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

November 26, 2023:

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 28

5:00 p.m. Confessions (Colville)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Colville)

James Campbell

Wednesday, November 29

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

Joyce Campbell

Thursday, November 30

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Confessions

8:30 Mass (Colville)

Peggy Porter

11:30 a.m. (Republic)

Barbara Rochelle

Friday, December 1 (First Friday)

7:15 a.m. Mass (Colville)

7:45 a.m. Adoration

Ron Davis +

Saturday, December 2

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass (Colville)

Jennifer Sommerlot

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

Ben & Angele St Hilaire

Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Mass (Colville) Mk 13: 33-37

Pro Populo

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

P. St Hilaire Intention

4:00 p.m. Mass (Republic)

Edward Borgias +

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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,

I realize that I wrote a couple of weeks ago that it would be my last column on *sola scriptura* (the belief that Sacred Scripture is the only authoritative source of teaching on Christian belief and behavior), and that last week I added one clarification, but if you'll bear with me, I'd like to offer one more point and wrap up our examination of this topic.

The final point is simple: the doctrine of *sola scriptura* is not found in Scripture. Therefore, someone who holds to that doctrine is essentially saying, "When it comes to my faith, the Bible is my only guide. However, the Bible doesn't tell me it's my only guide; I got that idea from somewhere else."

It reminds me a little bit of those who claim that there is no absolute truth. By the very act of making that claim, they invalidate it; they're saying it's true that nothing is true! But I digress...

Some will pull certain verses of Scripture out of context and use them as "proof texts" for *sola scriptura*, but if one reads the New Testament with integrity, one has to admit that it envisions the Church honoring both Sacred Scripture and Tradition. It would be hard to argue that, according to the Bible, there's no place for Tradition.

Now, let's move toward the conclusion. I am no historian, but I believe that one of the reasons the doctrine of *sola scriptura* arose was that various men who were in high leadership positions in the Catholic Church at the time were found to be corrupt. In that context, it's easy to see how people would want to know that their faith rested on the solid foundation of scriptural teaching instead of the whims or dictates of corrupt men.

However, our Catholic faith tells us that, in spite of weak, sinful, corrupt, leaders, the Holy Spirit preserves the Church's official teachings from error. I've heard people argue that the fact the Church has survived so long and through so many corrupt leaders is a sure sign that the Holy Spirit is guiding it. It's not a bad argument!

Fundamentally, the Church's teaching authority is a gift for humanity. Some may think or feel that the Church wields her authority in a heavy-handed way, or that worldly wealth and power have gone to her head. I don't see it that way. While admitting the real potential (and actuality!) of Church leaders bringing their own brokenness to the table, I see the Holy Spirit ensuring that the teachings we receive from the Church are the authentic teachings of Jesus, handed down to us through the generations. That is a gift of immeasurable value.

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: November 18-19

Colville (Immaculate Conception): \$3,041.31

Kettle Falls (Sacred Heart): \$4,597.00

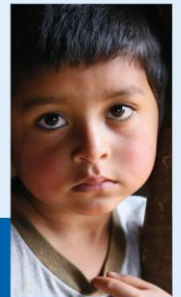
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On behalf of Immaculate Conception Parish, Father Kenny recently accepted a check for a grant donation from the **AVISTA CARES program**. The CARES program assists individuals and families who are having trouble paying the balance on their energy bill and are facing a shut-off of their power. Our parish has been a longtime partner of AVISTA CARES, and we so appreciate that the program continues to support our parish's social outreach ministry. Now with the AVISTA CARES grant, we can expand our outreach and assist even more households, which is especially critical as we move into the cold months of winter.



Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights are 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.



The **Tree of Sharing** is open as of November 20th. This is an opportunity to help others in need during this holiday season. Trees with tags are located at:

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Tags list both the needs and wishes of individuals in our community. Go to any of the locations listed above and select tags. Go shopping! Purchase the items on the tag that you can and bring ALL tags to the AG Trade Center, with unwrapped gifts by Monday, December 11.



During the Mass, there are a few prayers that the priest prays *sotto voce* (in a low voice, or inaudibly). For example, after the Sign of Peace, the fraction rite takes place. The priest breaks the host and places a small piece in the chalice, saying:

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Some say that in the early Church this symbolized the local Church's unity with the pope in Rome. A generally accepted interpretation is that it signifies the unity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The elements are consecrated separately (signifying Christ's death – the separation of blood from the body), but unified in this action, showing that we are partaking of the living, Risen Lord.



St. Andrew's Novena

This beloved Advent tradition begins Nov 30 on St. Andrew's feast day. It consists of a short, beautiful prayer that is recited fifteen times a day in honor of

Our Lord's Nativity. It is not a novena in the literal sense of the word, because it lasts much longer than nine days. Beginning on Nov 30 and finishing on Christmas Eve, which makes it 25 days long. Like most novenas, it is not only a sincere act of devotion, but also a way to offer God the intentions that are close to your heart. It is piously believed that those who pray this novena faithfully will receive what they ask. The prayer is as follows:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



Mystery of Faith Series: Our Lady of Guadalupe

We reviewed the tilma of the Lady of Guadalupe. Did you know that the temperature Juan Diego's tilma, made of a material that comes from fibers of the maguey cactus, maintains a constant temperature of 98.6°, the same as that of a living human body? Did you know that one of the doctors who analyzed the tilma placed his stethoscope below the black band at Mary's waist, and heard rhythmic beats at 115 pulses per minute, the same as that of a baby in the maternal womb? Did you know that NASA scientists confirm that the paint material does not belong to any known element on earth? Did you know that the colors hover at 3/10th of a millimeter (1/100 of an inch) over the cloth without touching it. The colors actually float above the surface of the tilma? Isn't that amazing? November 28th - We will look at the Bread of Life series from Dr. Tim Gray.

Note: We are taking a hiatus from Mystery of Faith during December and will resume Mystery of Faith Tuesday, January 9th.

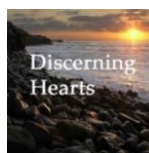


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