

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Marist Community

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The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments may be worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. (from Catholic Culture)

Eucharistic Liturgies
 Vigil: Saturday – 7 p.m.
 Sunday – 9 a.m.

See bulletin for weekday masses
 and intentions

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On November 12, back in 1531, our Blessed Mother appeared in Mexico to a 57-year old peasant named Juan Diego.

According to the earliest reliable account of the story, Juan Diego was walking near what is now Mexico City (Tepeyac Hill) when he came upon an apparition of a “maiden” whom he soon came to recognize as the Virgin Mary. Mary appeared to be wearing the dress of an Aztec princess. The sash tied around her waist was a symbol of pregnancy, indicating that she was with child.

When he told the archbishop, he asked for a sign to prove what he had seen.

Upon returning, Mary instructed Juan Diego to climb to the top of the hill to gather flowers to bring back to the bishop. Reaching the crest of the hill, Juan Diego found Castilian roses, which were neither in season nor native to the region. The Blessed Mother arranged the flowers herself in Juan’s tilma (a burlap-type cloak) and instructed him in his native language to open the cloak only upon return to the bishop.

When Juan Diego arrived back at the bishop’s residence, he opened his cloak and the flowers fell to the floor. Left on the surface of his tilma was the image that’s come to be known as “Our Lady of Guadalupe.” Several million Aztecs were converted to the Catholic faith by the power of this image in just under seven years.

A shrine that was subsequently built on the spot where the original tilma can still be seen is one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in the world today.

As Patroness of the Americas, may she watch over our country & all of us! (from I Love Being Catholic)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. 

Reconciliation

Saturday: 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm
 Sunday: 8:30 am – 8:45 am
 Wednesday: 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm
 First Friday: 6:15 pm – 6:45 pm

We will decorate the church for Christmas after the 9 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, December 22nd so please consider staying an extra hour to help us. Many hands make light work, and if we have several people, it should only take a little while. All are welcome.

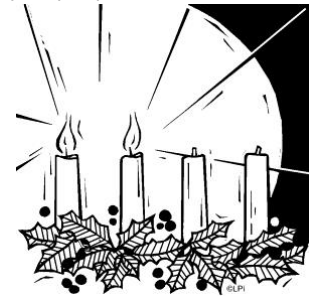


We Did It!

Congratulations to the parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish! We reached our Catholic Sharing Appeal goal and even exceeded it by \$1,722! Thank you for having faith in our church. Our goal was \$11,990 and we raised \$13,721. Thank you for your generosity!

Only One Day Left

This is the third week of Advent already! Are you ready to receive the Promised One? To help you prepare for his coming, our church is offering a morning and evening DVD series for one more Thursday in December. The DVD series will consist of vivid re-creations of the first Christmas and engaging stories with a Christmas theme. The morning



presentation will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the evening presentation will begin at 6 p.m. on December 19. The evening sessions will include potluck so bring something simple if you can. Both presentations will take place in Marist Hall. See Bro. Roy for more information.

Christmas Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) is December 25 and is a holy day for all Catholics. Please join us in our celebrations.

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24 – Carols at 6:30 p.m. and mass at 7 p.m. (Holy Rosary)
Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25 – mass at 9 a.m. (Holy Rosary) and at noon at Sacred Heart.

Christian Concerns Advent Project

The Christian Concerns Group at Holy Rosary invites you to join in their Advent Project this year. They will be collecting items for the residents of Holbrooks Nursing Home, located right here in Buckhannon. They will continue collecting the items listed below until December 16th. Please bring all unwrapped items to Holy Rosary Church and place them in the collection boxes in the Church Hall or at the front entry. If you have any questions, please ask Brother Roy or Sarah Ziems. Thank you for supporting this project and celebrating the birth of our Lord by remembering those who are too often forgotten! Suggested gifts include: men’s and women’s slippers, socks, lap throws, blankets, puzzles, books, word search or crossword games, various toiletries, lotions, snacks candies, (including diabetic candies), stuffed animals, adult coloring books and art supplies.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

School of Religion Schedule

December: Focus on "Preparing for Jesus"

Sunday 15: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-12)

Sunday 22: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-12)

Students bring up gifts

Sunday 29: **No Classes (K-12)**

Christmas Break

January:

Sunday 5: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-5)

Sunday 12: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-5)



Psalm Response: "Lord, come and save us."

Lector Schedules

Lector Schedules for December and January are ready to be picked up for: Mary Blake, Joe Broslawski, Iris Carillo, Virginia Carmona, Andrea Ellis, Shanna Ericsson, Maria Gjolberg, Skip Gjolberg, Jessie Disbrow, Linda Hicks, Jalna Jones, Sandy Kraynok, Pat Marsh, Sister Francesca, John Waltz, Mike Wilson, and Colleen Hoover.

Women's Group Invitation

Well, it sure got cold fast! BUT, we found a story that will warm your heart. In January, the women of Holy Rosary are invited to learn about the Book of Ruth from the Old Testament. We will meet at 6pm in Marist Hall for four Thursday nights: January 30, February 6, February 13, and February 20. You'll have one hour of sacred time to feed your soul and make lasting friendships with the women you see every Sunday. The book we'll use is: Ruth: Loyal & Blessed: A 4-Week Bible Study on the Book of Ruth. It's \$8 on Amazon.com. Ask Santa to put it in your Christmas stocking!

Celebrate With your Parish Family!

December Birthdays

Will Baxa IV	December 5
Mariann Jack	December 10
Tracy Murphy	December 9
Anthony Murphy	December 13
Harrison Walker	December 15
Gene Stump	December 19
Gene Bryant	December 25
Andrea Ellis	December 27
Grant Murphy	December 27
Mike Wilson	December 28
Mike Ellis	December 31

Our Holy Rosary 2020 calendars have arrived. Many thanks to Nicholas Cutright, owner of Heavner and Cutright Funeral Home in Buckhannon for sponsoring our calendars. The calendars are located at the doors of the church for each family.

Christmas Cookies Sale

Too busy to bake? Let the Scholarship Committee bakers help you out! The committee will be selling cookies in Marist Hall after Mass on Saturday and Sunday, December 21 and 22 – just in time for Christmas! The cost will be just \$4 per dozen. Each dozen will contain one type of cookie, but there will be a variety available (peanut butter kisses, chocolate chip, sugar, Russian teacakes, brownies, magic cookie bars, oatmeal cookies, gingersnaps and no bake cookies, to name a few). Please stop in to get your Christmas cookies and to help support Holy Rosary's Graduation Scholarship Fund.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL??

FLOCKNOTE, an email and text program for our parish, is up and running! We sent out a couple of announcements this week. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE any email or text from Holy Rosary, please contact Mary Hendricks at Mash111@aol.com after you check your "spam" or "junk" folder. To make sure you get the Flocknote emails, please add mail@flocknote.com to your email contacts. **Remember: you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe from any of these updates at any time.** Please be patient as we work out all the kinks in our communications to you!

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$3,045.00

Loose: \$180.00

Missing a Bulletin?

You can find all of our bulletins on our Holy Rosary webpage. Just navigate to www.holyrosarywv.org!

Catholic Charities Collection at Christmas

Catholic Charities WV needs your help! We provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change. Donate at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org, or during the second collection at any Christmas Mass. We're waiting in joyful hope: 10 Days Until Christmas!

Thanks for the Calendars

Prayers, Please!

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Charity Manspeaker, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Bill Fahey, Lorene Hardman, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Gerogetta Sears, Rue Thompson, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, Bill Baxa

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.

Please pray for our homebound: Gene and Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Gerald Hackney, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Bob Jeran, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Rosie Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Lorene Hardman, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus.

RCIA

Please pray for Anthony Duncan, Kaitlyn Luterek, Libby Malcom and Katsuki Takano who are studying the Catholic faith in our RCIA program.

West Virginians for Life

The Monongalia County Chapter of West Virginians for Life will run a signature ad in the Morgantown *Dominion Post* on January 22, 2020 to commemorate the 1973 Supreme Court legalization of abortion, which has resulted in the abortion deaths of over 61 million innocent unborn children. We, as a parish, must become more involved in the right to life of our babies. Infanticide is also a horrible moral evil and we as a country are moving in that direction. I invite you to sign the petition that is in the back of church and is in the hall. I will send this to the West Virginians for life office. Father Joe

Thank you to all who helped with our Christmas dinner last week! We appreciate you!

Eucharistic Liturgies

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Greeters
	Saturday, Dec. 14 7 p.m. – Elizabeth Lanham (Holy Rosary)			
	Sunday, Dec. 15			
Dec. 14	V. Dahman 8 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary) Monday, Dec. 16 E. Post 7:30 a.m. – Charles Sandgren (Hospital)			L. Adams & Bro Roy
Dec. 15	Tuesday, Dec. 17 M. Frye 7:30 a.m. – D. Paul Fallon (Hospital) Wednesday, Dec. 18 W. Frye 6 p.m. – M. Posey	A. Williams D. Paul Fallon (Hospital) J. Walsh	A. Ellis C. Hopper	M. Hendricks & C. Westfall
Dec. 21	G. Carillo 7:30 a.m. – Shrine Nekhay (Holy Rosary) Thursday, Dec. 19 T. McCartney 7:30 a.m. – Lee Jeran (Hospital) Friday, Dec. 20			C. Moore J. Moore
Dec. 22	K. Lewellyn 7:30 a.m. – Fred Epp (Hospital) Saturday, Dec. 21 M. Lewellyn 7 p.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary) Sunday, Dec. 22	R. Madigan E. Westfall C. Malcolm		S. Jeran C. Malcolm
Dec. 24	Post Family 9 a.m. – Shrine of the Holy Innocents (Holy Rosary)			
		D. Poach C. Malcolm R. Manspeaker	V. Carmona	
Dec. 25	Addison and Rease Zirkle	M. Posey A. Conolley	S. Erickson J. Disbrow	

Members of our Holy Rosary Bell Choir visited St. Joseph’s Hospital on Wednesday to spread some Christmas cheer to the residents there. We played bells, sang Christmas carols and spent a beautiful evening together!