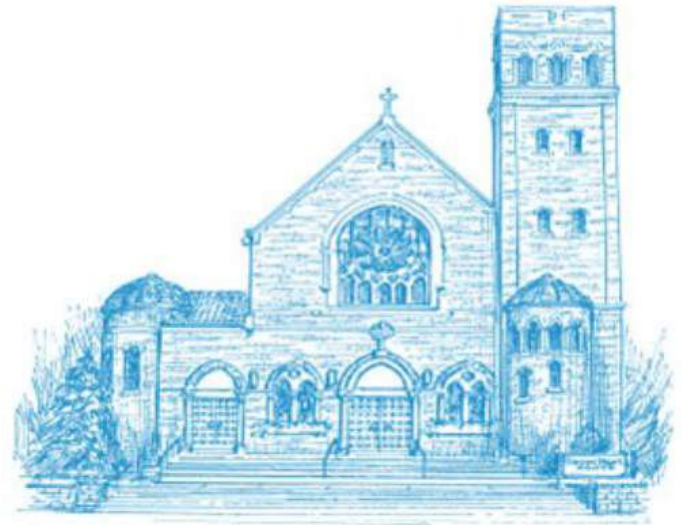


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Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2020



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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

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

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 20, 2020

THE FOURTH 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 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16.

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you.

And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

R. Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord.

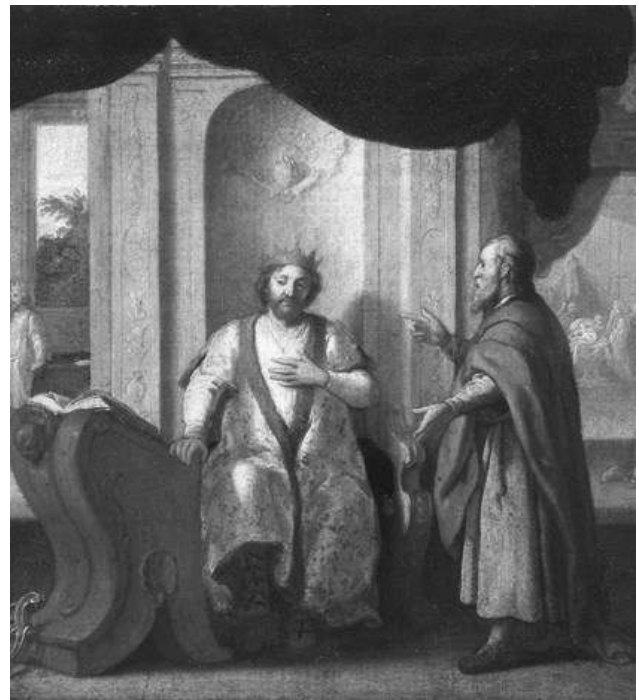
The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."



READING 2 **ROM 16:25-27**

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

ALLELUIA **LK 1:38**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL **LK 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said

to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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,

Many years ago, Jack Sullivan was a welder. He was on a job in Roxbury, Massachusetts, working on a water main when suddenly it collapsed. Tons of dirt came crashing down upon him. He felt his shoulder burning against the red hot section of pipe he had been welding. He tried to move it but he couldn't. He was pinned in. Then his nose began to ache. It was bleeding. Sullivan tried calling out but his voice perished in his facial shield. It occurred to him to breathe slowly in order to preserve his oxygen. He managed to pop his hand above the dirt and hoped that someone would see his fingers wiggling. Meanwhile, good faithful Catholic that he was, attending local St. Patrick's Church each Sunday, he remembered the power of prayer. "God, send someone!" he prayed.

In another part of Boston, Tom Whitaker, Jack's coworker and close friend, had finished work for the day and he was happy to return home. Tom was ready to take his normal route home but something inside told him to opt for another plan. He had a feeling that there was something wrong and that sense enveloped him and refused to leave. A passing thought entered his mind: "Why not drive up to the Washington Street job in Roxbury and check on things?" Then he dismissed the idea because it would have involved driving six miles out of his way at rush hour.

When Tom reached the intersection at Washington Street and was ready to get on the ramp to the highway to go home, suddenly he just turned. He couldn't explain it. He just turned up Washington to oversee the work there. Meanwhile Jack continued to pray: "God, send someone!" The bleeding in his nose was worse now. The blood ran down his throat and was beginning to clot. Tom came to Washington Street and when he saw an engineer he stopped and chatted for a few minutes. All seemed normal. The work was

going well. But that gnawing, foreboding feeling continued and escalated.

Tom decided to drive up further and stop his truck. He reached the spot where Jack was hidden and noticed that the welding machine was running. "Where is the welder?" he thought. Then Tom saw the hand, and it was moving. He jumped into the trench and started to dig but the earth was too solidly packed. Then he rushed across the street to a garage and brought back help. They dug through the rubble. Two and a half hours after the earth had swallowed him, Jack Sullivan was rescued.

The human race needed rescue. It was swallowed by solidly packed evil. Sin reigned supreme. This resulted in a world inundated with pride, anger, greed, gluttony, lust, envy and sloth. With this slavery to the Evil One, happiness was beyond the reach of our fingers, which nevertheless wiggled to try and grasp it. But then something changed. Heaven heard our prayers. Our voice of supplication did not perish before us. It reached the ears of the Almighty. 2020 years ago, or so, the Son of God became the son of Mary to save us from our helplessness. God did indeed send Someone.

God bless you!

Father Eric

Piano available: The Rectory has a used piano that is available to whoever wants it, free of charge. If interested simply call the Rectory during business hours. The interested party must arrange transportation of the piano from the Rectory basement.

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

DECEMBER 20, 2020



Saturday, December 19:

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

Monday, December 21:

9:30 Thomas J. Crane (45th Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 22:

9:30 Joseph Kennedy & Corinne A. O'Brien

Wednesday, December 23:

9:30 George Edward Brain

Thursday, December 24:

11:00 Ruth Irons

5:00 Thomas J. Crane

Friday, December 25:

12:00 Douglas Carnegie

9:00 Dolores McFadden

11:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

1:00 Albert Forte & Family

Saturday, December 26:

9:30 Carmella Pietaro

5:00 Philip & Margherita Frabotta

Sunday, December 27:

7:00 Moira Mackey

9:00 Jack Grahama & Souls in Purgatory

11:00 Joseph Popper

1:00 John A. Perrone (30th Anniversary)

Saturday, December 26:

5:00 Bill Jones

Sunday, December 27:

7:00 AM Joan Prenty

9:00 AM Sister Jessica

11:00 AM Ken Wisniewski

1:00 PM Don Maj

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 26:

5:00 Jacob Torres

Sunday, December 27:

7:00 Melani Fernando

9:00 Elijah Greene

11:00 Matthew Basile

1:00 Sean Ahern

COLLECTIONS:

Due to an early deadline with our bulletin production company the collections for December 13th will be published at a later date.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, December 25th in observance of The Christmas Holiday. On behalf of Fr. Eric and the faculty and staff of Sacred Heart School we wish all of our parishioners a very blessed Christmas!

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)

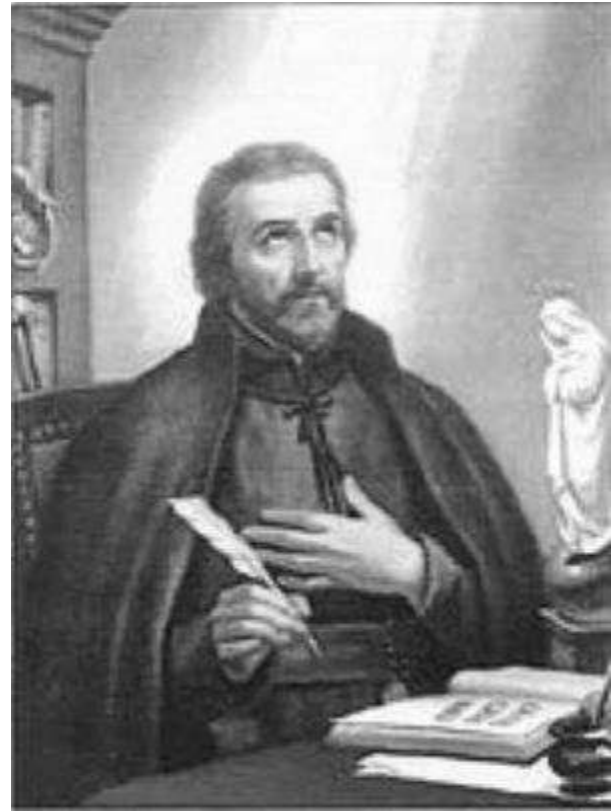
9:30 AM and 12 NOON

Departed Parishioners: Please keep in your prayers our recently departed parishioners and their families including: James Smith, Rosemary Finigan, Dorothy McCormack, Patrick Jordan, Anthony Pappa, Cosmo Caminiti, George Brain III, Richard Caprario, Vincent Keane, Raymond Reilly, Vincent Merola, Salvatore Casella, Jean Staniland, Barbara Coughlin, Maureen Donnelly, Doreen Landis, Eileen McGarry, Carole Brown, Josephine DiNapoli, Richard Christie, Susan Feeney, Gennaro Nuzzo, John Fleming, Laura Cambria, Gail Carames, Vera Appedu, Winifred Samples, Amelio Esteves, Frank Errichiello, Margaret Kealy, Maria Corchado, Elaine Murphy, Mary Ozazem, Candida Correa & Joycelyn Dunn. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

SAINT PETER CANISIUS

FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 21ST

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