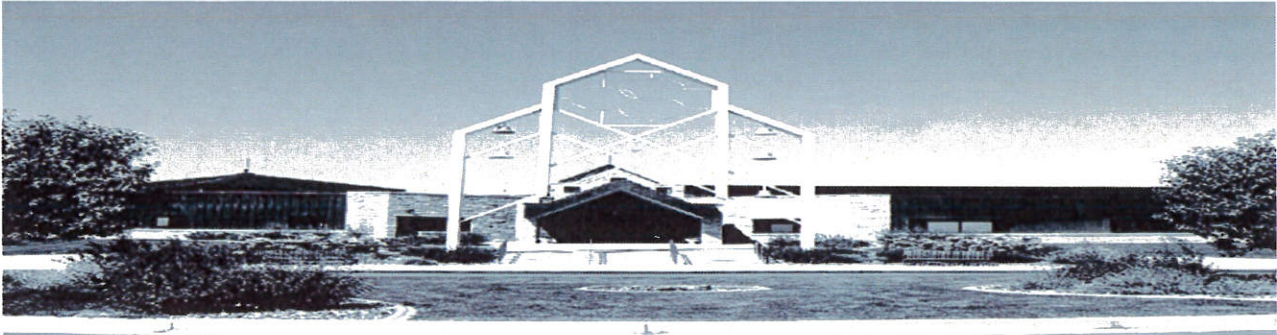


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Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

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

4:15 pm

7:00 pm

10:00 pm

Saturday December 25

10:00 am

9:15 am at St. Ann's



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2:00-3:30

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



To register as a parishioner at IHM, please stop by the Parish Office.



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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN"

Micah: 5: 2-5; Heb: 10: 5-10; Lk: 1: 39-45

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this Homily. Today's first reading is from the book of Prophet Micah. In this passage Micah speaks about a great ruler who will come from an insignificant place in Israel - Bethlehem. He will gather together the scattered people and unite the people once more. He will bring peace and security for the chosen people. The prophecy of Micah points to the coming of Christ as savior of Israel and of the whole world.

Second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews. This passage brings us the message that Jesus came not to offer sacrifices of the old law but to do the will of God. The sacrifices offered according to the Mosaic Law were unable to purify people from their sins. But Jesus through His obedience and self sacrifice was able to bring about reconciliation between God and humankind. "Blessed is she who believed"

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Luke. This passage gives us a detailed description regarding the meeting of Blessed Mother Mary with her cousin Elizabeth. These two saintly women experienced the blessing of a loving and living God. Mary wanted to share her joy with her cousin. So she traveled to the hill country where Elizabeth lived. When greeted by Mary, Elizabeth recognized the great privilege God had bestowed on Mary. Filled with the Holy Spirit Elizabeth praised Mary and the uniqueness of the child in her womb. Elizabeth joyously praised and thanked God for the great faith Mary had when she totally surrendered to the will of God and accepted God's Word in her womb. It is through Mary that God keeps the promises foretold by Micah. The promises of God will take human form in her womb in the person of Jesus. In Mary we see that God does not merely make promises but fulfills them. In Mary we see someone who allows the promises of God to shape her whole life - not in a passive way but positively by her unconditional 'yes' to God.

In this final week of Advent, when we are eagerly preparing for Christmas, Elizabeth and Mary give us some deep insights as to how we could prepare for the great event. 1. By believing in the promises of God. 2. By recognizing what God has done in our lives and in the lives of others. 3. By sharing our joy with others. "Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit after conceiving John, while Mary is filled with the Holy Spirit before conceiving the Lord" - St. Ambrose.

I wish you all Happy Sunday and Lovely day. God bless you all. Amen

Father 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 Lisieux, explains how to live in a closer relationship with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from this relationship.

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*

No 8am Mass on December 24th!

There will be no 8am Mass on December 24th in preparation for Christmas Masses!

Please join us at 9am to decorate the entire parish building for the Christmas Season!



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.
Please be as big-hearted this year as you have been in the past.*



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Minister Schedule for Dec. 25/26, 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.

10:00 am Dec. 25 (†) Pro Populo

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4:00 pm Dec. 25 (I) Clay Neubert by Brad & Carol Reschak

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic:

Hospitality:

Servers:

Lectors:

7:30am, Dec. 26 (†) Casimir & Adela Burza by Elizabeth Barc

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic:

Hospitality:

Servers:

Lectors:

9:15 am Dec. 26, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

10:00am, Dec. 26 (I) Joyce & Dan Peugh by Family

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic:

Hospitality:

Servers:

Lectors:

6:00pm, Dec. 26 (†) Theresa O'Brien by Madonna Hayes

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic:

Hospitality:

Servers:

Lector:

Readings for the Week of Dec. 19, 2021

Sunday: MI 5:1-4a HEB 10:5-10 LK 1:39-45

Monday: IS 7:10-14 LK 1:26-38

Tuesday: SG 2:8-14 LK 1:39-45

Wednesday: ISM 1:24-28 LK 1:46-56

Thursday: MAL 3:1-4,23-24 LK 1:57-66 MT 1:1-25

Friday: 4:00, 4:15 7:00 PM ~ IS 62:1-5 ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25 MT 1:1-25 10:00 PM ~ IS 9:1-6 TI 2:11-14 LK 2:1-14

Saturday: 10:00 AM ~ IS 52:7-10 HEB 1:1-6 JN 1:1-18

4:00 PM ~ ISM 1:20-22, 24-28 JN 3:1-2, 21-24 LK 2:41-

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Calendar of Events Week of December 19

Sunday, Dec. 19 7:30 am Mass
9:15 am St. Ann's
10:00 am Mass
12:00 - 1:00 RCIA

Monday, Dec. 20 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 21 8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, Dec. 22 8:00 am Mass

Thursday, Dec. 23 8:00 am Mass

Friday, Dec. 24 OFFICE CLOSED *MERRY CHRISTMAS*
4:00 pm Mass
4:15 pm Mass
7:00 pm Mass

Saturday, Dec. 25 10:00 am Christmas Mass
NO CONFESSIONS
4:00 pm Mass (for weekend)

Mass IntentionsSunday Dec.19, 2021

7:30 am - (†) **Fr. James Plough** by Elizabeth & Joshua

10:00 am- (†) **Darcy Family** by Denise Buchner

6:00 pm - (†) **Ken Morrison** by Madonna Hayes

Monday Dec. 20, 2021

8:00 am- (I) **Donna Carol** by Steve & Lena Watson

Tuesday Dec. 21, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Rene' Phillips** by Friends

Wednesday Dec. 22, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Margaret Burnaman** by Justine Tiler

Thursday Dec. 23, 2021

8:00 am - (†) **Buchner Family** by Denise Buchner

Friday Dec. 24, 2021

4:00 pm - (†) **Pro Populo**

4:15 pm **Pro Populo**

7:00 pm **Pro Populo**

10:00 pm **Pro Populo**

Saturday Dec. 25, 2021

10:00 am -(†) **Pro Populo**

4:00 pm- (I) **Clay Neubert** by Brad & Carol Reschak

Did you
KNOW?



What is a saintly relic?

A relic is an item associated with Jesus Christ, the Blessed Mother or the saints.

Relics are usually displayed in containers called reliquaries so that Catholics may venerate them.

Church altars also sometimes have a relic embedded inside them in a small block called the altar stone.

The Three Classes of Relics

FIRST-CLASS RELIC:
a part of a saint's body such as a bone fragment

SECOND-CLASS RELIC:
a piece of a saint's clothing or something used by a saint

THIRD-CLASS RELIC:
an object which has been touched to a first or second-class relic, including the tomb of a saint

Why do we have relics?

Relics are tangible reminders to us of the incarnational nature of our faith. The Word of God became flesh, and through the centuries countless saints have embodied what it means to live our faith.

Relics also remind us that the saints are close to God and can intercede for us when we pray to them.

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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



Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a week until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.



Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women! Answer to True or False: 1.true, 2.false, 3.false, 4.true, 5.true, 6.false, 7.true.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

Luke 1.39-45

Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?

Use the code to find out!

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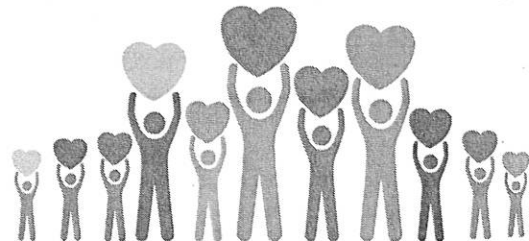
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