried miraculously five times, is now in a magnificent basilica, the third largest shrine to the Blessed Mother in Europe. Come enjoy the documented historic happenings that amaze pilgrims who venerate this holy relic and pray with the Blessed Mother for the world. The silent day of prayer includes Mass, Confession, Adoration, two conferences, and lunch. \$45 per person (\$55 with private room).



Keep Christ in Christmas The Knights will soon be selling Christmas cards after weekend Masses. The proceeds from card sales go to the "Keep Christ in Christmas" ad campaign in Eastern Washington and to support Knights activities.



Mystery of Faith Series: Angels

We have studied the nine choirs of Angels presented by Father Chris Alar from the Divine Mercy center (www.thedivinemercy.org/). Father Alar discussed the eight ministries of choir of Guardian Angels.

The Ministry of Guardian Angels

1. They ward off dangers to the body and the soul.
2. They remove the near occasion of sin and temptations.
3. Preventing Satan's suggestions of sin.
4. The Guardian Angels foster in us holy thoughts and desires.
5. They offer our prayers to God, and they pray for us.
6. They correct us if we sin, by pricking our conscience.
7. They help us in the agony of death.
8. They conduct our souls to heaven or purgatory and if it's purgatory they console us when we get there. They remain with the soul as long as it's in Purgatory.

This week, Wednesday, November 22nd, the topic will be Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Three Things You May Not Know about Purgatory

1. Purgatory is not a punishment; it is a state of purification.
2. The souls in Purgatory can pray for us but they cannot pray for themselves.
3. We must pray for the souls in Purgatory. The purification process

can be painful! However, there is also great consolation in the assurance of salvation.



The ship was sinking fast. The captain called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" One man stepped forward: "I do, captain." "Good," said the captain, "You pray. The rest of us will put on life preservers. We're one short." – Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis -from *Holy Humor*

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