

Team Notes...

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Today, I would like to share with you the way in which my family and this server of you has gradually been integrating into the customs of this country, of course without leaving my native roots of my own country, Mexico.

The first obstacle I encountered upon my arrival was the language. It was very difficult to adjust to another language. With great effort I managed to break down this barrier. I think that the language, to this date, is no longer an obstacle for me to continue on with my integration into society.

Then, I encountered the challenge of bringing my family to the United States. Back then it was only my wife and our oldest son. With many sacrifices I achieved bringing them here and we have been overcoming all of the obstacles that have come, it was not easy, because now our children have to learn two languages or sometimes even three.

Then, we faced the challenge of adapting to the food and how to behave in social meeting places, especially in restaurants and public places, because in the eighties and nineties, there weren't as many Hispanics in our Community as there are today.

Another challenge we faced was that of the entertainment Sites. Every time we entered those places, everyone stared at us as if we were strange looking, it is very difficult because you feel everyone's eyes are on your family and you.

Then, the challenge of going to Mexico and giving our children a taste of another way of experiencing life in a different country where they are not accustomed to the routine of daily living.

The visit was very worthwhile and the children had fun with the freedom that they experienced going from here to there without the danger of car accidents. Because everyone travels

by foot, they played games in the streets and enjoyed the food.

All of these experiences made me think of the many blessings that my family and this servant of yours, have had living in this country for which we are grateful, and certainly not wanting to feel, better or worse than others.

As we get closer to Thanksgiving Day, I want to take the time, to give thanks to God for everything we have through his grace

I don't want to waste time lamenting the obstacles we had to go through, I want to enjoy every moment of my existence, this way I can gratefully give thanks and continue to grow in my faith in God our Lord.

Without my faith in God, within the first obstacles that I went through I would have given up and would have never continued fighting in life for my goals. God did not create us to be cowards or fearful, we are important and valuable in his eyes.

Whenever Thanksgiving Day comes, it is a satisfaction for my family and I to sit around the table to share our turkey and give thanks to God for all gifts we have received during the year. We have also had to adapt to this feast as well.

Let's enjoy every moment of life we have, because life does not come back and all that we could get can get out of our hands. Let's adapt to the places where we live and it will be much easier to be happy.

My goal today is to give the best of me, to my family first, then to respond better in my job and finally, joyfully giving my effort and my time in bringing the Good News through my ministry to those who want to know God through me.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

*In prayers,
Deacon Alvaro Ponce*



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Notas del Equipo...

La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el amor del Padre y la comunión del Espíritu Santo este con todos ustedes.

Hoy, quiero compartir con ustedes la forma en que mi familia y este servidor suyo, se ha ido integrando en las costumbres de este país, claro sin dejar mis raíces natales de mi propio país México.

Primero, quiero decirles que el primer obstáculo que encontré al llegar, fue el idioma. Me fue muy difícil el adaptarme a otro idioma que no era el mío. Con mucho esfuerzo logre derribar este obstáculo. Creo que el idioma a esta fecha, ya no es un obstáculo para continuar adelante con mi integración en la sociedad.

Después, vino el reto de traer a mi familia a este país, en ese entonces, mi esposa y nuestro hijo mayor. Con muchos sacrificios, logre traerla y hemos ido sobrellevando los obstáculos que se nos han presentado, no fue nada fácil, por que ya nuestros hijos tenían que aprender dos idiomas y otros hasta tres.

Luego, nos enfrentamos al reto de adaptación a la comida y el como comportarse en los lugares de reuniones sociales, especialmente en los restaurantes y lugares públicos, porque en los años ochentas y los noventas, todavía no había tanto hispano como hoy en día en nuestra Comunidad.

Otro reto que tuvimos que enfrentar, fue el de los lugares de diversión. Siempre éramos causa de que al entrar, se nos quedaran mirando como si fuéramos bichos raros, es bien difícil porque sientes la mirada de todos, puesta en tu familia y en ti.

Luego vino el reto de ir a México y darles una probadita a nuestros hijos de lo que es el experimentar otra forma de vida en otro país en donde ellos no están acostumbrados a la rutina del diario vivir.

La visita fue muy provechosa y los niños se divirtieron a lo grande por la libertad que ellos experimentaron yendo de aquí para allá y todo sin el peligro de accidentes de carro, por que todo es

caminando, ellos, jugando en las calles y disfrutando de la comida.

Todas estas experiencias me hicieron pensar en las muchas bendiciones que mi familia y este, sirvo suyo hemos tenido al vivir en este país del cual nos sentimos agradecidos, y por supuesto sin querer sentirme con esto, mejor ni peor que los demás.

Ya que estamos cerca de la celebración de el día de acción de gracias; quiero aprovechar, para dar gracias a Dios por todo lo que por su gracia, tenemos.



—agradecer y continuar creciendo en mi fe en Dios Nuestro Señor.

No quiero perder el tiempo en lamentarme en los obstáculos que tuvimos que pasar, quiero aprovechar cada instante de mi existir, para infinitamente, agradecer y continuar creciendo en mi fe en Dios Nuestro Señor.

Sin mi fe en Dios; en los primeros obstáculos que se me presentaron me hubiera vencido y no seguir luchando en la vida por mis ideales. Dios, no nos creo cobardes ni miedosos, somos importantes y valiosos ante sus ojos.

Siempre que llega el día de acción de gracias, es para mí una satisfacción que como familia, no sentemos alrededor de la mesa para compartir nuestro pavo y dar gracias a Dios por todos los dones recibidos durante el año; porque también, a esta fiesta nos hemos adaptado.

Disfrutemos cada instante de vida que tengamos, porque la vida no vuelve y todo lo que pudiéramos aprovechar, se nos escapa de nuestras manos. Adaptémonos al lugar en donde vivamos ya que así será mas fácil, el ser feliz.

Mi ideal hoy día, es llegar a dar lo mejor de mi, primero a mi familia, después, a responder mejor en mi trabajo y por ultimo, el dar con mucha alegría mi esfuerzo y mi tiempo en llevar la buena nueva a través de mi ministerio, a aquellos que quieren conocer a Dios a través de mi.

Que tengan todos, un feliz día de acción de gracias.

En oraciones;

Diacono Álvaro Ponce

News & Notes

—You “R” our FRIENDS! If you read the Advent letter you will receive you might notice it is addressed to My Friends and Parishioners. Oh for want of an “R” in that line. Of course it should read to My Friends and Parishioners. Only five people proofed the letter, next time we will make it six. Sorry for any confusion this caused.

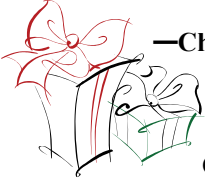


—There will be no Adult Education this week as we prepare for Thanksgiving.

—The parish office will be closed Wednesday November 25 at noon and will reopen on Monday November 30, for Thanksgiving!

—Idaho Falls Rosary Makers, December 1 in the Guadalupe Room from 10:00am to noon. Come and learn to make chain or cord rosaries. For more information call Gene or Doris Rieth at 522-0718.

—If you would like to donate goodies to be included in the college care packages, please drop them off after Mass on the weekends of Nov. 21, and Nov. 28 or at the Parish Office, attention Marie Tracy by Nov. 24. Please make sure your packages are clearly marked "For College Care Packages." Questions? Please call Mary Erwin at 881-9083.



—Christmas Baskets-IFCC is again teaming up with First Presbyterian church, under the leadership of St. Vincent de Paul, to provide food and gifts to the area poor in the annual Christmas Basket Program. Interviews were held earlier this month-the only requirement being income levels below Federal Poverty Guidelines. Now it is your opportunity to help! Red, green and white tags are hanging up in the back of the church. Each tag has a request for a “need” and a “want” for a specific child. Take one, or more, and fill the request to the best of your ability. Return the tag with your gifts-unwrapped-to: HR church on weekends, the Church Office during the week or call Betty (522-1980) or Peggy (523-2188).

—“The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom.” - Pope John Paul II the Great. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, every Thursday 9am to 7pm. If you have committed to taking a holy hour: THANK YOU! Please remember to initial next to your name in the black binder at the back entrance of Holy Rosary.

—If you have a college freshman or new recruit to the armed forces, we would like them to receive a care package from the Idaho Falls Catholic Community during December. We need their address information no later than Nov. 24 (phone Mary Erwin, 881-9083 or e-mail mtracy@ida.net).



Noticias para la Comunidad

—Les invitamos a reflexionar ¿Quién es Jesús en tu vida? Lo sabrás si asistes a un Retiro de Evangelización en español, los días; 27, 28 y 29 de noviembre del año en curso. Lugar: Salón de Cristo Rey. Para más información comunicarse a la oficina al teléfono: (208) 522-4366), Padre Jairo Restrepo (email: jrestrepo@ida.net, Diacono Álvaro Ponce (email: aponce@ida.net) Raquel Delgadillo (rdelgadillo@ida.net), Alfredo y Maite Ávila teléfono: 542-2503. Recuerda, el cupo es limitado.

— "La Eucaristía es el corazón de la Iglesia. Donde la vida eucarística prospera, allí la vida de la iglesia florecerá". - Papa Juan Pablo II el Grande. La adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, es todos los jueves de 9am a 7 p.m. Si usted se ha comprometido a tomar una hora santa: ¡GRACIAS! Recuerde por favor escribir sus iniciales junto a su nombre en la carpeta negra en la entrada del Rosario Santo.

—Los programas de Educacion Religiosa de la comunidad catolica de Idaho Falls; cordialmente le invita a una noche en Belen, viernes 18 de Diciembre de 6 a 9p.m. en el salon parroquial de Cristo Rey. Esta es una actividad familiar en la cual usted viajara hacia la noche en la que nacio nuestro Salvador. Venga y experimente la alegria de esta noche tan especial. Para mas informacion o si le gustaria ser parte del equipo de planeacion. Favor de contactar a Marilou Hart al 524-0116 extencion 19 o mhart@ida.net.

—Bautismos; Las clases serán en el salón de Cristo Rey, el 25 de Noviembre a las 7:00pm.

Educacion Religiosa de Primaria

Calendario:

(10:15 y 11:15 en el Santo Rosario o 4pm a 5pm los lunes en Cristo Rey)

—Noviembre 22 y 23.

—No habra clases el Noviembre 29 y 30

IMPORTANTE: Por favor no deje a sus niños afuera cuando los trae a la doctrina. Entre al edificio cuando lo traiga y cuando venga por el.

—Favor de mantener a nuestros estudiantes en sus oraciones a medida que ellos continúan su jornada de Fe y se preparan para recibir los sacramentos de la confesión y de Primera comunión.

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Please support and thank our Advertiser of the Week for bringing you this bulletin:
Visions In Planning

—The MOMS playgroup (Mothers offering Mutual Support) is meeting for the school year. Come play and visit with us. For more information call Anita 521-2403.

—Latin Mass, according to the 1962 ROMAN MISSAL, Will be offered on Sunday, December 6, at 3:30 pm. Confessions begin at 2:30 pm. There will NOT be a potluck this time.

—The Shroud of Turin - Deacon Bob Villarreal, former member of the Idaho Falls Catholic Community, will be speaking about the Shroud of Turin at CTK Parish Hall on Monday, November 23 at 7:00pm. He will talk about some history of the Shroud as well as the language of the Shroud and the language of the Mass. Questions can be directed to him at 505-662-4176 or to Robin Villarreal 552-2115.

—In one of our newest CDs, Fr. Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, gives us three powerful homilies discussing the critical life issues, such as abortion, embryonic stem cell research, contraception, and more. Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision, credits Fr. Pavone as the catalyst that brought her into the Catholic Church. Pick up your copy from the church entryway rack.



—Be an Angel! Sunday, December 6 at the HR Parish Hall from 9:00am to 2:00 pm there will be a BirthRight Angel breakfast to raise funds for BirthRight of Idaho Falls. The Knights of Columbus are preparing the breakfast for this worthy cause. BirthRight believes is the **right** of every pregnant woman

to give birth and the **right** of every child to be **born**. We offer person to person help- giving love, understanding, and emotional and practical support to every pregnant woman who requests it. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$5/person and \$20/ family. Santa and live music will be there for entertainment. Questions? Contact Cyndi Garnier at 881-4745 or Robin Villarreal at 552-2115. Donated baby and layette items are welcome!

—The Religious Education programs of the IFCC Cordially invite you to "A Night in Bethlehem." on Friday December 18th from 6pm to 9pm at CTK Hall. This is a family community activity that will have you travel through time to the night our Savior was born! Come taste, feel, and experience the excitement of the most Holiest of nights. For more information or if you would like to be a part of the planning team. Please contact Marilou Hart at 524-0116 ext 19 or mhart@ida.net

Grupo de Jóvenes

—El grupo de Jovenes te invita a que te reúnas con ellos, todos los viernes de 7:00pm a 9:00pm en el salón de Cristo Rey.

Jr. High Educación Religiosa

Calendario de Junior High:

—Diciembre 7 y 14 a las 6:30-8:30 Cristo Rey

—Candelas de Adviento a la venta! Los jóvenes de Junior High estarán vendiendo candelas y guirnaldas de adviento después de misa el 21, y 22 de Noviembre. Todos los papas que quieran ganar un crédito para Jam pueden ponerse en contacto con Mary Haley al 524-0116 extensión 12. Por favor háganse la vida más fácil y apoyen a los jóvenes comprando sus cosas de adviento.

Noticia de High School

Calendario:

—Nov. 22 NO CLASES Thanksgiving

—Nov. 29 Grupo de jovenes de high school/Clases de Confirmacion/Estudio de Biblia

Programa de Misas de Adviento

Todas las Misas en la iglesia de Santo Rosario

Noviembre 26 – Día de Acción de Gracias

10:00 am Misa Ingles

Adviento y Temporada Navideña Jueves en la Tarde

– Diciembre 3, 10, 17 y enero 7

7:00 pm Misa

Diciembre 8 – Inmaculada Concepción (No es Día de Obligación)

8:15 am Misa de Escuela Bilingüe

12:10 pm Misa Ingles

7:30 pm Misa Bilingüe

Diciembre 12th – Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

6:00 am Mañanitas Español

7:00 am Misa (Mass) Español

7:00 am Misa Español Mud Lake

8:30 am Misa Español Roberts

Diciembre 15 – Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

7:00 pm Salón de Cristo Rey

Mass Intentions:

November 23 S.W. Stokes+
 November 24 Jim Gosnell+
 November 25 Rick Moss♥
 November 26
 November 27 Jane Donovan+
 November 28 5:00pm Bernice Phillipp+
 7:00pm Venancia Fuentes+
 November 29 9:00am Sr. Mechtilde+
 11:00am Anthony (Tony) Marcon+



Knight's Corner

Idaho Falls Council 1663, Ron Fernandez 524-3152, Grand Knight, George J. Keller Assembly 187, SK Roy Bartholowmay 745-0492, Faithful Navigator

Council Meeting: Dec 1, 8:00pm

Assembly Meeting: Dec 08, 8:00pm

Council Meeting: Dec 15, 7:00pm, Social, 8:00pm, Meeting

—Are you financially unable to get your prescriptions? Call FREEMED at (208) 528-6337, to see if we can help. We are a non-profit organization that helps low-income people get medications for free or at minimal cost. Are you on Medicare? Do you need help with your Medicare Drug Plan? We also offer our services to Medicare eligible people; information about the different Medicare-D plans, enrollment and change of company in Medicare-D and Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) for Medicare-D, and troubleshooting. If you have questions about the program, call us. We help hundreds of people every year.



—The Thursday Bible Study group meets every week at CTK hall from 1 to 3pm. Fr. Jairo is doing the book of Revelation.

Retreats



—Worldwide Marriage Encounter; "I am the Alpha and the Omega." Learn to make God the start and end of your marriage. Attend the next Marriage Encounter weekend. Dates: Salt Lake City Ut. Feb 19-21, Boise Id Mar 5-7. Call Jessica and Greg; info or registration 208-378-6851. registration@wwmesnakeriver.org

—No Room in the Inn! December 4 – 6, 2009 Friday 7:30 pm - Sunday 1:30 pm. Presenter: Sr. Bernadette Stang, OSB Where does Jesus experience finding "no room in the inn" today? Do we recognize Him when He knocks at our inn? Suggested donation: \$165 (single) or \$220 (shared). Includes meals and lodging. For more info or to register: call 208-962-2000 or retreat@stgertrudes.org Do you live in the area? If so, call 208-962-2000 and ask about our special commuter rate.

Elementary Religious Ed.

Elementary School schedule:
(10:15 and 11:15 at HR on Sunday or 4pm to 5pm at CTK on Monday)
—November 22 & 23.
—No classes on November 29 & 30

IMPORTANT: Please do not drop your children off outside at Religious Education classes and leave. Children must be brought into the building with a parent and picked up in the building by a parent.

Collection total:
\$18,934.01



Jr. High Religious Education

Junior High Schedule:

- December 7 6:30-8:30 CTK
- December 14 6:30-8:30 CTK

—Advent Candle Sales! Junior High will sell advent candles and wreaths after Masses. Any Parent that wishes to help and earn credit towards JAM and other events please contact Mary Haley 524-0116 ext 12. Please make your life easier and support our youth by buying you advent supplies.



One more thing. Please don't forget to pay your Religious education dues. It is now late so it is \$35, but we will accept whatever you can pay. As of right now less than half have paid. We are partially self supporting and it is important that parents show they value teaching the Catholic faith to their kids by paying this small fee. Thank you Mary Haley

High School News

High School schedule:

- Nov. 22 NO CLASSES/ Thanksgiving
- Nov. 29 HS Youth/Confirmation Class/Bible Study
- Dec. 6 HS Youth/Confirmation Class/Bible Study
- Dec. 13 HS Youth/Confirmation Class "with Sponsor"/Bible Study

Advent Mass Schedule

All Masses In Idaho Falls at Holy Rosary Church

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am Mass English

Advent & Christmas Season Thursday Evenings – December 3, 10, 17 & January 7

7:00 pm Mass

December 8 – Immaculate Conception (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

8:15 am Parish & School Mass
Bilingual
12:10 pm Mass English
7:30 pm Mass Bilingual

December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 am Mañanitas Spanish
7:00 am Misa (Mass) Spanish
7:00 am Misa Spanish Mud Lake
8:30 am Misa Spanish Roberts

December 15th – Advent Penance Service

7:00 pm CTK Parish Hall

Remember The Idaho Falls Catholic Community & Holy Rosary School in your year end tax donations! Both you and the Parish will benefit by your generosity & stewardship! Thank you

Looking for a place to share your time and talents?



—**Want to help, but cannot commit to much time?** The Martha group is perfect for you! It is an email help chain that sends out a plea for people to do one-time, small projects. Examples are, doing a few hours of typing, making an appetizer for a special event, one day of painting etc. The group organizer sends out an email with the request, all you have to do is respond if you can help — really easy! If you would like to be on the email chain, please call Natalie Black at 529-1085.

—**Come help us make a joyful noise!** We're always looking for additional musical help, and if you are willing to share your time and talent please contact the IFCC Music Coordinator, Ann Boehmer at 589-0567 or come up after mass and talk with the musicians.

—**Attention Mass Ministers!** If you have been trained as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server for all English speaking Masses and have not been on the monthly schedule and would like to be, please contact the following people: Pam Jones (Eucharistic Ministers) pajones@cableone.net ; Mike Whyte (Lectors) mwhyte@cableone.net or 528-6410; Tony LaRosa (Altar Servers) 522-9820 or larotony@gmail.com. ***This would also pertain to those who haven't been trained in any ministry who are interested.*** If you have questions regarding the Sunday, 5:00pm HS Mass schedule, contact Marie Tracy, 524-0116, ext. 18 or mtracy@ida.net. For Spanish Masses please contact Deacon Alvaro Ponce, aponce@ida.net. The monthly ministry schedule will be posted on the website (www.ifcatholics.net).

—**Looking for a way to serve our parish** without a long term commitment? Please join our **Martha Group!** We match volunteers with one time opportunities to use your talents in service of the Idaho Falls Catholic Community. All we need is your e-mail! When a project comes up we send everyone the information and if you would like to help, you respond, if you can't help, don't respond. That's it! For more information or to add your e-mail please call Natalie Black 529-1085.