



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Located at the Corner of First & Polk in Moscow & 138 Jackson St. in Genesee

Rev. Benjamin Onyemachi, SMMM, Pastor Rev. Anthony Ujagbo, Parochial Vicar

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2023**

***"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch'"***

**—Mk 13:37**

As we step into the season of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church, our hearts are filled with warmth from an eager expectation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The word Advent derived from the Latin *adventus* which means 'arrival.' It is in turn derived from *advenire* which means 'to come'. In our context it is about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world. Advent has four Sundays before Christmas and is observed as a period of preparation for the commemoration and re-enactment of the coming of Christ into the world.

There are three comings of our Lord Jesus Christ: His coming in history; his coming in mystery, and his coming in Glory. We celebrate his coming in history at Christmas. His coming in mystery refers to his presence in the Sacraments, in the Word of God, in the life of the Church, in our Brothers, Sisters, Friends, Strangers, especially those in need and in the events and circumstances of our Life. His coming in glory we usually proclaim in the creed: he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

There are usually four candles of Advent which signify the four weeks of Advent. Three are purple and one is pink. Purple signifies a time of prayer, penance and sacrifice. The first candle signifies HOPE (expectation of the coming messiah). The second candle signifies FAITH (in the one who comes to save His people). The third candle is pink in colour and symbolizes JOY (Gaudete Sunday). The fourth candle symbolizes PEACE (Reminds us of the message of the angel: "I bring you News of great joy" Peace on Earth to people of goodwill). Modern day adaptation has added a fifth white candle which represents the LIFE OF CHRIST.

May Mary Most Holy, Virgin of Advent, obtain for us that we live this time of grace watchfully in prayer and hard work while we await the Lord's coming.

—Father Ben.



## **This Week at St. Mary's Church**

Mon.	Dec. 4	8:00 am Mass (†Sue Schendel) 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm Pinochle
Tues.	Dec. 5	8:00 am Mass (†Olga "Honey" Canney) 2:00 pm Gospel of John Bible Study 2:00 pm KC Blood Drive 4:30 pm Adoration & Confession 5:30 pm Mass (†Richard Ambrosi) 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wed.	Dec. 6	8:00 am Mass (†Beverly Horner) 9:00 am St. Zelig Martin Moms' Group 6:30 pm Genesee Mass (†Patricia Funke) 7:00 pm RCIA/OCIA
Thurs.	Dec. 7	8:00 am Mass 6:00 pm CWL Paint and Sip 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Dec. 8	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9:00 am School Mass 10:30 am Mass at Paradise Creek of Olympus 2:30 pm Open Youth Room 7:00 pm Mass
Sat.	Dec. 9	8:00 am Mass 8:45 am Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass

### ***Schedule of Masses***

Saturday Evening—5:00 pm  
Sunday Morning—8:00 & 11:30 am  
Genesee—9:45 am Rosary @ 9:15 am  
**Rosary**—Mon-Fri. 7:40 am Fri. 8:35 am

### ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Saturday—8:30 am  
Tuesday—4:30 pm  
Sunday (Genesee)—9:15 am.

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## Family Faith Formation

**Friday, December 1st and 8th**

MS/HS Open Youth Room 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Sunday, December 3rd and 10th**

Religious Education 9:15 am

MS/HS Youth Group 12:45 p.m.

**Monday, December 11th**

HS St. Anthony's Slice of Heaven Pizza

## Dear Parish Family,

We are starting class December 3rd to prepare seven students for Confirmation. Please join us in daily prayer to guide us all on this journey of faith. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Connie Esser

Dennis Niehenke

## Thank you

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your kind words and prayers on my birthday and for so many gifts. May God bless and replenish the source of the gifts.

—Fr. Benjamin

## Living Nativity and Celebration at St. Mary's Church

*Friday, December 15th 5:30 - 7:00 pm*

Join us inside of the Family Center for a Hot Chocolate Bar, Cookies and Crafts.

Then walk through the Living Nativity.

A meeting for children and youth volunteers will happen on

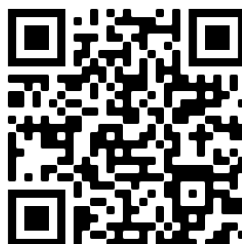
Sunday, December 10th at 2 pm

**We will be choosing roles and discussing costumes!**

## Advent Reflection Books

Please pick up your Advent reflection book at the entrances to Church or at the office. We have family and children's copies available as well.

## Online Giving



Scan the Code or Visit:

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## Sacrificial Giving: November 2023

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$25,173.20

November 5: \$ 6,896.00

November 12: \$ 5,514.96

November 19: \$ 4,255.39

November 26: \$ 7,238.36

November Offertory Income: \$23,904.71

*Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$318,000. At 42% of the year, we have received 42.38% of our annual goal. Thank you!*

### Youth Fundraiser

Our Catholic Youth will be having a fundraiser on December 10th to help raise funds for them to attend conferences and camps such as ICYC and North Idaho Catholic Youth Camp this year. It is their privilege to offer you an opportunity to purchase beautiful, imported, hand-made Italian and Bethlehem rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith inspired jewelry. Please stop by their table at the St. Mary's Family Center after any Mass on that Sunday to purchase items. If you would prefer to order online you can do so by going to [www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/](http://www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/) shop and using the code MARYMOSCOW at checkout. If you catch Jenny in the office, you can also order through her. We appreciate your support!

### Mission Appeal

This weekend we will be taking a second collection for the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy. This is the religious order that Fr. Benjamin, and several other priests in our Diocese, belong to. In appreciation for their service to our communities, please prayerfully consider contributing. Thank you for your generosity. You can donate online at our website as well. Here is the link: <https://osvhub.com/stmarysparishmoscow/giving/funds>. Thank you!!!

### Blood Drive—Tuesday!

Walk-ins welcome! Please help support the KC and St. Mary's School blood drive this Tuesday, December 5th, from 2:00-6:30 in the Family Center.

### Advent Prayer Partners

Did you put your name in? Be sure to select your prayer partner from one of the baskets this weekend. Blessings!

### Gifts for Baby Jesus

The Liturgy Committee is once again sponsoring "Gifts for Baby Jesus" to support mothers and babies at Palouse Care Network. Suggested donations include winter clothing, teething toys, pacifiers, newborn outfits, bath towel sets, and new bottles. They also need baby lotion, baby shampoo, thermometers, nail clippers, baby wipes, diapers (most needed sizes 3-6), and diaper bags. Please leave your donations at church, or drop them off at the office. Thank you for your generosity!

### Calling All Carolers!

Do you like to sing Christmas carols? We will be caroling for the live Nativity here at St. Mary's Church on Friday December 15. Weather depending we will be outside or inside. Please email your contact info to Cynthia at [music.smpm@gmail.com](mailto:music.smpm@gmail.com) to be included in a group.

### St. Mary's Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic Church is a faith community bonded by the love of God. We encounter Christ in the Sacraments and in sharing the Word of God, witnessing to His mercy through kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Our unity is deepened by practical charity, education, and service, after the example of our patron, Mary, Mother of God.

### Seniors

It is time to party again – this time for Christmas with a "white elephant gift exchange". Our next Senior Get-Together will be Wednesday, December 20th at 1 pm. We will play some games, and then exchange our special gifts. Everyone is invited and, if you can, bring a snack to share. Don't forget to mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 20th from 1 to 2:30 pm and bring your wrapped gift to exchange and plan on having some "fun".

### Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards for \$8/box. Available at the Family Center while supplies last.

### Coffee Social

Please join us after both Sunday Masses.  
Donuts, coffee, and community!



### Please Join Us in Prayer

- ♦ **For the repose of the souls of our loved ones:** Margaret Joyce, Amelia Turk, Olga "Honey" Canney, Sue Schendel, Patty Funke, Sister Lillian Repak OSU, Sennoi Roth, Phil Mohan, Dave Hutton, Rodger Pedersen, Terry Dahmen, Alice Hall, Joe Ulliman, Sr. Mary Forman, Ellie Olesen, Harold Grassl, Conor Richards, Fr. Sean Caulfield, Leslie Wilson, Norma Bailey, Fern Bielenberg, Deborah Evans.
- ♦ **For our friends and family:** Amy Scott, Scott Troka, Kim Squires, Jill Rinaldi, Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, Bettina Gilbert, Leona Ahles, Fr. Gabriel Morales, Mary Ann Moser, Eileen Brady, Dick & Doris Gludt, Terry Bielenberg, Arlene Stoddard, Deacon George, Randy Osborne, Doris West, & Chuck Stoddard.
- ♦ **For our Diocesan Seminarians:** Joshua Tennyson, Ian Willnerd, Nathan Ribb, Nicholas Sower, Monico Heredia, Connor Brown, Ryan Olenick, Zachary MacKeller, Joseph Patti, Christopher Din, Ronald Onyekwelu, Leonardo Guillermo Gutierrez.
- ♦ **For all married couples celebrating an anniversary in the month of December.**



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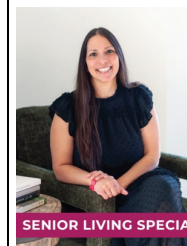
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