

Eucharistic Liturgies for the week of December 5

Mon. Dec. 5 - 12:10pm + Mary Etcheberry - Carmen & Larry Goicoechea
 Mon. Dec. 5 - 2:00pm (Manor) COMMUNION SERVICE
 Tues. Dec. 6 - NO LITURGY
 Wed. Dec. 7 - 12:10pm + Tiderencel Family - George & Franz Manilla
 Thurs. Dec. 8 - 12:10pm + Patsy Pattani - Mary Guccini
 Thurs. Dec. 8 - 6:30pm + Richard Lemon, Jr. - Norm Mahlberg Family
 Fri. Dec. 9 - 12:10pm + Miren Ispisua - Lou Arano
 Sat. Dec. 10 - 5:00pm + Bernice Jones - Lea Carson
 Sun. Dec. 11 - 8:00am + Morris Gallagher - Mary Lou Gallagher & Family
 Sun. Dec. 11 - 10:00am + Eustaquia Bocar Gaspay - Carmelita Angulo
 Sun. (Spanish) - 12:00pm + Adolfo Gaeta - Jose, Olimpia & Family
 Sun. (Spr.Ck.) - 4:00pm FOR THE PARISH
NOTE: Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation - The Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER 4, 2011 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 5

Mon. **Is** 35:1-10 **Ps** 85:9AB-14 **Lk** 5:17-26
 Tue. **Is** 40:1-11 **Ps** 96:1-3,10-13 **Mt** 18:12-14
 Wed. **Is** 40:25-31 **Ps** 103:1-4,8,10 **Mt** 11:28-30
 Thurs. **Gn** 3:9-15,20 **Ps** 98:1-4 **Eph** 1:3-6,11-12 **Lk** 1:26-38
 Fri. **Is** 48:17-19 **Ps** 1:1-4,6 **Mt** 11:16-19
 Sat. **Sir** 48:1-4,9-11 **Ps** 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 **Mt** 17:9a,10-13
 Sun. **Is** 61:1-2a,10-11 (**Ps**) **Lk** 1:46-50,53-54 **1 Thes** 5:16-24 **Jn** 1:6-8,19-28

WEEKLY COLLECTION

With gratitude for the gifts they have received, our parish family and friends have contributed to the Church \$6,368.22 for November 27, 2011.

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Brother Knights, Hope everyone is having a great weekend. Our next meeting will be on December 7 at 7p.m. in Columbus Hall. We have started our fund raiser raffle and we have some great prizes. They are a 40" Flat Screen TV, a 10mm EAA semi- Automatic Pistol, X-Box Kinect, and several other prizes. Tickets are available from any Knight or you can contact Jim Conner at 738-7991. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. The Raffle Drawing will be held at the Pro Life Breakfast on December 18. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard is up by the 5th Street Bridge. Look for it. Have a great week. God Bless, Jim Conner, FS

Ladies Auxiliary

Hope everyone is well on this second weekend of Advent. The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" buttons after each Mass this weekend. Please stop by to say hello and get your button. The Ladies will also be meeting on Monday, December 5, at 7 p.m., in the home of Jody Micheletti. Her address is 1238 Dotta Drive. If you are a wife or daughter (over 18) of a Knight and would like to join us, please call Jody Micheletti at 738-6044 or come join us at a meeting. ~Your Sister in Christ-Rose Conner

CHRISTMAS CHOIR - Rehearsals for the Christmas choir will be held every Sunday at 6:30pm in the Church through December 18. Come and join Diane Senn and Val Rogers in preparing to celebrate the "Spirit of the Season" in music and voice.

All singers, both veteran choir members and new voices, are most welcome.

Invitation to St. Joseph's Community - Everyone Welcome

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe:
 Sunday, December 11 - 6:00pm Mass followed by dinner in M.D.Hall
 Monday, December 12 - 4:00am - 6:00am - Mananitas
 6:00am Mass followed by breakfast
 Monday, December 12 - 7:00pm - Rosary

Your prayers are needed for the recovery of the following people.

Olimpia Zataray	Ruth Leniz	Sam Glandon	Cliff Ferry
Beth Aicher	Helen Anthony	John Urdaneta	Earlene Larsen
Ilene Gonzales	Vaughn Mueller	Palmira Reyes	Mike Santina
Luz Herrera	Tristan Killoy	Milad Zayat	Rose Badra
Mary Damele	Steve Feasel	Ann Chester	Marilyn Simmons
Rito Cabrales	Nestor Vigil	Ted Wilton	Rick Wilton
James Lesar	Neil Worthington	Jim Hari	Darlene Salicchi
Paula Otto	Aaron Sand	Richard Schwalm	Debra Robinson
Peggy Tysfer			
Margaret Marcucci	Margaret Holland	Janell Harris	Barbara Tourreuil
Lillian McMahan	Pat Landell	Ruby Nichols	

Please let the parish office know of your loved one's recovery, so that his/her name may be removed from the list.

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BAPTISM CLASSES - English Class - Class will be December 7 and December 14 at 6:00pm in Thomas Hall. **Spanish Class** - Class will be December 17 at 6:00pm in Columbus Hall.

The **Elko High School Choraliers** will again join us after the 8:00am Mass, December 11, for their annual Christmas concert preview.

Children's Choir - If you would like to sing in the choir for the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm in the church, there will be practices every Saturday from 3pm until 3:45pm starting this Saturday, Dec. 3. You must attend the practices in order to sing at the Christmas Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Religious Education Office at 738-8770.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Many parish members will want to have an opportunity for confession in preparation for Christmas. Often, it is not possible for you to come to confession on Saturday afternoons.

With that in mind, we have additional confession times during Advent:

Thursday, Dec. 1 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 Thursday, Dec. 8 7:30 PM (following holyday Mass)
 Thursday, Dec. 15 Advent Penance Service (with visiting priests), 6:30 PM
 You may also arrange to have your confession heard, at the Parish Office, by appointment (738-6432).

2nd Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last year, while visiting a senior care facility, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI noted, "Indeed, the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude." On Dec. 8/9 we will be taking up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity to honor and thank thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service. Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church in the United States. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us. In reflecting on the dedication of elderly religious, I remain grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith and for the tremendous service they have offered our diocese.

In thanksgiving for all the senior religious have done, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Revered Randolph R. Calvo
 Bishop of Reno

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12:10pm - LITURGY 2:00pm (Manor) - Communion Service 2:45pm - Youth Rosary in Y.R. 4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes	9:30am - Holy Family Mother's Group in C.H. 10:30am - "Breaking Open the Word" - T.H. 4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes 6:00pm - T.O.P.S. in Y.R. 6:30pm - R.C.I.A. in C.H. 7:00pm - 6 th - 7 th - 8 th grades classes	12:10pm - LITURGY 1:00 - 8:00pm - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes 6:00pm - English Baptism Class I in T.H. 6:00pm - WSJ Dinner 7:00pm - K of C meeting in C.H.	9:30am - W.I.N.G.S. in T.H. 12:10pm Liturgy- Feast of the Immaculate Conception 4:30pm - CCD Sacramental Prep. Class 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Spanish Bible Study in T.H. 6:00pm - Legion of Mary in Church 6:00pm - Spanish Choir in Church 6:30pm Liturgy- Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6:30pm - CONFESSIONS 6:30pm - Teen Nite in M.D.	12:10pm - LITURGY 6:00pm - G.A. in C.H. (934-7297) 6:30pm - Teen Caroling and Bowling beginning in Y.R. 7:00pm - Spanish Prayer Group in Church	4:00pm - CONFESSIONS 5:00pm - LITURGY 6:30pm - Spanish Choir in Church 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Sp. Why Catholic in C.H.	8:00am - LITURGY Rosary in T.H. <i>EHS Choraliers</i> 10:00am - LITURGY Rosary in T.H. 11:00am - Confirmation Class 12:00pm - MISA EN ESPANOL 1:00pm - 2:30pm - Sp. Why Catholic in C.H. 4:00pm - Spring Creek Liturgy 4:00pm - Guadalupe begins 6:30pm - Adult Choir Practice

Dear Members of the Catholic Community:

Today is "Pledge Sunday" for our St. Joseph's Building & Development Fund Appeal. If you have chosen to participate, I invite you to drop your pledge envelope in the regular collection basket today. You may also mail it to the parish, or drop it off at the parish office. If you are participating, and forgot to bring your envelope today, that is not a problem, you can just submit it later.

As a reminder, Catholic Extension Society will provide a matching grant to us, up to \$75,000

Today also, and continuing through December, we will be distributing your Offertory Envelopes for the coming year. Please take a moment to pick up an Offertory Envelope set as you leave church today. There are envelopes for each Sunday, holyday and special collection for all of 2012. There is also a monthly Pledge envelope included for those who will decide to pay their Appeal pledges over a period of ten months.



This coming week we will celebrate a very important feast of Mary - her Immaculate Conception, understanding that she herself was born free of original sin. The Church believes this to be a dogma, or highly important belief, in that though all human beings are born with original sin, the sin of Adam and Eve, that is removed from baptism, Mary herself was not born in this manner because her womb would become, in a sense, a

tabernacle for the presence of the newly-conceived Jesus. And, what was granted to Mary by the powers of Heaven is given to us as part of our baptism.

At the end of the week, beginning on the evening of Sunday, December 11, we will have a two-day celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas. This feast day is close to the hearts of the Mexican people, for it was to them that Mary was first revealed under this title, and since the year 1531 the people of Mexico, and indeed all believers, have remembered the great blessing that her appearances imparted to a people who had received the Catholic faith just recently, from the Spanish conquest.

On Sunday, December 11, we will have an evening Mass at 6:00 PM to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. This will be followed by a meal and festivities in Mater Dei Hall. All are welcome!

On Monday, December 12, the actual feast day, we begin very early with a celebration known as the mananitas, at 4:00 AM. This will include music and prayer, and will conclude with Mass at 6:00 AM. Breakfast follows in Mater Dei Hall. On that same Monday evening the Rosary will be prayed in Church at 7:00 PM. I hope you can attend some or all of these devotions.

God bless, Father Dan

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR LECTOR TRAINING

We will soon offer an evening training session for new lectors. If you feel called to this ministry of proclaiming the Sunday readings at Mass, please call the Parish Office - 738-6432. Class will be scheduled soon!

It's Not Too Late! Register Now!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to enrich your faith and connect with other Catholics in a spirit of community through celebration and prayer. This invitation is extended to **everyone** in your parish. Take advantage of choosing nationally renowned speakers and enjoy the chance for growth and spiritual renewal. Join us for the 2012 Diocesan Conference on January 13-14 at the Nugget in Sparks. With this year's theme, **We Do This Together**, we hope to see you there. For more information go to <http://www.dioceseofreno.org> or call the Diocesan office at 326-9434. **If you will be attending, St. Joseph's will again pay your registration fee. Your registration form must be returned to the Parish Office no later than December 5.**

Please return wrapped gifts, with numbered tags attached, to either the Church or the Parish Office by December 16. These gifts will be delivered during the week before Christmas.

ARE YOU READY FOR IRELAND?

The brochures for our June 14 to 23, 2012 Spiritual and Cultural Journey to Ireland are here! You are welcome to pick up your free brochure in the parish office. You may also download the complete brochure and application form on your computer: www.GoCatholicTravel.com/GoIreland

A HIDDEN GOD

God's mystery always remains hidden even when God appears in and through created beings.

Sunday...Psalm 10:1-2 Monday...Jeremiah 2:5-8 Tuesday...Psalm 27:7-9
Wed...Isaiah 64:7-9 Thursday...Psalm 13:1-3
Friday...Daniel 2:20-23 Saturday...Psalm 44:23-26

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*bring to perfection what you have started, and what the Holy Spirit has wakened us
to ask in prayer. We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory.
Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen. - St.
Augustine of Hippo*

*Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls
before the beams of your brightness. Fill us
love, and open to us the treasures of your
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your wisdom. You know all our desire, so*