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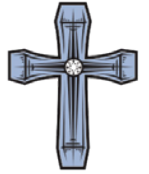
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## A Light Among Us *Catechist builds up faith for community rooted in Extension history*

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Lumen  
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AWARD

**Mrs. Susan Joy Barcik** proudly serves St. Katherine of Siena Parish, built by Catholic Extension in 1955, as its director of religious education. Over the last 15 years, along with being the director of religious education, Barcik has been the vice-chairperson for the parish pastoral council, a member of the parish's women's guild, main contact person for the parish's Pro-Life movement, and a faithful volunteer as a Eucharistic minister.

Barcik is a past participant in the Diocese of Baker catechist certification program funded by Catholic Extension that helps expand personal knowledge of church teachings and theology. She has now coordinated over 100 faith formation students for the parish in her time serving as a catechist.

The several ministries she takes part in are living expressions of Barcik's passion for her faith, which everyone in the community appreciates about her. Students, parents and teachers think of her with great gratitude for her leadership and service, specifically in faith formation.

*Susan Joy Barcik was nominated for Catholic Extension's Lumen Christi Award for the Diocese of Baker in 2022.*



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<https://www.catholicextension.org/lumen-christi-award/>

***Bishop Liam Cary***

*cordially invites you to the blessing of the oils  
and the renewal of priestly promises at the*

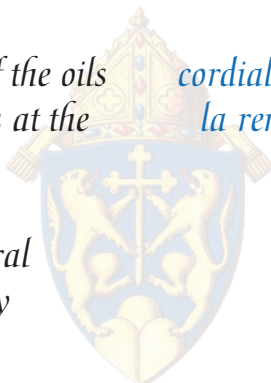
***2023 Chrism Mass***

*March 30th, 11:00 a.m.*

*Saint Francis de Sales Cathedral*

*2235 First Street, Baker City*

***Reception to follow***



***El Senior Obispo Liam Cary***

*cordialmente lo invita a la bendición de los aceites y  
la renovación de las promesas sacerdotales en la*

***Misa Crismal 2023***

*30 de Marzo, 11:00 a.m.*

*Saint Francis de Sales Cathedral*

*2235 First Street, Baker City*

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# An Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Submitted by **Angelica Corona**

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Ontario, began their preparation for the beloved Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 3, with Holy Mass and a Rosary Novena. For the next eight evenings, parishioners gathered in the church vestibule to pray a Rosary Novena before the statue of Our Lady on top of a hill. (The hill represented Iztaccíhuatl, the third-tallest mountain in Mexico.)

The feast days for the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, December 8, and for Saint Juan Diego, December 9, were also sources of great joy that helped the parish draw closer to one another, and to Christ, as brothers and sisters under our Holy Mother.

The preparations culminated with celebrations on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, beginning at 6:00 a.m. with a serenade, Rosary, and Holy Mass.



Parishioners came back together at 6:00 p.m. for a candlelight procession with the Blessed Sacrament down Fourth Avenue, led by Fr. Joseph P. Thomas, CST, and Fr. Shaji Thomas. Those in procession meditated upon the mysteries of the Holy Rosary and were accompanied by a live band. Along the route, the procession stopped in front of the future Planned Parenthood facilities to pray a Mystery of the Rosary.

The Feast day concluded with Holy Mass followed by a potluck in the parish's Fr. Kirkpatrick Hall.

Next year, the parishioners are looking forward to the inauguration of a shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the west side of the Church Building.



*"The food of the Eucharist offers the spouses  
the strength and incentive needed to live  
the marriage covenant each day..."*  
- *Amoris Laetitia*, 318

*"Marriage, the Sacrament of Matrimony,  
is a covenant of persons in love.  
And love can be deepened and preserved  
only by Love, that Love which is 'poured  
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit  
which has been given to us' (Rom 5:5)."*  
- *Pope Saint John Paul II*

# World Marriage Day



This Sunday (February 12th, 2023) we celebrate World Marriage Day. Let us take a moment to celebrate this gift that, in the past was often taken for granted, and today is often undervalued.

As Pope Saint John Paul II once declared, "the future of humanity passes by way of the family." Please take a little time today to thank God, and pray, for all the marriages that have blessed your life. And if you are married, please spend a little more time this week praying for your spouse and investing a little extra into making your marriage a sacred place for the Holy Spirit to dwell and thrive.

Please scan or visit

[dioceseofbaker.org/marriage-family-life](https://dioceseofbaker.org/marriage-family-life)

for more information and powerful resources to help your marriage be the sign of God's love it is destined to be.

*Learn more about:*

- Family life and parenting
- Praying together as a family
- Dating and getting engaged
- Natural Family Planning
- Enriching your marriage
- Overcoming adversity



Saturday, March 18, 2023

9:00am - 5:00pm

Redmond, OR

Diocese of Baker

# Men's Conference

Join Catholic men from around the diocese  
for talks that inspire, conversations that  
give strength, and prayer that will help us  
become the husbands, fathers, and sons

God is calling us to be.

## Guest Speakers



*Bishop Liam Cary*



*Fr. Victor Mena*



*Mr. Paul Chutikorn*



*Fr. Sibi Poulose*



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for More Info & to Register:  
[dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference](https://dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference)

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