

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

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Third Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2020

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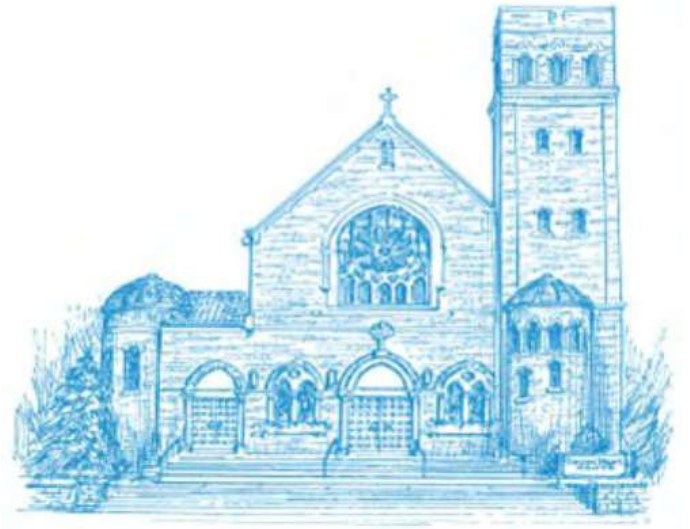
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## Masses

### The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM (Choir), 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

### Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

### Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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**Office Hours** - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM

**Church** open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

**Novena Devotions** : Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

**Pro Life Rosary**: Tuesday 9 AM

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Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

### Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

### Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

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**DECEMBER 13, 2020**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**THE CONFITEOR**

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; and I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and all the Angels and Saints, and to you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord Our God. Amen.

**READING 1 IS 61:1-2A, 10-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

**Responsorial Psalm LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.**

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**



**READING 2 1 THES 5:16-24**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

## ALLELUIA

IS 61:1

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

JN 1:6-8,19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

## 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,

Recently, a fourteen-year-old from Sacred Heart Parish died tragically. May she rest in peace and may her family have healing. At the wake in the funeral parlor, I found myself in a conversation with the fourteen-year-old teammate of the deceased and that child's mother. The young girl was clearly distraught. Her eyes were filled with sadness and tears. The skin around those innocent eyes was stretched from the stress of the sorrow her heart was carrying. The rest of her face was covered with a mask.

The other member of this triangular conversation was trying to appear calm and reassuring, but I wondered how placid her interior state really was. This woman was very cognizant of her child's pain and in her great love and sensitivity she wanted to bear it in her daughter's stead. I wondered if there was a certain storminess inside, coupled with a realization in her head that the best way to soothe her child's sorrow was to remain serene, even if it was piercing her heart to know her daughter was in affliction. But there was a limit to her power over her child's grief and she seemed to know this. Nonetheless, she plugged along with her words of balmy reassurance. Eventually, the daughter calmed down and radiated a tranquility, thanks mostly to the grace of God and the efforts of her mom. The grief was still resonating however.

Father Jacques Philippe points out, "The feeling of being helpless is a painful trial, especially when it concerns someone close to us: to see someone we love in difficulties without being able to help is one of the bitterest sufferings there is. Many parents experience it. When children are small, there is always a way of intervening, helping them. When children are older and no longer heed advice, it can be terrible for parents to see their sons or daughters turning to drugs or launching destructive love affairs. Much as they want to help, they cannot. At such times

we should tell ourselves that even if we apparently have no way of intervening, we still, despite everything, can continue to believe, hope and love. We can believe that God will not abandon our child and our prayer will bear fruit in due course. We can hope in the Lord's faithfulness and power for everything. We can love by continuing to carry that person in our heart and prayer, forgiving him and forgiving the wrong done to him; and expressing love in every way available to us, including trust, self-abandonment, and forgiveness. The more devoid of means our love is, the purer and greater it is. Even when, externally, there is nothing to be done, we still have inner freedom to continue to love. No circumstance, however tragic, can rob us of that." (Jacques Philippe, *Interior Freedom*, 2007, p. 58-59.).

Our Lady and St. Joseph must have felt helpless on the first Christmas Eve. The town of Bethlehem was filled with pilgrims who entered the population in order to be counted for Caesar's census. As a result, *there was no room for them in the inn.* (Luke 2:7). The dawn of labor pains was upon her—she was ready to deliver her Child. They were greeted, not with sympathy and helpfulness, but with abrupt rudeness. The large crowd in the town was fraying everyone's nerves. Yet, in the midst of their strain, there was not an inkling of complaint, neither from their lips, nor from their hearts. They would have viewed that as showing ingratitude to God at some level, and failing in trust. Neither attitude was an option for the Holy Family. They continued to believe, to hope and to love.

God bless you!

Father Eric

### Wedding Banns

**III. George Dodsworth  
& Charlotte Catania**

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

**DECEMBER 13, 2020**



**Saturday, December 12:**

5:00 John R. Kubasek

**Sunday, December 13:**

7:00 Ben Zarrelli  
9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia  
11:00 Joseph Kempf  
1:00 Deceased Members of  
The Decker Family

**Monday, December 14:**

9:30 Ray & Mildred Vitacco

**Tuesday, December 15:**

9:30 Raymond & Rita Sykes

**Wednesday, December 16:**

9:30 Deceased Members of  
The Pierog Family

**Thursday, December 17:**

11:00 John Tighe

**Friday, December 18:**

9:30 Stella Polednak

**Saturday, December 19:**

9:30 Dennis Peterson (39th Anniversary)  
5:00 Dick Kennedy & Corinne A. O'Brien

**Sunday, December 20:**

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &  
McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 Diane Garzone  
11:00 Michael Mustillo Jr.  
1:00 Brendan Hoey

**Saturday, December 19:**

5:00 Jack Gordon

**Sunday, December 20:**

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch  
9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe  
11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki  
1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 19:**

5:00 Anthony Basile

**Sunday, December 20:**

7:00 Tara Murphy  
9:00 Eric Shashaty  
11:00 Jack Smith  
1:00 Angela Laureano

**COLLECTIONS:**

December 6th.....\$9,980.00  
**ATTENDANCE DEC 6TH (5 MASSES):431**  
**CAPACITY: 210**

**Newly Baptized:** We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized parishioners including: **Michael Joseph Jezycki, Aariah Lynn Gardo, Stassiana Grace Macalush, Daniel Edward Cecero, Catherine Ann Gaetani, Melani Sooklall, Emma Grace Laino, Ariana Frances Safatle, Michaela Maria Titus, Landon James Herman, Gabriella Vasquez, Antino Michael Portalatin, Luigi Salvatore Franco, Ryan Joseph Lynch, Chimzuruoke Alexander Iyoke, London Payton Taraji O'Neal, Roman Alexander Rigby and Selina Rebecca Rigby.**

**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 this weekend. 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.

## Sacred Heart Church Christmas Schedule 2020

### CONFESSIONS:

**Monday, December 21**

**4:00-8:00 PM**

**Thursday, December 24**

**3:00-4:30 PM**

### MASSES:

**Sunday, December 20 (4th Sunday of Advent)**

**7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM**

**Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

**9:30 AM (weekday Mass)**

**5:00 PM**

**Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

**12:00 Midnight**

**(No Choral Prelude this year)**

**9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM**

**Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)**

**9:30 AM (weekday Mass)**

**5:00 PM (Vigil Mass of the Holy Day)**

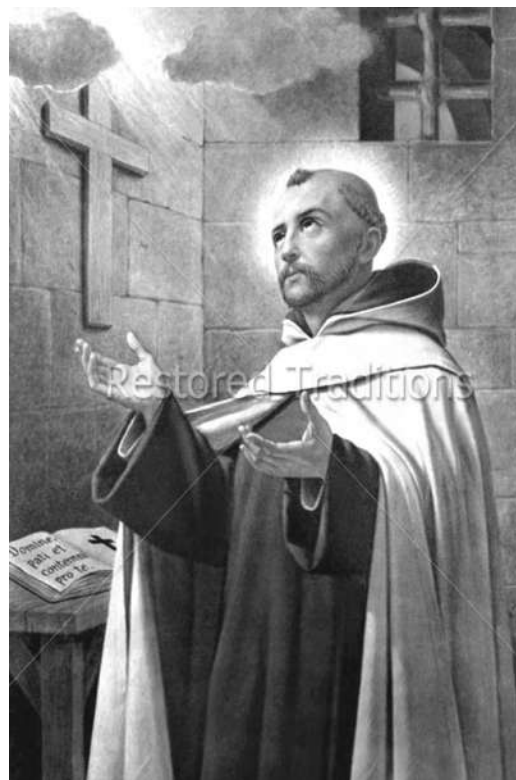
**Friday, January 1 (Mary Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation)**

**9:30 AM and 12 NOON**

### SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

**FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 14TH**

**WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF  
SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS ON BEHALF  
OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND  
FRIENDS**



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