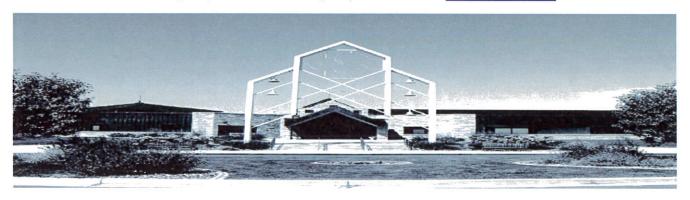
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

6:00p.m. Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 p.m. | Holy Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: To be announced

Office Hours:

M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Ann, Palisade

Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days:

10:30 a.m. Mass each Tuesday of each month

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday December 24

4:00 pm

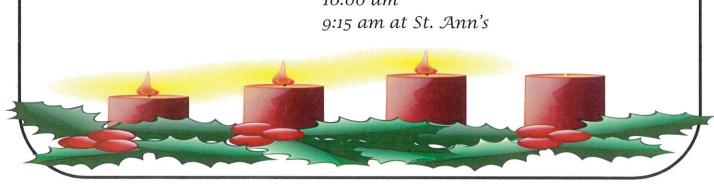
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7:00 pm

10:00 pm

Saturday December 25

10:00 am



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Confessions Saturday 2:00-3:30

Office Hours 9:00-5:00 M-F



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Weekend Mass Schedule

We would like to welcome you back to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish!

4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30 & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday

We are continuing to following directives from Mesa County Health Department and the Catholic Diocese of Pueblo regarding COVID-19.

Are you a Registered Parishioner?

If you currently do not receive our yearly Easter & Christmas Letter it is probably because you are not registered with us. Please stop by the office to fill out a registration form or register on our website so that you can be kept informed with our parish.

This allows us to reach out to all of our catholic members.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Zep; 3:14-18; Phil: 4:4-7; Lk: 3:10-18)
"HE WHO IS MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING"

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this Homily. Today's first reading, Prophet Zephaniah gives a message of hope for the people of Israel. He foretells the days of great rejoicing and gladness because the salvation of Israel is at hand. He says, the Lord God Himself stands in their midst as the King and the protector of His people. The Lord God has removed the judgment against the people and turns away their enemies.

In the second reading, St. Paul urges the Christian community there and all of us to rejoice in the Lord, to be free of anxiety, and to live in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving. The Apostle wishes that peace of God will be in our hearts and minds.

"Witnessing of John the Baptist"

In Today's Gospel, John the Baptist is asked by people from various walks of life what they are expected to do for the coming of the Messiah the anointed one. John gave them very down to earth advice. He asked them to share their surplus goods and clothes with the starving and the naked. To the tax collectors his advice was not to rob the people but just collect what they are entitled to and take nothing more. To soldiers his advice was not to intimidate the people and not to use violence. John acknowledged the greatness of Jesus. He told his disciples, "He who is mightier than I is coming"

Hence John witnessed to Jesus. He humbly accepted that he is not the anointed one the Messiah. John the Baptist is our role model for advent. Like John we are called to witness to Jesus. To do that we have to humbly accept our limitations and littleness. We are not the Christ, not one of the great prophets, not one of the great preachers of our times.

In all humility we have to accept that we are simple humble followers of the Lord.

"The season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant do this to us - to refresh us and make us healthy to be able to receive Christ in whatever form he may come to us" - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

"No one can claim to be a follower of Christ and remain entirely unlike the Master who he profess to love" - Antony Padovano.



Thank you very much, Have a great day and lovely weekend. God bless you all. Amen. Fr. Selva

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Carmelites

Are you called? Do you desire to learn and experience a deeper spirituality? The mystical tradition in the Catholic Church, inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St Therese of

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We are Discalced Carmelite Seculars (OCDS), men and women committed to living the fullness of God's love through prayer and scripture, with the aid and guidance of Our Lady.

For more information, please call Catherine Mlnarik (President) at 970-456-3584 or Justine Tilger (Formation Director) at 508-988-5459. We meet once a month at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our next Meeting is
Sat. Dec. 18, 9:00 am -2:30 pm



Please Pray For:

Fr. Carlos Gallardo,
Nancy Boggus, Theresa Brandorff,
Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter, Walt Gonske, Lee Byram,
Karl John, Juli, Chuck Rosa, Sue Burns, Bob Ferencsik,
Richard Hopkins, Olivia, Stephanie Lane, Mayela Vallejo,
Marty Olesky, Tom Graves, Bob Ferguson, Charles Chisholm,
Tim Allons, Nikki Allons, Msgr. Dan Huber,
Barb DeLosa & Family, & for all those written in the
Red Book of Prayer



Second Collection

We will be having a second collection

December 12th for the

Retirement Fund for Religious. Like the women and men religious shown here, thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to helping others. Today, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for senior members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please be generous.



IHM's 2021 Advent Outreach Project

This year we will be collecting donations for Catholic Outreach.

They are in need of Socks, underwear, gloves, pajamas, and coats for all ages.

We will begin collecting now through December 22.

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Minister Schedule for Dec. 18/19, 2021
Due to COVID-19 we are not asking anyone
to volunteer that is not comfortable coming in to Mass.
All who are on this schedule have chosen to be serving.

8:00 am Dec. 18 (†) Virginia Hollingsworth by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

4:00 pm Dec. 18 (†) John Kowalewicz by Jerry & Irene Fritzler

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Meyers, D. Schmitz & L. Watson

Hospitality: A. Davis & R. Bertrand

Servers:

Lectors: D. Dinkel & J. Rau

7:30am, Dec. 19 (†) Fr. James Plough by Elizabeth & Joshua

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: M. Kiser & M. Moran

Hospitality: L. Duncan, B. Watts, G. Watts, G. Ambrosier, & A. Ambrosier

Servers: N. Scott Lectors: R. Hurd

9:15 am Dec. 19, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10:00am, Dec. 19 (†) Darcy Family by Denise Buchner

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan Eucharistic: C. Dotta Hospitality: C. Dotta Servers: D. Hurd

Lectors: W. Brandstoettner & B. Murphy

6:00pm, Dec. 19 (†) Ken Morrison by Madonna Hayes

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: A. Rubalcaba Hospitality: M. Simpson Servers: K. McMillian

Lector: M. Herrera & J. Marston

Readings for the Week of Dec. 12, 2021

Sunday: ZEP 3:14-18a PHIL 4:4-7 LK 3:10-18

Monday: NM 24:2-7, 15-17a MT 21:23-27

Tuesday: ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13 MT 21:28-32

Wednesday: IS 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 LK 7:18b-23

Thursday: IS 54:1-10 LK 7:24-30 Friday: GN 49:2, 8-10 MT 1:1-17 Saturday: JER 23:5-8 MT 1:18-25

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Sanctuary Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Sanctuary

Calendar	of	Events	Week	of	December	12

Sunday, Dec. 12 7:30 am Mass 9:15 am St. Ann's 10:00 am Mass

11:30-12:30 Confirmation, RCIC, Sac Prep,

12:00 - 1:00 RCIA 2-4:30 Catholic Daughters

Monday, Dec. 13 8:00 am Mass

6-9:00 pm Fiber Fellowship

Tuesday, Dec. 14 8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Centering Prayer 6:30-9:30 Knights of Columbus 6:30-9:30 Ladies Auxiliary

Wednesday, Dec. 15 8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Bulk Mailing 6-7:00 pm Faith Formation 6-7:00 pm Sac Prep

Thursday, Dec. 16 8:00 am HFS Mass

9-11:30 am Mary's Mom's 12:00 noon HFS Christmas 1:30-2:30 Silent Prayer 5:30-9:30 pm Baptism Class

Friday, Dec. 17 8:00 am Morning Mass

6-7:00 pm Youth Group

Saturday, Dec. 18 8:00 am Mass

9-2:30 Carmelites 2:00-3:30 Confession 4:00 pm Mass

Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction & Bake sale

after Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Dec. 12, 2021

7:30 am - (†) Evelyn Wegryn by Diane & Alex Fritzler

10:00 am- (†) Genevieve & Norris Miller by Joyce Peugh

6:00 pm - (†) Debbie Eads by Gene Kalmon

Monday Dec. 13, 2021

8:00 am- (I) Carol Hunter by Brian & Cathy Luebbers

Tuesday Dec. 14, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Fred Buchner by Denise Buchner

Wednesday Dec. 15, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Frances Baker by Denise Buchner

Thursday Dec. 16, 2021

10:00 am - (†) James Kerski by Family

Friday Dec. 17, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Jean Fritzler by Diane & Alex Fritzler

Saturday Dec. 18, 2021

8:00 am - (†) Virginia Hollingsworth by Kathleen Hollingsworth

4:00 pm- (†) John Kowalewicz by Jerry & Irene Fritzler



Did you know that Christmas day begins the Christmas season which runs through January 6 The Epiphany?
This period is also known as
The 12 Days of Christmas.
Between 1558 and 1829 English Roman
Catholics were not allowed to practice their faith publicly; it is said that an anonymous person wrote the famous
Christmas carol, "The 12 Days of Christmas" as a catechism song.

The song actually has two levels of meaning. The first is superficial meaning about gifts. The second level is a purported hidden meaning known only to members of the Roman Catholic church. The partridge is Jesus Christ, a bird which will pretend to be injured in order to draw predators to itself and away from it's young. The pear tree is the Cross itself. The 2 Turtle Doves= The Old & New Testaments, 3 French Hens= Faith, Hope and Charity, The Theological Virtues, 4 Calling Birds= the Four Gospels, 5 Golden Rings=The Five Books of the Old Testament, 6 Geese A-laying= the six days of creation, 7 Swans A-swimming= seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments, 8 Maids A-milking= the eight beatitudes. 9

10 Lords A-leaping= the ten commandments, 11 Pipers Piping= the eleven faithful apostles & 12 Drummers Drumming= the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed. When you hear this song next time maybe it will mean something different to you!

Ladies Dancing= the nine Fruits of the Holy

Spirit



Catholic Daughters will meet Dec. 12,2021, 2-4:30PM at IHM church. Please join us for a Christmas party.



Bacon! Gift Baskets! Baked Treats! Mimosas!

You are invited to join the Ladies
Auxiliary

for their annual Bake Sale and Gift Basket Silent Auction!

Plus a Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast featuring mimosas!

December 19th after the morning masses.
Enjoy breakfast and sip a complimentary mimosa while browsing our selection of delectable home baked goodies and beautiful gift baskets which are sure to make your Christmas season extra Merry!



Baptism Preparation Classes

For parents wishing to baptize their child/children, infant to the age of seven. IHM has Baptism Prep Classes offered

every month. For your convenience you can take classes even before the baby is born! For more information, please contact Katie Coomer in the parish office at 970-242-6121 ext. 221 or email kcoomer@ihmgjt.org



Fr. Chrysogonus has announced
RCIA is open to everyone Catholic or those wishing
to become Catholic. He will be holding a class
after the 10:00 am Sunday morning Mass. (Father will
be a bit late if he says Mass at St. Ann's) For those
interested please call the
Parish Office at 970-242-6121.

<u>Updated Information of Coronavirus at</u> <u>IHM</u>

IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 directives from Mesa County Health Department and the Catholic Diocese of Pueblo. We have the "Free to Choose" policy if you want to wear a face mask or not. We do ask that you please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners, as some are still a higher risk.

Thank You, IHM Staff.

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Kids Corner Third Sunday of Advent

Pointing the Way to Jesus

In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with



expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he

JESUS

showed them the way to God.

How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

Answer to Crossword Puzzle: Across:

I. peace 3. shall 5. thanksgiving 9. near 11. all
13. sisters 15. Christ
Down: I. petition 2. again 4. have 6. kindness
7. guard 8. God 10. your 12. Lord 14.it 15. to

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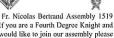
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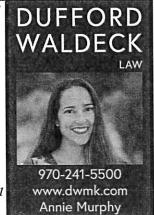
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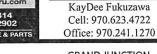
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