

# Immaculate Conception, Oroville WA

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**December 8, 2019**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10  
Resp. Psalm: Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-9  
Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

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## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Sunday Mass: 12:30pm  
(English)  
Sunday Mass: 2:00pm  
(Spanish)

## **SACRAMENTS:**

**Baptism:** Call the Office  
to register your child to  
be baptized or call the  
Pastor.

### **Confessions:**

By appointment.

**Quinceañera:** Call the  
Office or the Pastor for  
more information.

**Matrimony:** By advance  
arrangements of at least  
six months.

**Anointing of the Sick:** At  
Mass, seasonally as an-  
nounced, and individually  
of need. Call the Pastor.

**Communion to the shut  
in:** As requested. Call the  
Pastor.

## **GOD ASKS US TO CHANGE OUR LIVES**

Every year at this time of Advent we remember the words of John the Baptist:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight his paths!” The paths are our ways of  
thinking, our ways of behaving, our ways of living.

Brothers and sisters:

**What does it mean to “convert”?** The term “conversion” means accepting the fact  
that we have taken the wrong path; it means recognizing our limits and entrusting our  
salvation to God. It is not simply about remorse and about lamenting our past; it is  
about positively committing to do what God asks of us. If you want to follow Jesus  
Christ **you must empty yourself, creating space for Him within you.** To convert  
means to change the way we think and the direction we are going in life. Dare to chal-  
lenge the hierarchy of values that guides your actions! Throw down the walls that sep-  
arate you from others!

**God offers salvation** to all those subject to sin, and all of us are sinners. Who among  
us can say he always does what is right and never fails to do what he is supposed to? If  
we accept salvation, the first thing God asks is that we leave sin behind and strive al-  
ways to do what is right and to avoid what is wrong, and to live for others. This is the  
only way we can live out the new commandment, the commandment of love without  
limits, where love of God and love of neighbor are one and the same.

If we do not want this **transformation of our lives** to be superficial or illusory, we  
should begin with a serious reflection on the kind of life we are living. How are we  
living? We are surrounded by a particular kind of lifestyle that invades everything, and  
maybe we have adopted it ourselves: consumerism! We end up believing that the most  
important thing in life is to possess things, to have it all easy and comfortable, and to  
satisfy our every instinct. Just look at the verbs that dominate our conversations: to  
have, to gain, to invest, to consume. And so our lives are ruled more and more by ego-  
tism and materialism.

**The Nativity that happened two thousand years ago**, when Jesus was born in Beth-  
lehem, was nothing less than the beginning of a new age. And yet it was not the final  
word. We still have to grow in so many ways, especially in justice and in peace. There  
is only one good way to prepare for Jesus’ birth in our heart: to leave it pure and full of  
grace, like the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is why it is so important for us to  
receive the sacraments in this time of Advent: confession – the sacrament of for-  
giveness, and communion – the sacrament of purity. Let this be our prayer. Amen.

Father Luta

**CATECHISM CLASSES**

Our classes will have fun learning all about Our Lady of Guadalupe this Tuesday December 10th. We will be celebrating the Posadas and having a Christmas party on the following Tuesday, the 17th.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Youth group will not be meeting this Monday, December 9 due to Mass at 6pm for Immaculate Conception. The Mass will be organized by the youths and children of our parishes to help encourage active participation in Mass and deepen our devotion to Mary. I hope to see many of you at Mass. We will have an "Issue night" the following week on December 16 at 6:30pm.

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses**

Monday December 9, 2019

- \*8:00am at Our Lady of the Valley in Okanogan-(eng)
- \*6:00pm at Immaculate Conception in Oroville-(eng)
- \*6:00pm at Our Lady of the Valley in Okanogan

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses and Events**

Thursday December 12, 2019

**Mañanitas**

- \*5:30am at Our Lady of the Valley in Okanogan
- \*5:30am at Holy Rosary in Tonasket

**Masses**

Immaculate Conception Church in Oroville

- \*5:30pm Rosary and Procession
- \*6:00pm Mass and Refreshments-bilingual
- \*7:00pm Social time and Dinner

Our Lady of the Valley Church in Okanogan

- \*6:00pm Social Time and Dinner
- \*7:00pm Rosary, Procession and Mañanitas
- \*8:00pm Mass

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS IN ENGLISH**

I would like to invite you to the Holy Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Blessed Mother, Mary, appeared to Juan Diego in what is now present day Mexico City, four times in December of 1531. It's been 488 years since her apparition! There she left us, as proof of her presence and evidence of her love, that precious and Miraculous image, a copy of which we have in our church. Sometimes we tend to think that this Feast is just for the Hispanics, but actually it's truly for all of us, since we are all children of Mary. Mass will be celebrated here on Dec. 12 at 6pm followed by dinner and folkloric dancing. You can attend an early celebration of morning hymns to Mary at 5:30am in Tonasket. You are all welcome to participate. Thanks, Father Luta

**Reading for next Sunday December 15th  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10  
Resp. Psalm: Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
2nd Reading: James 5: 7-10  
Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

**BASKET RAFFLE**

The Altar Society will be raffling off 5 baskets after the Sunday masses on December 22. The baskets are displayed in our coffee area and tickets are \$1 each. Proceeds are to help the church.

**ACA UPDATE**

As of December 6, our church has pledged \$5000.01 toward our goal of \$11456.00. We are 43% there! Be sure to have your ACA envelopes turned in to help us reach our goal.

**ADVENT CANDLES**

This week we light the second candle which is purple and symbolizes faith. It's sometimes called the Bethlehem candle as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Please keep the Delgado family in your thoughts and prayers due to the loss of their home and all their possessions.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CELEBRATION**

A potluck and music celebration will follow this afternoon's Mass. There is a folkloric dance presentation from children in the Chispa dance group. Everyone is welcome to come for this grand celebration. A 'couple's dance' will follow in the evening to fundraise money for the Delgado family.

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Dec 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Dec 9-St. Juan Diego  
Dec 10-Our Lady of Loreto  
Dec 11-St. Damasus  
Dec 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Dec 13-St. Lucy  
Dec 14-St. John of the Cross

