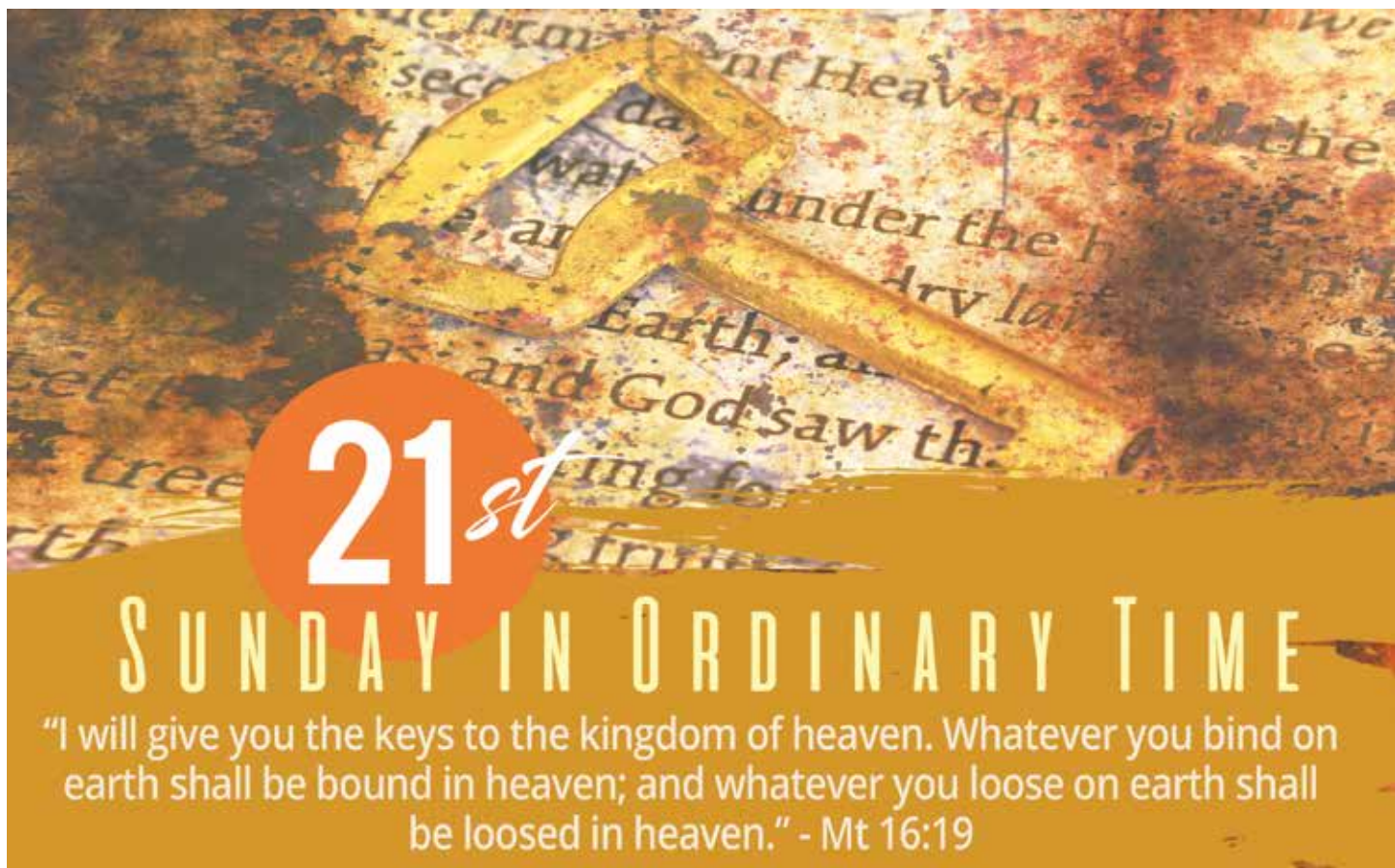


SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sacred Heart's Temporary Schedule:

WEEKENDS

Saturday – 4:00pm

Sunday – 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday – 9:00am

Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday – 9:00am

Thursday – No Mass

Friday – 9:00am

TV and Livestream Mass Schedules

Watch Sunday, Saturday, or
Daily Mass from home.

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of online and
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REFLECT

First Reading

The Lord condemns Shebna (a scribe under King Hezekiah) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and elevates Eliakim with "a seat of honor." How well do you listen to prophetic voices?

Second Reading

We hear today Paul's concluding remarks from Romans 9:11 (reflections on God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles). Paul contends that God's ways are beyond our understanding. Do you find this comforting or unsettling?

Gospel Reading

Jesus informs Peter that his confession of him as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" is divinely inspired. How do you imagine Peter personally reacted to the news of this revelation?



HEARTS ON FIRE
at Sacred Heart
Where Faith is Known,
Lived, & Shared

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing. (Luke 12:49)

LISTEN to the Archbishop: ACTION STEP

1.3—Christian Family Identity: I charge Families to commit to re-claiming their identity in relationship to God. **1. Reclaim Sunday:** attend Mass as a family and intentionally spend time with one another, including sharing a meal together. **2.** Commit to forming your family in the love and power of sacred Scripture by placing it at the center of your family life. Study and reflect on Scripture, especially on the Sunday readings. Participate in Bible studies, use the Sunday readings, Scripture aids, and participate in family fellowship where Scripture is shared. Make full use of Sunday parish opportunities to unleash the Gospel in your family. **3.** Create time for family meals without distraction to reclaim its sacred nature. (See next week for these): **4.** Commit to family prayer time. **5.** Reclaim the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **6.** Model Christ's love. **7.** Parents: be primary witnesses of faith.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL, pg 53

PRAY: Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you'll remember to pray it throughout the week

Come, Holy Spirit, to your people at Sacred Heart Church. Open our minds and hearts to receive You and give us the will to commit to increasing our family's relationship with our Lord. Guide us in-to choosing one or more of these actions which will draw us closer to You and grow us more closely into Your image. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love so as to become a parish that helps our families to reclaim their identity in Christ. Amen!

ACT: What is this letter saying to **you**? Honestly assess how your family claims an identity with Christ as described above. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart about how you might participate in this Action Step. Which one of these actions to reclaim your Christian family identity can you commit to this week? Begin—just begin! Any journey begins with just one step. Pray the above prayer throughout the week, and listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

To read the entire letter, "Unleash the Gospel" go to unleashthegospel.org

Saint OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 25 | SAINT LOUIS OF FRANCE

August 25, is the feast day of St. Louis of France. Reigning from 1226 to 1270, Louis IX showed how a saint would act on the throne of France. He was a lovable personality, a kind husband, a father of eleven children, and at the same time a strict ascetic.



To an energetic and prudent rule Louis added love and zeal for the practice of piety and the reception of the holy sacraments. He was brave in battle, polished at feasts, and addicted to fasting and mortification. His politics were grounded upon strict justice, unshatterable fidelity, and untiring effort toward peace. Nevertheless, his was not a weakly rule but one that left its impress upon following generations. He was a great friend of religious Orders, a generous benefactor of the Church.

The Breviary says of him: "He had already been king for twenty years when he fell victim to a severe illness. That afforded the occasion for making a vow to undertake a crusade for the liberation of the Holy Land. Immediately upon recovery he received the crusader's cross from the hand of the bishop of Paris, and, followed by an immense army, he crossed the sea in 1248. On the field of battle Louis routed the Saracens; yet when the plague had taken large numbers of his soldiery, he was attacked and taken captive (1250). The king was forced to make peace with the Saracens; upon the payment of a huge ransom, he and his army were again set at liberty." While on a second crusade he died of the plague, with these words from the psalm upon his lips: "I will enter Thy house; I will worship in Thy holy temple and sing praises to Thy Name!"

It was his mother's supreme desire that her son should become a kind, pious and just ruler. She was wont to say to him: "Never forget that sin is the only great evil in the world. No mother could love her son more than I love you. But I would rather see you lying dead at my feet than know that you had offended God by one mortal sin." These words remained indelibly impressed upon his mind.

St. Louis was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and so is included in the family of Franciscan saints. He is the patron saint of barbers, construction workers, distillers; embroiderers, hairdressers, parenthood, stone masons, and the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri.

WHY WEAR A MASK?

Father James Martin a Jesuit Priest recently wrote in America magazine an article about wearing mask is being pro-life. The following summarizes his thoughts. For the entire article go to the America Magazine online and search on Mask.

What does being pro-life mean? Simply put, it means that all life is sacred, inviolable and a gift from God. That reverence for life includes a desire to care for the unborn child in the womb, the elderly person in danger of euthanasia, the refugee starving on the border, and the inmate on death row. To that list of sacred lives you can add: the woman standing in line at the grocery store checkout counter, or the elderly man seated in a church pew. Surely everyone would consider these lives worthy of protection. So why aren't all Christians convinced that wearing a mask, maintaining social distance and taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus are pro-life actions?

We know from the CDC and multiple medical studies, that wearing masks helps to dramatically reduce the spread of airborne droplets that contain the coronavirus. Standing six feet apart greatly lessens the chance that others will become infected. In fact, the director of the C.D.C. said recently that if everyone in the United States wore masks, the virus would be under control within weeks.

Let's look at this from a Christian point of view. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus offers us the story of a man who is going from Jerusalem to Jericho and is beaten by robbers. After the man is beaten, a "priest" and a "Levite" pass by the dying man. Then a "pagan" Samaritan stops to help him. He dresses his wounds and takes him to an inn. Jesus is clearly praising this man's actions and condemning those of the two who passed him by. Why didn't the other two stop to help? Either they were afraid of being robbed or, just as likely, they just

couldn't be bothered. They were too lazy to help save a life.

Father James Keenan, S.J., once described the way Jesus saw sin in the Gospels as a "failure to bother to love." This is where Jesus usually locates sin: not where we are weak and continually trying to do better, but where we are strong and cannot be bothered. The two men on the road couldn't be bothered.

So the question comes down to this: Are you really pro-life? Do you reverence all lives—the checkout clerk as much as the unborn child? The woman praying in church, as much as the man in danger of euthanasia? Do you really want to help save lives? Then start to bother. Wear a mask.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize

we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical? ©LPI

FINDING GODS PATH IN JUST 15 MINUTES A DAY

By Patrick Howard

Taking just 15 minutes a day, the Examen prayer will transform your life. Some think the Examen prayer is merely an examination of conscience that one should do each night before going to bed, considering our sins and asking God for forgiveness with the intention of doing better tomorrow. But the Examen prayer is so much more than that. Praying it as St. Ignatius of Loyola taught can lead to a deeper relationship with God and help you become more aware of God's presence in your day and respond to his direction.

WHAT IS THE EXAMEN?

The Examen prayer is a spiritual practice observed by Christians in some form or another throughout the Church's history. In the 1500s, St. Ignatius of Loyola established a precise method of doing the Examen prayer daily. This prayer is an opportunity to review your day with God, looking for areas where you are responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit and areas where you might be resisting it. By becoming more aware of this, and actively responding to God, he will draw you into deeper relationship with him.

WHY PRAY THE EXAMEN?

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V., has written an excellent book, *The Examen Prayer: Ignatian Wisdom for Our Lives Today*, that explains in detail what this prayer is, how to practice it and its effects. Fr. Gallagher identifies the many fruits that come from praying the Examen daily. These benefits include significant spiritual growth and a discerning awareness throughout the day to better respond to life with God rather than merely reacting to everything.

If we are to grow as joyful missionary disciples, it's important that we develop this ability to listen to the Spirit and be docile to him each day. We will make wiser and more prudent decisions that help us live in his peace, do his will and experience his joy. Praying the Examen daily will also help us to love and serve our family, coworkers, friends and others around us with more wisdom and spiritual strength.

HOW DO I PRAY THE EXAMEN?

Find a place where you are able to reflect on your day with God in prayer. Try to set aside 15 minutes for the prayer each day. Many people choose to pray the Examen at the end of the day.

These are the five major components of St. Ignatius' Examen prayer as related by Fr. Gallagher. You may find that on different days you are drawn to spend more time on certain parts of the prayer and less on others. Allow yourself to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit.

1. GRATITUDE

Review God's gifts to you during the day. This will help you recognize God's unlimited love for you and inspire you to respond in gratitude. We should not rush past this step but allow it to shape our relationship with God through gratitude.

2. PETITION

Recognizing that you cannot make a fruitful Examen merely by your own efforts, in this step, petition God asking him for the graces to make your Examen fruitful. Ask for an understanding of how God is working in you — and what is happening within you that is opposed to God's will. With his help, you can more freely respond to his grace in your day.

3. REVIEW

Now review your day and your interior experience of it. Where was God in your day? What was he calling you to in each moment and how did you respond to it? Did you have thoughts and feelings leading you away from God's plan for you, and did you discern and resist those?

Look for where God may be leading you with spiritual consolation: peace, calm, joy. Look also for experiences of spiritual desolation: discouragement, fear, anxiety, bitterness. In responding to those experiences, did you react to the desolation by choosing against where God is leading you, or did you resist that temptation remaining trusting in him?

Also ask where God is calling you to grow morally, seeing where you may have fallen short. This process will help you become more aware of where the Holy Spirit is moving, and where the enemy is trying to discourage you. This will help you to continue to grow in freedom to love God and others more perfectly and to be aware of his constant loving presence and help throughout the day.

4. FORGIVENESS

After reviewing your day, ask God for forgiveness for the times you failed to do — or not do — what you ought. You can approach this time with deep trust knowing that you are loved and held perfectly by God regardless of your imperfections and brokenness. Here you should allow God to love us and, through his forgiveness, free and transform us.

5. RENEWAL

In this final step, based on the previous steps, decide what actions you will make for continued spiritual growth tomorrow. How can you best follow where God is leading you? How will you wisely make the best choices that you face in light of what you have discovered today in your prayer? Make these proposals of how you intend to live and respond to tomorrow with the help of God's grace. If you pray the Examen daily, you will become more comfortable with it, and your ability to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life will be sharpened. Your strength and ability to respond with wisdom to God's presence and call will continue to increase as you grow into a deeper trusting relationship with him.

If you are interested in integrating the Examen prayer in your life, check out Fr. Timothy Gallagher's book, *The Examen Prayer: Ignatian Wisdom for Our Lives Today*.

Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour
before daily Mass

Saturday, August 22, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† John and Jessica Nardella
by Jim Nardell

Sunday, August 23, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Fred Samrah by Family
† Margaret Warczak by Choir

Monday, August 24, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Fred Samrah by Family

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Pasko
by Robert
† Richard Kessler
† Roberta Wishart

Thursday, August 27, 2020

NO MASS

Friday, August 28, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Margaret Zacharski

Saturday, August 29, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Nick and Helen Bartayan
by Jim Nardell
† Patricia Johnson
† Peter Henrici
by Belanger Family

Sunday, August 30, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Marilyn Johnson
† Fred Samrah by Family
† Allen Farrelly

PRAY FOR . . .

Names will be published for 3 weeks.
If a name has been removed that you wish
to have re-established, please call the
Parish Office at 248-852-4170

Arjola Velaj
Helen Glinski
Victor Kochajda
Jim Carnacchi
Samantha Graves
Becky Dalman
Zenaida Cardenas
Kathleen Stachurski
John Latella
Elizabeth Jeri
David Sargent
Tommie Miller

Margaret O'Donnell
Gabrielle Roth-Haver
Don Boudreaux
Orleta Cairo
Jackson Hensley
Deacon Jack Parent
Marguerite Fishbaugh
Joe Kroetsch
Joan Martus
Laurie Graves
Ruth Caspary
JoAnn Eaton

Dora Murray
Diane Hurd
Richard Booms
Doreen Valente
Sue Augustyn
Andy Serocki
Mary Bourbeau
Peter Henrici
Ron Pedersen
Margaret Warczak
Lori Crowl
Bill Reilly

Scripture Readings for the Week



Sunday, August 23:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
[8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday, August 24:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13,
17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10,
11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2,
4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
[1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 28:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
[5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29:

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a,
5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk
6:17-29

Sunday, August 30:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
[2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

2nd Lt Carrigan Berard, Army NG
CPL Christopher Berard, US Marine Corp
Sergeant Joel Bock, National Guard
Lt Christopher Burns, Navy
Lt Molly Hamilton Burns, Navy
Lt Jamel Chokr, Coast Guard
Sra Jake Coll, Air Force
Ssgt Joshua Coll, Air Force
AMS3 Christion Compton, Navy
Joseph Destefano, serving in Iraq
Capt Brent Drabek, Air Force
Lt Linda Erickson, Army
Petty Officer Anthony Giacobelli, Navy
Lt Stephanie Herderich, Air Force
Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army
LCPT Dawson Innis, Marines
Capt Benjamin Lloyd, Marines
Capt Kaitlyn Tullock Lloyd, Marines
Capt Sean McQuade, Army
Capt Sarah Burns Mobilio, Marines
Sergeant Daniel Pendell
Lt Ronnie Robinson, Army
1Lt Billy Romine, Army
Gunnery Sgt Michael Schuhler, Marines
Capt Todd Sullivan, Army
Senior Airman Scott Socia, Air Force
Tom Yombor, Army Ranger 1175
Ian Zdral, Army


LET LOVE BE SINCERE;
HATE WHAT IS EVIL, HOLD
ON TO WHAT IS GOOD.

ROMANS 12:9

Liturgy Schedule		
August 22–23, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lead E.M.	Lector
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA
August 29–30, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lead E.M.	Lector
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA

Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a loving and giving Roman Catholic community. We welcome people from all walks of life as we celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving all, teaching boldly and rejoicing always.

Sacred Heart Parish		
<p>SACRED HEART OFFICE 3400 S. Adams, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 248-852-4170 FAX: 248-852-5745 sacredheartauburnhills@gmail.com www.esacredheart.org</p> <p>Follow us on facebook, instagram and twitter @sacredheart7009</p>  <p>OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wed, Sat & Sun: Closed</p> <p>LEADERSHIP AND STAFF Pastor: Rev. Fr. Richard Cavellierx22 Pastoral Associate & Director of Religious Education: Michael Merlo ...x12 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Jack Parent Office Assistant: Carol Bissax10 Music Minister: John Welch</p>	<p>MASS SCHEDULE Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00a.m. Tues., Thur.: NO MASS Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS Christian Service Member Colleen Sylvester 248-853-5717 Education Member JoAnn Eaton 248-361-2854 Finance Member Ron Iwaszkiewicz 248-852-1303 Worship Member JoAnn Eaton 248-361-2854 Member at Large Mary Alice Merlo 248-375-5378</p> <p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Sacred Heart Council 8659 kofc8659.com Dan Heath (GK) 248-343-9622 Sam Crowl (MD) 248-980-4636 samcrowl@comcast.net</p>	<p>SACRAMENTS & INFORMATION RECONCILIATION Saturday, 3:00 p.m. BAPTISMS Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child. MARRIAGES Arrangements to be made with priest. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding. RCIA RCIA program for adult entrance into the Church begins each fall. Please call the Parish Office for information. EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL Come and pray anytime. NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION Please stop by or call the Parish Office BULLETIN Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin Editor Email: bulletin@esacredheart.org</p>

3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Sacred Heart has joined social media!

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