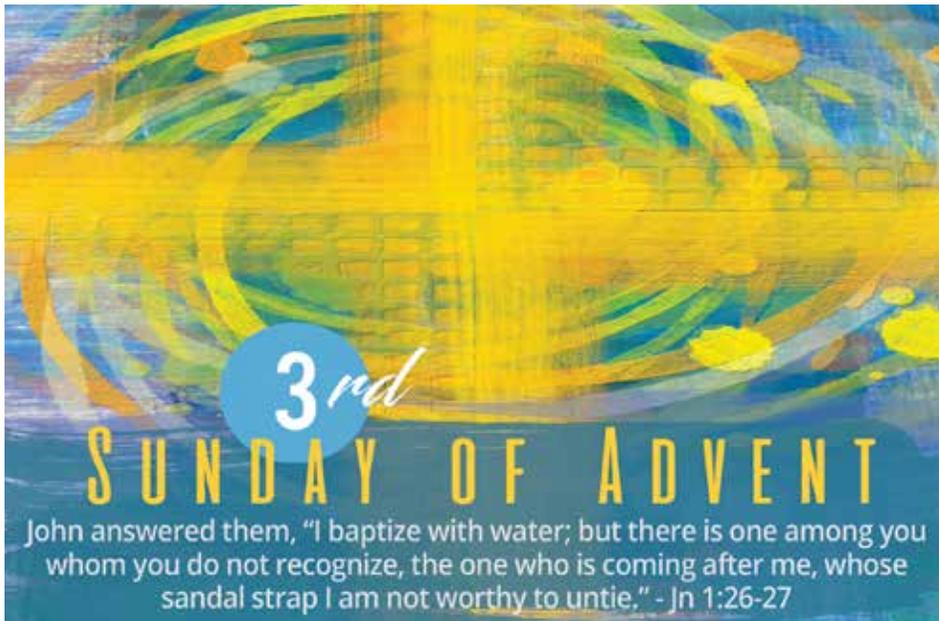


SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent



USHERS NEEDED



Because of the COVID Virus we will continue to practice social distancing at Mass. In order to maximize seating and reduce confusion we need your assistance as an USHER at our Christmas Masses at 4:00pm and 6:00pm on Christmas Eve and 10:00am on Christmas Day, 4:00pm on Saturday Dec 26th and 10:00am on Sunday Dec 27th.

If you would be able to assist as an Usher at any of these Masses, please call Mr. Michael Merlo at 248-852-4170 ext 12 and let him know which Mass you will be able to Usher. **We will have a 15 minute training session on Wednesday Dec 23rd** so that everyone will know what they are doing.

Thank you for assisting and making Sacred Heart such a welcoming Parish.

Reflect

First Reading: Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. **As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?**

Second Reading: Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. **How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?**

Gospel: John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. **Do you humbly accept God's call in your life?**

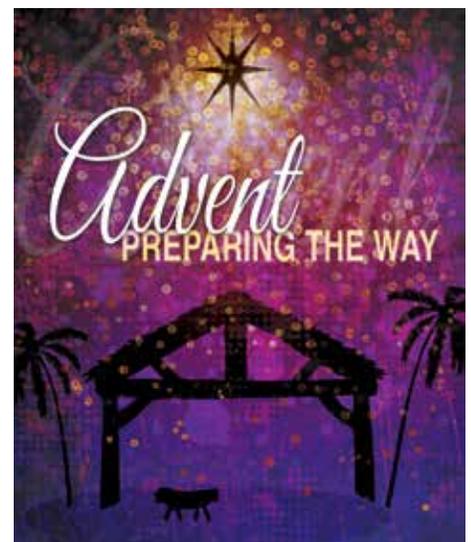
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It is that time of the year to have an opportunity to share our great blessings with people less fortunate. Our parish Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Area on Saturday, November 28th and will be filled with colored "ornaments". Parishioners are invited to take one of the ornaments and donate to The Pontiac Community Outreach, Haven, or Jail Outreach. Please remember that the ornament serves as the gift tag.

Due to COVID we have been asked to simply donate gift cards in place of actual gifts. You can purchase the gift cards at Meijers, Walmart or even online. All gift cards, along with the ornament attached to the gift card, must be returned by TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 13th. Please mark your calendars!

This deadline is very important as the groups we help have arranged pick-ups and have their own distribution schedules, which we have agreed to respect.

God's Christmas blessings to all,
Christian Service Commission





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: CONCLUSION: The unleashing of the Gospel is not something we do individually but is a communal task, a work of the whole mystical body of Christ to which we belong. If we are living as a band of joyful missionary disciples, our communal life is itself a radiant witness to the power of the Gospel. It falls to me as the principal shepherd of this local Church to lead and direct our community in answering the Lord's call to be about making disciples of all nations. In response to what I have heard the Holy Spirit saying to us in Synod 16, I pledge to make "Unleashing the Gospel" according to the direction of Synod 16 the road map for the years remaining in my ministry as Archbishop of Detroit.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL, pg 62

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

Come, Holy Spirit, to Sacred Heart. Open our hearts and minds to the changes coming to our local church with Families of Parishes, so that we will become a "band of joyful missionary disciples." Make Sacred Heart and our new sister parishes, as a community, into a "radiant witness to the power of the Gospel." And we ask for you to pour out your blessing and power onto Archbishop Vigneron as he shepherds us in Unleashing the Gospel. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love as we unleash the Gospel in our families, our parish, and our archdiocese. Amen!

ACT: What is this letter saying to **you**? What is this letter saying to you? In what ways is Sacred Heart, as a community, a "radiant witness to the power of the Gospel"? How might this be even more possible with the Families of Parishes initiative? How could you use your gifts to make our Family (announced recently or soon) a more "radiant witness"?

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



Saint OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER 15 | SAINT VIRGINIA CENTURIONE BRACELLI

On December 15, it is the feast day of St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli. Raised in a pious family, she felt drawn to religious life as a child. However, due to family position she agreed to an arranged marriage to Gasparo Grimaldi Bracelli on 10 December 1602. He was a drinker, a gambler, and though the couple had two daughters, Lelia and Isabella, he was little of a father or husband. Virginia was widowed on 13 June 1607 after five years of marriage, aged 20, and with two small children. Virginia moved in with her in-laws, cared for her children, and dedicated her free time to prayer and charity. When her daughters were grown and married, Virginia devoted herself entirely to caring for the sick, aged, and abandoned children. When her mother-in-law died in August 1625, Virginia poured herself into the work, turning her house into a refuge and founding the Cento Signore della Misericordia Protettrici dei Poveri di Gesù Cristo.



Her house was overrun with the needy during a plague and famine in 1629. To house them all Virginia rented the vacant convent of Monte Calvario and moved there in 1631. Virginia was soon caring for 300 patients, and in 1635 she received official government recognition for her hospital. Virginia worked closely with the young women in her houses, teaching them religion and ways to earn a living. The expenses of Monte Calvario were excessive, so Virginia bought two villas and started construction of a church dedicated to Our Lady of Refuge. It became the mother church of the Institution, whose Rule was written between 1644 and 1650 and which was divided into two congregations: Sisters of Our Lady of Refuge in Mount Calvary and Daughters of Our Lady on Mount Calvary. When the group of Protectors, the superiors and governors of the Institute was selected in 1641, Virginia retired from administration, working as the humblest sister, doing chores on the grounds and begging for alms for the Institute.

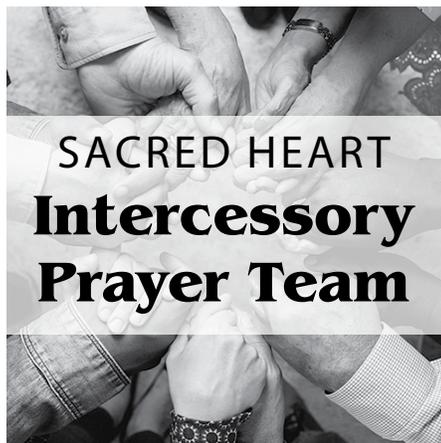
Sadly, though the Institute was a success, it began to decline. Without the chance to work with Virginia, many of the middle and upper class did not participate, fearing the poor and rough residents. Though her health was failing, Virginia returned to active administrative duties. She worked for general spiritual development throughout the region, working for the choice of the Blessed Virgin Mary as patron of the republic of Genoa in 1637, for the institution of the Forty Hours' Devotion in 1642, and the revival of home missions in 1643. She acted as peacemaker between noble houses and aided in the reconciliation of Church and Republic authorities in 1647, ending a dispute caused by the government abandoning support of the Institute. Virginia continued working up to the end of her days, and in later years received the gifts of visions and interior locutions.

Is your life full of chaos?

Is your life full of things going wrong?

Just remember what the season of Advent is about
Mary and Joseph had a lot "go wrong"
on their trip to Bethlehem, but look how
God blessed them.

**We are not in a nightmare,
we are in a Love Story"**



We invite **YOU** to join with the Intercessory Prayer Team at Sacred Heart. Those who enter into intercessory prayer ministry make a decision to pray specifically on behalf of our parish, our community and the world. **The fruitfulness of evangelization depends upon the graces called down through intercession.** Join us as we pray this week:

Lord, we pray In the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit:

- ~ For Archbishop Vigneron and AoD leadership to be docile to the Holy Spirit as they lead us into implementing the Families of Parishes initiative.
- ~ For those in all vocations—marriage, priesthood, religious—that they be docile to the Holy Spirit and His leading to live their vocational life with love, joy, and sacrifice.
- ~ For those looking to increase their faith during Advent, may the Spirit open their hearts and minds so that Christ may be born in them.
- ~ For those engaged in education, both learners and teachers, may the Holy Spirit give them strength and courage to navigate the new challenges and guide them into learning and understanding.
- ~ For the Holy Spirit to guide Fr. Cavellier, and all priests, and foster in them the habits of a joyful missionary disciple, especially Prayer.

We ask all this in the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE “O ANTIPHONS”

The O Antiphons refer to the seven verses that are recited preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, December 17-23. These antiphons from the basis of the Advent hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” put to music in 15th century France.



December 17– O Wisdom, O holy World of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

December 18– O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

December 19– O Flower of Jesse’s Stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

December 20– O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who

dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and lead your captive people into freedom.

December 21– O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice, come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22– O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of humanity, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

December 23– O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean’s horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 13, 2020

WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

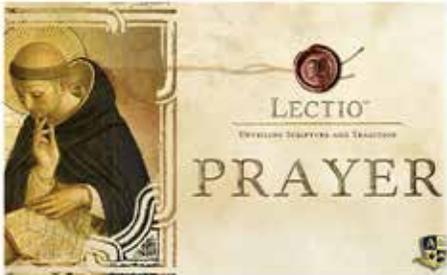
Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE

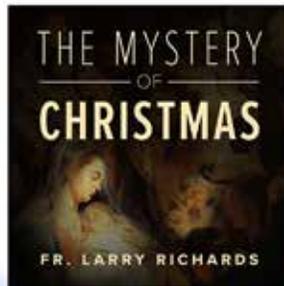
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LEARN



THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



LISTEN

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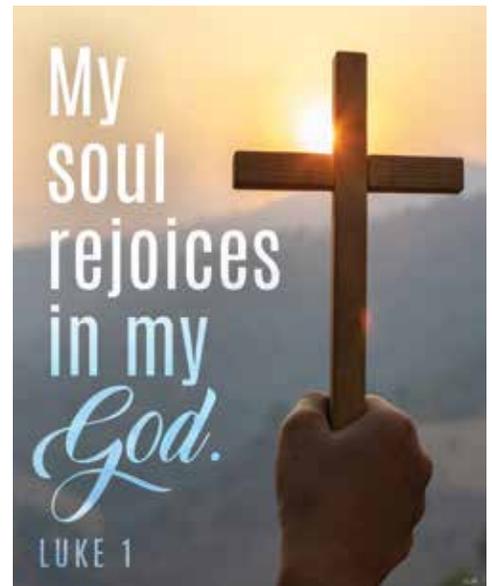


Holy Family Regional School

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A School of Academic Excellence

HELP WANTED:

Do you know someone who is looking for a job? We are looking for a Morning Extended Day Care Supervisor for North Campus. Hours are from 7am-8:30am. Please contact Mr. Myers at 248.299.3798



St. Paul of the Cross
Passionist Retreat Center

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Wednesday, December 16
9:30am – 3:00pm
\$50 per person

- REFLECTIVE TALKS
- RECONCILIATION
- CONVERSATION
- MASS
- HOT LUNCH

Register online at stpaulretreat.org



MANRESA JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

A Day to Call Your Own
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Thursday, Jan. 7

www.manresa-sj.org/010721-day.

We provide you with a private room and a simple soup lunch; you decide how to enjoy the quiet.

No director is required or available. COVID-19 precautions (mask, social distancing) are in effect.

Pre-registration is required with \$40 payment. Call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0 or visit links above to register.



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ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour
before daily Mass

Saturday, December 12, 2020
4:00 p.m.

† Lou Mahoney
by Elizabet Mahoney

Sunday, December 13, 2020
10:00 a.m.

† Richard Martus
† Fred Samrah by Family

Monday, December 14, 2020
9:00 a.m.

† Andrew Serocki by Family
† Maria Yu Chum by Family
† Anterno Lim by Family
† Wilfredo Zerma by Family

Tuesday, December 15, 2020
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.

† Mary Jo Singles
† Fr. Michael Cooney

Thursday, December 17, 2020
NO MASS

Friday, December 18, 2020
9:00 a.m.

† Charles Verschaeve

Saturday, December 19, 2020
4:00 p.m.

† Joann Slomczensk
by Michael and Mary Stotnichi

Sunday, December 20, 2020
10:00 a.m.

† Gerri Kalem
† Fred Samrah by Family

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

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
JoAnn Eaton
Dora Murray
Diane Hurd
Richard Booms
Doreen Valente
Mary Bourbeau
Lori Crowl
Bill Reilly
Dennis Spensley

Rolf Maier
Stella Lentz
Tom Guibord
Deac. Michael Stach
Nancy Delosh
Michael Delosh
Frank C. DeFelice
Nick Rennels
Tom Coburn, Sr.
Rita Pedersen
Jim Clem

Scripture Readings for the Week



Sunday, December 13:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,
51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 14:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab,
6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7,
17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16:

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab
and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk
7:18b-23

Thursday, December 17:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab,
7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday, December 18:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
[cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Sunday, December 20:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk
1:26-38

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 Giacopelli, Navy
Lt Stephanie Herderich, Air Force
Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army
LCPT Dawson Innis, Marines
Capt Benjamin Lloyd, Marines
Capt Kaitlyn Tullock Lloyd, Marines
Lance Corporal Adam Mather, 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



Liturgy Schedule		
December 12–13, Third Sunday of Advent		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Kristen Koltvedt	Dottie Weir
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	Gene Jagnecki	Gena Galicia
December 19–20, Fourth Sunday of Advent		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Susan Kuzak	Susan Kuzak
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	Doug Rusch	Toni Rusch

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.: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thurs & Fri.: By Appointment 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.



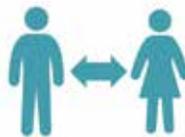
WASH YOUR HANDS

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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