

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

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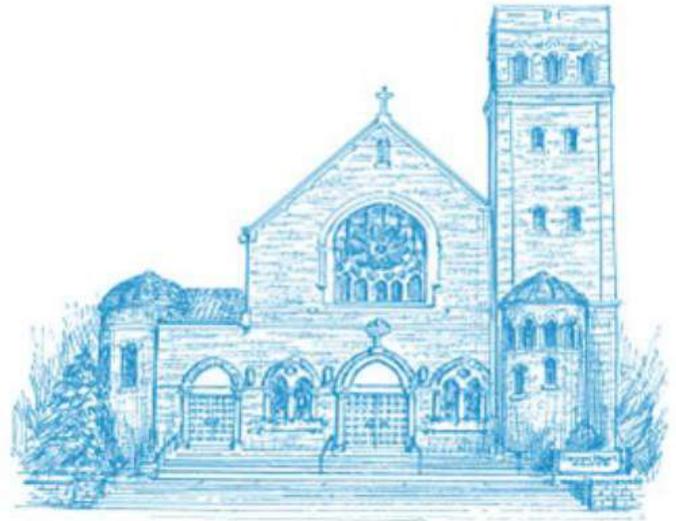
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Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

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Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM

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**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**READING 1 IS 63: 16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7**

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have

become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 80:2-3,15-16, 18-19**

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**



## **READING 2**

## **1 COR 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **ALLELUIA**

## **PS 85:8**

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL**

## **MT 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus said to His disciples: “*Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.*” (Mark 13:33). To what time is our blessed Savior referring? He is talking about death. Be prepared. Judgement awaits. *Store up treasure in Heaven.* (Matthew 6:19). How? By living a life of faith, hope and charity. Now. Fortunately, praise the Lord, so many Sacred Heart parishioners are doing just that!

St. Drithelm is a witness to these words of Christ. He was a husband and father who lived in England. His life was that of a practicing Catholic. In 693, he fell sick and died. His wife and children were saturated with sorrow. His wife passed the night in tears by his coffin. The next day, just before the procession to his burial, Drithelm rose to life all of a sudden. He sat up and everyone fled the room, except his betrothed. He immediately calmed her down and assured her that it was God who brought him back to life in order to teach people how to be prepared for the day of judgement. He then informed her that he was to have many years more on earth. However, his life would be much different. Then he rose to his feet, in perfect health, and went straight to the local church and prayed for hours and hours.

Drithelm soon told of his tour of Purgatory. “On leaving my body, I was received by a benevolent person, who took me under his guidance. His face was brilliant, and he appeared surrounded with light. He arrived at a large deep valley of immense extent, all fire on one side, all ice and snow on the other; on the one hand braziers and caldrons of flame, on the other the most intense cold and the blast of a glacial wind. This mysterious valley was filled with innumerable souls, which, tossed as by a furious tempest, threw themselves from one side to the other. When they could no longer endure the violence of the fire, they sought relief amidst the ice and snow; but finding only a new torture, they cast themselves again into the midst of the flames.”

“I contemplated in a stupor these continual vicissitudes of horrible torments, and as far as my sight could extend, I saw nothing but a multitude of souls which suffered without ever having repose. Their very aspect inspired me with fear. I thought at first that I saw Hell; but my guide, who walked before me, turned to me and said,

‘No; this is not, as you think, the Hell of the reprobate. Do you know,’ he continued, ‘what place this is?’ ‘No,’ I answered. ‘Know,’ he resumed, ‘that this valley, where you see so much fire and so much ice, is the place where the souls of those are punished who, during life, have neglected to confess their sins, and who have deferred their conversion to the end. Thanks to a special mercy of God, they have had the happiness of sincerely repenting before death, of confessing and detesting their sins. This is why they are not damned, and on the great day of judgment will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Several of them will obtain their deliverance before that time, by the merits of prayers, alms, and fasts, offered in their favor by the living, and especially in virtue of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for their relief.’” [Rev. Fr. F. X. Schoupe S.J., *Purgatory Explained*, 1893.].

Drithelm returned home from church only to take leave of his family. He declared that he would live only to prepare himself for death, and advised them to do likewise. Then, having divided his property into three parts, he gave one part to his children, another part to his wife, and reserved the third part for almsgiving. Then he was received into a monastery. As a monk he was known for his extreme austerity and his great mortifications. Once, when his fellow monks asked him about his unusual practices, referring to his supernatural experience he answered, “I have seen penances still more astonishing.” Drithelm’s life and death created a profound sensation in England. A great number of sinners, moved by his words and by his example of self-denial, were converted. They recalled the words of Sacred Writ: *Let him pass from the snow waters to excessive heat.* (Job 29: 19). Looking back, English Christians recognized that the extraordinary grace given to Drithelm was yet another example of Divine Mercy stirring up a holy fear of sin and judgement in souls that are beloved beyond words.

God bless you!

Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**



**Saturday, November 28:**

5:00 Lois Mazzitelli

**Sunday, November 29:**

7:00 John Torkelson  
9:00 M/M Albert Perry  
11:00 James Lundrigan  
1:00 Deceased Members of  
The Decker Family

**Monday, November 30:**

9:30 Fr. Robert Navins (5th Anniversary)

**Tuesday, December 1:**

9:30 George Brain

**Wednesday, December 2:**

9:30 Ralph LoPresti Sr.

**Thursday, December 3:**

11:00 George E. Brain

**Friday, December 4:**

9:30 Deceased Members of The Contardo  
& Micillo Families

**Saturday, December 5:**

9:30 George E. Brain  
5:00 Patrick Jordan

**Sunday, December 6:**

7:00 Eugene Spillane  
9:00 Donald & Therese O'Shea  
11:00 Cesibelle Lara Umana  
1:00 Todd E. Larson (1st Anniversary)

**Saturday, December 5:**

5:00 Jack Gordon

**Sunday, December 6:**

7:00 AM Efrain Ortiz  
9:00 AM Roy Hansen  
11:00 AM Frank DiSalvo  
1:00 PM Charles Sullivan

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 5:**

5:00 Tara Murphy

**Sunday, December 6:**

7:00 Christopher Basile  
9:00 Angela Laureano  
11:00 Erik Shashaty  
1:00 Elijah Greene

**COLLECTIONS:**

**DUE TO AN EARLY DEADLINE WITH OUR BULLETIN PUBLISHER THE COLLECTION AND MASS ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 22ND WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.**

The 2020-2021 Lector Workbooks have arrived and are in the Sacristy. All Lectors are encouraged to take home a copy with them if they have not already done so.

**Wedding Banns**

II. Ryan Matthew Cackowski &  
Ashley Marie Palumbo

## St. Michael Prayer

**Saint Michael The Archangel, Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness & snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan & all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

**Memorial Trees:** Sacred Heart is selling Memorial Christmas Trees, the fliers are located in the vestibule of the Church. The cost is \$125 for a tree which can be memorialized in memory of a lost loved one. The payment along with the filled out form should be dropped off at The Rectory or dropped into the collection basket on Sunday. If you put it in the collection be sure to mark the envelope "Holiday Tree". On Saturday, December 5th, we will have our annual Holiday Tree lighting after the 5 PM Mass.

**Sacred Heart IOC:** Just a reminder that Sacred Heart's Increased Offertory Campaign is still ongoing. So far the results have been very positive and thanks to all the parishioners who have increased their donations. Please consider this if you haven't done so already.

**SI Catholic Women's Ministry:** We are excited to announce the creation of a Catholic Women's Ministry group which is loosely based on Elizabeth Ministry. The Group is moderated by Deborah Sucich and the next meeting is on Wednesday, December 16th at 4 PM in the Sacred Heart Rectory Basement. All women of the parish are invited and please bring some friends or family.

**Sacred Heart Giving Tree:** The annual Sacred Heart Giving Tree is up. Please help by giving a gift to a needy person this holiday season. If you take a tag from the tree please remember that the item is due back by the third week of Advent. Your item must be returned gift wrapped, labeled and with the original tag on the box/package. Gifts may either be left under the tree after Mass or returned directly to the Rectory.

## **SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

**FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 30TH**

**WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE ON BEHALF OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS.**



## **Sick Relatives & Friends**

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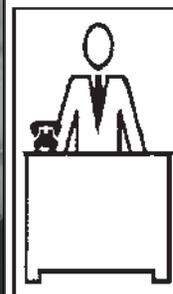
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