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3rd Degree meetings  
1st Monday of month 7:30 pm  
Rosary before meeting

**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 7329  
MADONNA HALL

4th Degree meetings  
4th Monday of month 7:30 pm  
Rosary before meeting



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#### Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Santiago M. Hoyumpa  
Secretary: Jeanie Smith

#### Weekly Mass Schedule

See inside for possible changes  
Sunday—9:00 am  
Tues, Thurs, Fri—9:00 am  
Wednesday—6:00 pm  
Saturday—4:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration after Friday Mass

#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 am—3:30 pm

#### Sacraments

Preparation classes with Pastor

#### Marriage

6 months prior to setting date

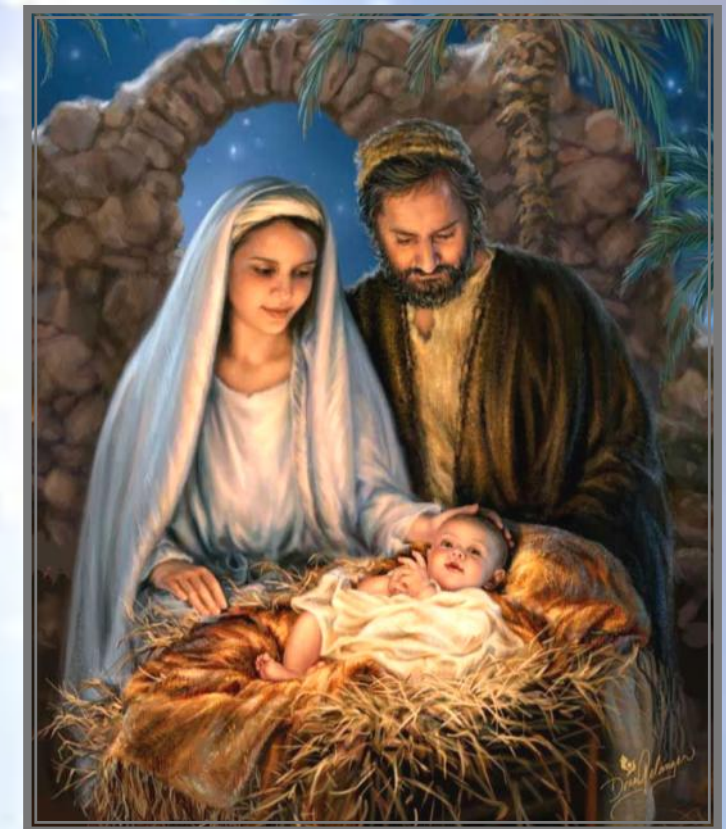
#### Reconciliation

By appointment or:  
Wednesday: 5:00—5:15 pm  
Saturday: 3:00—3:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:30—8:45 am

#### Bulletin Deadline:

Monday

### Feast of the Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 27, 2020





## Mass Schedule

**Tuesday—December 29**

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

+Robert Thomas (Barb Thomas)

**Wednesday—December 30**

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass

Spiritual Revival

**Thursday—December 31**

4:00 pm Mass

Those in Nursing Homes

**Friday—January 1 Happy New Year!**

9:00 am Mass

Personal Intentions

**Saturday—January 2**

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass

+Doug Heeg (Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

**Sunday—January 3**

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

+Sally Galbraith (Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

## Prayer List

Mary Macy, Donna Judd, Sandi Carter, Jerry Roznowski, Larry Siasinski, Brian Lixey, Claire Stafford, Mary McConnell, Shirley Wrubel, Jeffery Jones, Lanna Lemerand, Ben Horger, Rosemary Scott, Brandy Edgerton, Ken G., Cody Wood, Mandy Harris, Pooh Dysh, Jerry Hawkins, Janet B., Al Hood, Irene Baril, John & Dolly Radwanski, Betty Hardy, Ray Botkin, Peter Scott, Karen Smith



### Pray for our Clergy & Religious

Sun: Rev. Bernard Tyler

Mon: Rev. Duane Wachowiak Tues: Rev. Matthew Wigton

Wed: Rev. Peter Wigton Thurs: Rev. John William

Fri: Rev. Innocent Zambua Sat: Rev. Robert Zuchowski

## Events & Opportunities



The Knights of Columbus will host a Blood Drive on Monday, December 28th, 12:45 to 5:45 pm.

Masks, distancing & sanitizing are practiced.

**QUIZ:** See if you know the meaning of these Latin liturgical phrases—the ancient language of the Roman Rite.

### A. Dominus Vobiscum

1. Lord have mercy
2. May the Lord Bless you
3. The Lord be with you
4. May the Lord be praised

### B. Sursum Corda

1. Give thanks in your heart
2. Let us pray
3. Hosanna in the highest
4. Lift up your hearts

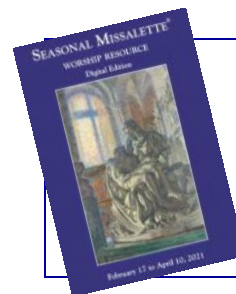
### C. Oremus

1. The mass is over
2. Let us pray
3. God be praised
4. And with your spirit

### D. Pater, peccavi

1. Father I have sinned
2. Father be with me
3. Father be praised
4. Father have mercy

Answers below



**Do you know of a parishioner who isn't coming to mass right now, that would like to have a Missalette or a Devotional at home? Please take one to them!**

Answers: A-3 B-4 C-2 D-1

### Stewardship Report

Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$ 15,355.00
Last Week's Tithes & Offerings:	\$ 2,447.00
Other Income (candles, rent, misc.):	\$ 579.00
December Income to Date:	\$ 8,644.00
Retirement for Religious:	\$ 2,033.00

## St. Mary Church & Community News

Remember in prayer the family of Doug Heeg who has gone home to be with the Lord.

### Fear not!

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

"Fear not! Do not be afraid!" The angel spoke these words to Zachariah, to Mary, to Joseph, and finally to a group of shepherds on a hillside near Bethlehem.

"Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Fear has a way of tying our stomachs up in knots, paralyzing our thinking, inducing panic. Fear, and its cousin worry, can capture our hearts when we see ourselves caught in circumstances beyond our control.

Jesus talks about tiny, defenseless sparrows in the context of fear and worry: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink... Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not much more valuable than they?"

He reassures his followers: "Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

During the Christmas 2008 the entire world was caught in the grip of an economic down-spiral, and fear. Houses being foreclosed, people losing jobs, factories closing.

At the depth of the Great Depression, Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke these words to the nation: "Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. Nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

Fear can grip us, choke all faith out of our hearts. Fear also drives economic depression. It was as true in 1933 as it was on the first Christmas.

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New Years Eve Mass—4:00 pm  
New Years Day Mass— 9:00 am

Happy New Year  
2021

An optimist believes that we live in the best world.  
A pessimist is afraid that it might be true.

Go to the SHRINE WEBSITE, [olwshrine.org](http://olwshrine.org) for the weekly bulletin & other shrine information.  
The bulletin is also at [dioceseofgaylord.org](http://dioceseofgaylord.org) (click on 'Parishes', then on the map click 'Mio' then 'More Info')

For on that first Christmas, the world was in desperate times, too. A census is being conducted in order to raise already high taxes. Murderous, paranoid Herod the Great is king of the Jews. It's a cold winter on Bethlehem's hillsides.

Inside a cave in the town sit a poor carpenter and his young wife — far from home. She is in labor. Her child will be born in a stable, of all places. Why is it like this? they may have wondered. And then she recalls the angel's words to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary...."

On the windswept hillsides outside of town, shepherds are huddling, too. All of a sudden the sky lights up and an angel proclaims: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Fear not. The shepherds' fear is turned to joy as they hear news that a Savior is born. The Messiah! In Bethlehem, the city of David himself!

And so they run down the hillsides into the town and hurry from stable to stable until they find the Child in the manger, just as they have been told. Tucked in that manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes against the cold, is the Savior himself.

A Savior comes to rescue people in danger, preserve those who are threatened by harm, and protect his people from the troubles that surround them. That's what saviors do!

That's what Jesus came to do for us.

We do not need to be afraid because God has sent a Savior to us — Jesus Christ the Lord. He is the One who will never leave us or forsake us, supply all our needs according to his riches in glory and add to us all the things we need as we seek him and his Kingdom.

Our world doesn't know. They think that Christmas is about gifts under a tree and a spirit of good cheer, with Christmas dinner and family around the table. But as good as all that may be, it isn't nearly as good as the real Christmas.

**The real Christmas message is this:** God has sent a Savior for you. To save you from your sins and help you in this life. To lift your burden and ease your fears. A Savior who is Christ the Lord — God himself!

This past year the world has been gripped by fear. But fear's hold is broken in those of us who believe the angel's words: "Fear not ... for a Savior is born to you - Christ the Lord!"

