



Our Lady of the Valley

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1^{ER} DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepíéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".
- Mc 1, 14-15



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

February 18, 2024

**Fr. José Ramirez, Pastor Fr. Germán Ruis, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Humberto Almeida - Deacon Kerry Harris - Deacon Toby Green
Deacon Chris Reilly-Deacon Ruben Irigoyen**

Parish Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Friday

English Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Weekdays	7:15 a.m. (M - W - F) 8:30 a.m. (T-Thu)

Reconciliation (Guadalupe Chapel)

Tuesday	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Horario de Oficina:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lunes - Jueves
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 de mediodía. Viernes

Misas en Español

Martes	7:00 p.m. / Jueves	7:00pm
Sábado	7:00 p.m.	
Domingo	12:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m.	

Reconciliación (Capilla de Guadalupe)

Martes	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Jueves	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sábado	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

PASTORAL TEAM/EQUIPO PASTORAL

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Jan. 2024 COLLECTION UPDATE:

Dec.	12/31:	\$ 19,144.20
Jan.	1/7:	\$ 13,199.04
Jan.	1/14:	\$14,081.09
Jan.	1/28:	\$ 19,336.43

ICA as of 09/30: \$121,314 pledged

COLECTA DEL MES DE ENE. 2024

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Baptism: Classes in English are on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please call the office to register for a class. After attending class, the baptism date is to be scheduled through the parish office.

Bautismo: Se requiere instrucción pre-bautismal para padres y padrinos. La clase en español es el primer Miércoles del mes a las 7:00 pm. Despues de asistir a clase pre-bautismal, fecha para bautizar se proveera por la oficina parroquial

Marriage: Couples need to schedule a meeting with the priest at least six months before the proposed marriage date to begin the necessary preparations for the sacrament of marriage.

Matrimonio: Se requiere que parejas interesadas en celebrar su matrimonio en la Iglesia se comuniquen con el sacerdote por lo menos con seis meses de anticipación a la fecha deseada para la boda, con el fin de cumplir todos los requisitos para el sacramento del matrimonio.

Quinceañeras: Our Lady of the Valley
Quinceañeras! Requirements include to be a part of **Family Ministry** and the one-day **Quinceañera** retreat. You can register in the parish office Monday through Friday. 208-459-3653.

Quinceañeras: Nuestra Señora del Valle misa de Quinceañeras

Se requiere que se inscriban en el ministerio familiar y asistir al retiro de Quinceañera. Se pueden inscribir en la oficina de la parroquia de Lunes a Viernes. 208-459-3653, ext 3009



FATHER'S CORNER

Father José

When the passage of the flood is read it seems God is a vindictive God who wanted to punish all those people caught unaware. This section of the passage is when Noah started to come out of the ark, right then God makes a covenant. It almost feels like God is saying, "Perhaps I went a little bit overboard flooding the world and all. Next time I will be more careful." What was just mentioned is not biblical, this is creative imagination, but it is clear God made a covenant not destroy bodily creatures again through a flood.

At the end of the first reading there is also a powerful image of the bow in the sky, which of course, many have interpreted as a rainbow. This beautiful, awesome sight was then not at the beginning of creation but appeared after this covenant. This bow has its symbolism. God places the bow in the sky, as if God is saying, "I surrender. I am not fighting you anymore. I put my weapon down. I am hanging up my bow so as not to fight you anymore." God wanted to enter a covenant of love. The common perception (though sometimes not said aloud) is that God is out there to punish. The flood story almost seems to give some credibility to this perception, but the reality is God never punishes. Many times, what is experienced in life are the consequences of the actions undertaken. This first reading reminds God entered a covenant of love. God is not out there to destroy all mortal beings with water, fire, or whatever other elements.

The story of the flood should not be used as way to paint God in a negative way, but to prefigure of the sacrament of baptism, which God gives for love of humanity. God wants purification to happen in the lives of humans and wants to cleanse the sin out of lives and God does so now through the waters of baptism. This sacrament is not a bath to remove dirt, but to wash away the sins. It is so interesting (and at the same time sad) that some parents come to baptism and think its only a bath in the church. They have phrases to tell their kids like "it's only water." Some say, "it's water to take away your little horns," and many things like this that disfigure what baptism is all about. Yes, baptism cleanses and purifies, but it also makes the baptized a child of God. The waters of baptism will regenerate. The waters of baptism will give new life in the Spirit. The waters of baptism are then a testament of God's love for the world. It can be said the flood waters had a destructive force, and only eight people were saved. The love of God is expansive. Now, the waters of baptism have power to save and are not limited to a small number. As St. Peter reminds us in his letter, "only a few persons, eight in all" (3:18-22) where saved by the flood, but now millions and millions have been saved by baptism.

Have you ever wondered why the Lord has not come yet? Perhaps it is because God loves so and wants many millions and millions of people to be saved through the waters of baptism. It is clear God loves, not punishes, and gives us the sacrament of baptism (along with the rest of the sacraments) as sign of his love. However humanity does not have a free pass to do whatever they want in life. Jesus begins his ministry by saying, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk. 1:12-15), a simple message to turn lives toward God. Perhaps this small (yet powerful) phrase from the Lord can be amended to include baptism. Repent and start to live your baptism. Repent and turn back to God by remembering who you are, a baptized person called to live a life of holiness. Repent, even now, and start to live your identity as a child of God, as a Christian, acquired in baptism. Repent and renew your baptismal promises where Satan was rejected. Let us use lent to reflect about our baptism given by God out of love to renew us and sustain us in the life of faith.

LA ESQUINA DEL PADRE

Padre José

Cuando se lee el paso del diluvio parece que Dios es un Dios vengativo que quería castigar a todas aquellas personas sorprendidas. Esta sección del pasaje es cuando Noé comenzó a salir del arca, en ese momento Dios hace un pacto. Casi se siente como si Dios estuviera diciendo: "Quizás me excedí un poco al inundar el mundo y todo. La próxima vez tendré más cuidado". Lo que se acaba de mencionar no es bíblico, esto es imaginación creativa, pero está claro que Dios hizo un pacto de no destruir nuevamente las criaturas mediante un diluvio.

Al final de la primera lectura también aparece una poderosa imagen del arco en el cielo, que por supuesto, muchos han interpretado como un arco iris. Esta hermosa y asombrosa vista no ocurrió al comienzo de la creación, sino que apareció después de este pacto. Este arco tiene su simbolismo. Dios coloca el arco en el cielo, como si dijera: "Me rindo. Ya no voy a pelear contigo. Dejé mi arma. Voy a colgar mi arco para no pelear más contigo". Dios quería entrar en una alianza de amor. La percepción común (aunque a veces no se dice en voz alta) es que Dios está ahí para castigar. La historia del diluvio casi parece dar cierta credibilidad a esta percepción, pero la realidad es que Dios nunca castiga. Muchas veces, lo que se vive en la vida son las consecuencias de las acciones emprendidas. Esta primera lectura recuerda que Dios hizo un pacto de amor. Dios no está ahí para destruir a todos los seres mortales con agua, fuego o cualquier otro elemento.

La historia del diluvio no debe usarse como una manera de pintar a Dios de manera negativa, sino para prefigurar el sacramento del bautismo, que Dios da por amor a la humanidad. Dios quiere que ocurra la purificación en las vidas de los humanos y quiere limpiar el pecado de las vidas y Dios lo hace ahora a través de las aguas del bautismo. Este sacramento no es un baño para quitar la suciedad, sino para lavar los pecados. Es tan interesante (y al mismo tiempo triste) que algunos padres vienen al bautismo y piensan que es sólo un baño en la iglesia. Tienen frases para decirles a sus hijos como "es sólo agua". Algunos dicen "es agua para quitar los cuernitos", y muchas cosas como éstas que desfiguran lo que es el bautismo. Sí, el bautismo limpia y purifica, pero también hace del bautizado hijo de Dios. Las aguas del bautismo se regenerarán. Las aguas del bautismo dan nueva vida en el Espíritu. Las aguas del bautismo son entonces un testimonio del amor de Dios por el mundo. Se puede decir que las aguas de la inundación tuvieron una fuerza destructiva y sólo ocho personas se salvaron. El amor de Dios es expansivo. Ahora bien, las aguas del bautismo tienen poder para salvar y no se limitan a un número pequeño. Como nos recuerda San Pedro en su carta, "sólo unas pocas personas, ocho en total" (3:18-22) fueron salvadas por el diluvio, pero ahora millones y millones han sido salvados por el bautismo.

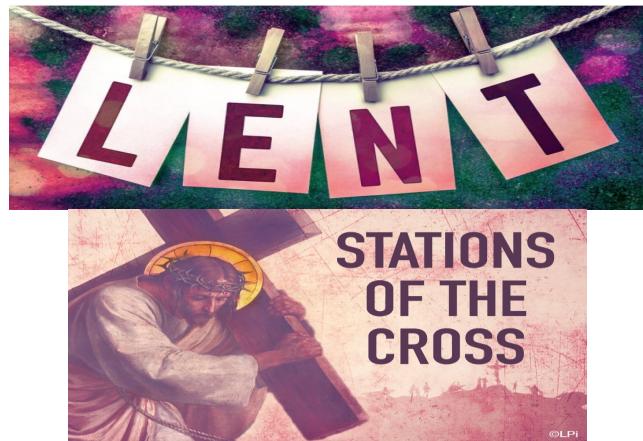
¿Alguna vez te has preguntado por qué el Señor no ha venido todavía? Quizás sea porque Dios ama tanto y quiere que muchos millones y millones de personas se salven a través de las aguas del bautismo. Está claro que Dios ama, no castiga, y nos da el sacramento del bautismo (junto con el resto de los sacramentos) como muestra de su amor. Sin embargo la humanidad no tiene vía libre para hacer lo que quiera en la vida. Jesús comienza su ministerio diciendo: "Arrepéntitos y creed en el Evangelio" (Marcos 1:12-15), un mensaje sencillo para volver vidas hacia Dios. Quizás esta pequeña (pero poderosa) frase del Señor pueda modificarse para incluir el bautismo. Arrepíentete y comienza a vivir tu bautismo. Arrepíentete y vuelve a Dios recordando quién eres, una persona bautizada llamada a vivir una vida de santidad. Arrepíentete y comienza a vivir tu identidad de hijo de Dios, de cristiano, adquirida en el bautismo. Arrepíentete y renueva tus promesas bautismales donde Satanás fue rechazado. Aprovechemos la cuaresma para reflexionar sobre nuestro bautismo dado por Dios por amor para renovarnos y sostenernos en la vida de fe.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th, for presidents day. *Mass will be offered at 7:15am.*



La oficina de la parroquia estará cerrada el lunes 19 de febrero por el día de los presidentes. *La misa se ofrecerá a las 7:15am.*



I would like to thank Fr Jose, Fr German, Laura, Guadalupe, Gloria, Josefina, Maria, Oscar, Ronald, and Deacons Humberto, Kerry, Toby for their help in my transitioning tasks, kind words and giving of their time in my 'multiple retirement send-offs'.

I would also like to thank ALL of you in the parish for our time together over the years and those who came by to share your well wishes and memories. It was a very humbling week. I have been blessed being able to support your ministries, helping to find answers, and sharing in your families' Sacraments.

May God continue to keep you in his loving care. —Shana Savell

—Shana

**Fridays of Lent
Stations of the Cross
6:00pm - English**

**Viernes de Cuaresma
Viacrucis 7:00pm
Español**

Healing Mass
*February 28, at 7:00pm
In the main church
By Bishop Peter*

Misa de sanación
*28 de febrero, a las 7:00 pm
en la iglesia principal
Por el obispo Pedro*



**Save Date - be Part of Movement
Diocese of Boise Joins National Eucharistic Procession!**

From May 27th to May 31st, 2024, the Diocese of Boise will take part in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, hosting a dozen young adults as they process with the Blessed Sacrament on their way to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July. These four national teams embark on their cross-country pilgrimage on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. Along the way, they will stop at parishes to pray, process, and gather, unified around the Blessed Sacrament. This unprecedented opportunity allows the faithful in Idaho to join with one of the largest Eucharistic pilgrimages in history, as part of the National Eucharistic Revival sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

On May 27th, Bishop Peter will meet Bishop Cary of the Diocese of Baker on the border between Oregon and Idaho, where they will solemnly transfer the Blessed Sacrament to our diocese. The Eucharistic procession will continue across the southern portion of the state before it crosses the border into Utah. The national team will make four major stops in our diocese: Corpus Christi in Fruitland; the Cathedral of St. John in Boise; St. Edward's in Twin Falls; and Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Pocatello.

Save the date and plan to pray, process and be part of this historic event! More information to come on ways in which all communities will be able to participate.



Funeral Luncheon Ministry

We are in the working stage of forming a Funeral Luncheon Ministry to serve our parish. We are seeking volunteers to serve on the committee or assist by providing refreshments or serving and/or working in the kitchen. This is a Corporal Work of Mercy that needs your support to succeed. Please text: **Terri** at 986-999-0312 or **Olga** at 208-454-3178 if you can help.

Estamos en un proceso para formar un ministerio de Almuerzo Funerario para servir a nuestra parroquia. Estamos buscando voluntarios para servir en el comité o ayudar proporcionando refrigerios o sirviendo o trabajando en la cocina. Esta es una Obra Corporal de Misericordia que necesita de nuestro apoyo para tener éxito. Por favor envíe un mensaje de texto a: **Terri** al 986-999-0312 u **Olga** al 208-454-3178 si puede ayudar.



You can support the Lenten Lunches by
donating Pies, Pies, Pies

The Lenten Lunches begin February 16th:

We need 250 pies and are looking for NEW BAKERS,
BUYERS, AND DONORS.

There are 3 ways to help with our pie supply.

(1) HOMEMADE PIES (We love homemade pies.)

(2) Purchased pies from the local bakeries

(3) Donate money to OLV earmarked "money for pies for Lenten Lunches", \$30 will buy 2 great pies. You could mail to OLV 1122 W. Linden or drop off at office.

*******Please contact Keri Crookham*******

(208) 250-2231, crookhams@q.com

We need pies for Feb 16, Mar 1, Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22.



LENTEN CLAM CHOWDER

LUNCHEONS...the tradition

continues...starting Friday, February 16 through March 22...*Not February 23rd* from 11:30-1:00.

Clam chowder or minestrone soup, coleslaw, homemade pie and a beverage will be available. We always need people to help and couldn't put this on without the help of our volunteers. If you are looking to make new friends or become more active in the Parish, this is a great opportunity to do just that! If you would like to help in the dining room (serving, set up, clean up), call Betty Ledington (208) 407-5820 or Kim Hennig (509) 990-6521



La Tradición Continúa! Almuerzos de Caldo de Almeja empezarán el viernes, 16 de febrero y serán cada viernes hasta el 22 de marzo...*No el 23 de febrero* de 11:30am-1:00pm. sopa de almejas o sopa de verduras, ensalada, pai y café. Se necesitan muchos trabajadores para llevar acabo esto. Si a usted le gustaría ayudar Estén atentos tenemos oportunidades para que pueda ayudar a cocinar, servir o limpiar.

Lenten Fish Dinners are coming!!!

Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 7:00pm on **Fridays of Lent starting February 16** through Friday, March 22... **Not February 23rd**. Dinner is hosted by the Knights of Columbus for the Parish and the Treasure Valley community. We have deep fried and baked Alaskan Cod, coleslaw and French Fries.

Don't miss the opportunity - bring family, friends and neighbors to enjoy food, fun and fellowship! Please use the North entrance to Holy Family Hall (gym) for less congestion and easier parking on the expansive North parking area.

Dinners coincide with the **Stations of the Cross starting at 6pm and again at 7:00pm**.



Have dinner and participate in this spiritual journey with



Cena de Pescado Frito!!!

patrocinado por Caballeros de Colón ofrece su famoso pescado para la Parroquia y para la comunidad del Valle del Tesoro. Pescado se servirá de 5:00pm hasta 7:00pm cada viernes de Cuaresma comenzando el 16 de febrero hasta el 22 de marzo...

No el 23 de febrero. Cenas coinciden con las Estaciones de la Cruz

iniciando a las 6pm y a las 7:00pm. Venga a cenar y participe en esta jornada espiritual con Cristo. Tendremos bacalao frito y orneado, ensalada de col y papas fritas (de Idaho, Claro). Traiga su familia, amigos, y vecinos para disfrutar comida, alegría y amistad! Favor de usar la entrada norte del centro Parroquial para menos congestión y más estacionamiento.

Are you engaged or married and looking for moral family planning options? Try:

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Classes offered Spring of 2023

March 11th, April 8th, May 6th- 2pm-4:30pm

St. John Cathedral- Join us!



The instructors are Marshall and Gabi Boyland 406-600-2868

Method: Couple to Couple League

Email for registration information: mgboland@ccli.org

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Curso Pre –Matrimonial



Curso Pre-Matrimonial en español se iniciará el sábado, 9 de Marzo, 2024 en la Parroquia de Nuestra señora del Valle. Novios y parejas que están pensando casarse por la Iglesia en los próximos meses están invitados a participar en dicho curso. El curso se reunirá en los siguientes sábados: 9 de marzo, y 16 de Marzo, de 8:00am asta las 5:00pm, en el salón de San Pedro el cuarto de conferencias .

Para cumplir el curso la pareja tiene que asistir a las dos reuniones. La inscripción es \$25.00 por pareja. Para más información llame a la oficina Parroquial 459-3653.

Caritas Vocations Group **Join Us in February**

Caritas Vocations group is a place to learn about how much God loves you and how to ask Him the hard questions about your life. For **High School Students 13-18 years** of age . We will meet in small groups and discuss the Church's teaching on vocations. Explore the priesthood, religious life and married life as paths to loving God and fulfilling our life's work. It takes courage to face the big questions in life...Come **Thursday February 29th from 6:30 - 8pm at Our Lady of the Valley.** Spaghetti is being served! Come and bring a friend. Begin the journey with us! For more information or if you have dietary restraints contact Lisa Penzkover 810jlpenz@gmail.com



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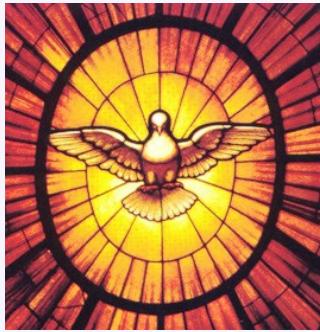
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CHANGE YOUR LIFE



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Rosary Makers
Meet on Thursdays
in the John Paul II
from 10:00am –
12:00pm
Everyone are
welcome.



CONFIRMATION 'S DATE

TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2024 7 P. M

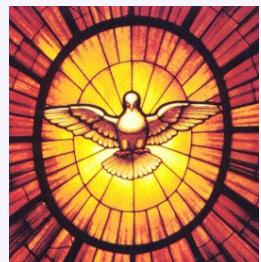
Date for confirmation in Our Lady of the Valley: **Tuesday April 16 at 7 pm.** The candidates who have been preparing to receive the sacrament of the Confirmation must be punctual at 6 pm in the main Church, dressed accordingly for this special occasion. Practices for confirmation will be on Sunday, April 14 at 4pm. Only candidates and sponsors should attend. This practice is mandatory for both godparents and candidates.

*Godparents, please attend your local parish to receive the sacrament of reconciliation beforehand since they will not be confessing here that day.

Fecha de Confirmación el 16 de Abril

Fecha para la confirmación en Nuestra Señora del Valle: **Martes 16 de abril a las 7pm.** Los candidatos que se han estado preparando para recibir el sacramento de la confirmación **deberán llegar a las 6 pm** en la Iglesia principal vestidos de acuerdo para esta ocasión tan especial. Prácticas para la confirmación serán el domingo 14 de abril a las 4pm. Solo deberán atender los candidatos y los padrinos. Esta práctica es mandatoria tanto para padrinos como para candidatos.

*Padrinos, favor de atender a su parroquia local para recibir el sacramento de la reconciliación previamente ya que aquí no estarán confesando ese día.



Please ensure all documentations have been turned into the office before March 15, 2024. If you have questions please contact Guadalupe.

There will be no class on Feb. 25, 2024 due to cursillos. Classes resume on March 3rd.

RE (PreK-5) Sunday Sessions
English: 10:15AM-11:15AM
Spanish: 1:15PM-2:15PM
garriagap@olvcaldwell.org
208-459-3653 ex. 3008

Asegúrese de haber entregado toda la documentación a la oficina antes del 15 de Marzo de 2024. Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Guadalupe.

No habrá clases el 25 de Febrero de 2024 debido a cursillos. Las clases se reanudan el 3 de Marzo.

Lent
Feb. 14 - Mar. 28

Cuaresma
14 de Feb. - 28 de Mar.



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