

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MASS DAY/TIMES:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
9:00am & 7:00pm



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT:

Meet Me at the Manger

THE LIGHTING OF THE NATIVITY CRECHE
MONDAY, NOV. 29 7:00 - 7:30 PM

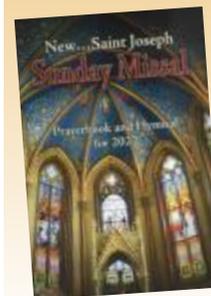
All are invited to a special parish celebration to begin the Advent Season!

Blessing & Lighting of the Outside Parish Creche
Singing Advent Carols | Hot Chocolate & Treats

Each family will receive a special pack of blessed straw to prepare their own family nativity set, complete with a special blessing to bless their set at home.

ALL ARE WELCOME! INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS!

The 2022 St. Joseph Sunday Missal **NOW AVAILABLE!**



Copies of for the new liturgical year are available in the back of church.

While supplies last!
Suggested donation \$5.00



HEARTS ON FIRE

at Sacred Heart
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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" St. Catherine of Siena

LISTEN to Fruitful Discipleship—The **Charism of CELIBACY** empowers a Christian to **be most fulfilled and spiritually fruitful by remaining unmarried and celibate for the sake of Christ**. This is a "lifestyle" charism—cannot be discerned quickly in weeks, but must be pondered and prayed over time through recurring patterns in one's past as well as exploring the possibility in the present. For one with this charism, celibacy is not a void—not absence of marriage or romantic attachments. It is a positive call to a particular relational lifestyle that carries with it the freedom to take on unusual vocations or missions. Friendship is the primary kind of relational intimacy to which those with this gift are called... not just given to priests and religious... may be given to men or women... is difficult in our culture to view it as a positive call and gift of God, but their ultimate fruitfulness and fulfillment comes through remaining unmarried and chaste, and therefore free to be totally dedicated to the mission for which God has called and gifted them... Celibacy gives one freedom for something else.

(Fruitful Discipleship, by Sherry Weddell, pg 153-155)

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

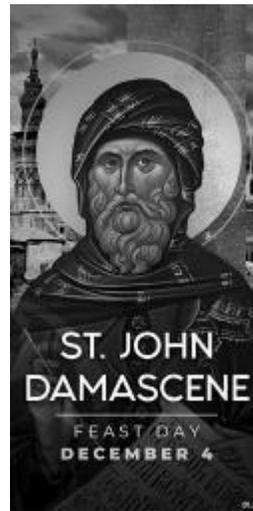
*Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of the Gifts, to Sacred Heart Church and to our Family's Parishes; Open our minds and hearts to hear your voice. WE GIVE YOU THANKS as you reveal to each of us the special and particular gifts (Charisms) You have given to us to use for others. Help us to discern whether one might have the **Charism of CELIBACY**, and how that might free us to use other gifts. And we also pray, "thanking you ahead of time," for any who might be discerning this charism. Reveal to us how You want us to use any of the Charisms you've given, and give us the desire and will to do it. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in each of us the fire of Your love. Amen!*

ASK & ACT: What is this note saying to **me**? Have others told me that I seem happy and fulfilled as a single person? Has being single been a positive way of life that has freed me to serve God and make a real difference in the lives of others? Have I noticed these traits in others and told them so? Do I identify with the saints who practiced the celibate lifestyle, and how God was able to use them? Am I personally and spiritually content without the special intimacy of marriage? I will **pray** over these questions, asking God to lead me in discernment of whether (or not) He has given me—or perhaps someone I know—the **Charism of CELIBACY**, and ask for the desire and will to know how I might use any of my charism group in our parish or my community.



Saint OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER 4 | SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE



St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.



The fruitfulness of evangelization depends upon the graces called down through intercession.

~ That Archbishop Vigneron, the Auxiliary Bishops, and all priests be preserved in health, wisdom and strength as they work for Mission: to "build a

culture of life-changing personal encounters with Jesus that permeates every aspect of parish life and that leads to a loving encounter of neighbor." (Unleash the Gospel Action Step 2.1)

- ~ For the faithful in our parish and our Family of Parishes to grow in their knowledge and understanding of their faith and become joyful missionary disciples everywhere.
- ~ That anyone entering Sacred Heart Church may feel a loving welcome, especially any who have left in the past and are returning, looking for a church-home,
- ~ In Thanksgiving for all the blessings God has given us this past year, especially the gifts given to each other, through each other, by the work of the Holy Spirit.

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

Reflect

AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to fulfill the covenant made with King David, four hundred years earlier in 1000 B.C. **As we enter into the season of Advent, how might you show your fidelity to God?**

Second Reading:

Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica is to abound in love and strength for one another in preparation for the return of Christ. **How do you think communities of faith can support each other during the Advent season?**

Gospel:

In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgement day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. **How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face?**

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 27, 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.

Although things are slowly getting back to "normal" we are still asking to simply donate gift cards in place of actual gifts. All gifts, along with the ornament, must be returned by **Sunday, December 12**. Please mark your calendars! This deadline is very important. The groups we help have scheduled pick-ups and distribution schedules we need to honor.

God's Christmas Blessings to All,
Christian Service Commission



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our

relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here,

and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPI

EVENTS AROUND THE AOD

PREPARE THE WAY Advent Retreat Reflection

WHEN

Dec 3 10:00AM

UNTIL

11:30AM

LOCATION

Zoom

How will you stay peaceful and focused on the Lord, despite the frenzy that may be surrounding you during the holiday season? It is so easy to get wrapped up in all the necessary extra tasks to be done, and arrive on Christmas Day exhausted, overwhelmed and wondering what happened. Make this Advent different. Prepare for what's important — Jesus.

Join via Zoom:

<https://aod.zoom.us/j/91788197850>

Find out more at aod.org

Live at the Basilica: ANGELA THEIS

WHEN

Dec 15 7:00PM

UNTIL

8:00AM

LOCATION

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

"A Holiday Recital"

Soprano Angela Theis

with guest pianist: Timothy Cheek

Soprano Angela Theis has captivated the attention of audiences and critics alike while remaining active in her hometown Detroit area. She is featured on the 2017 David DiChiera Letters & Fantasies album and continues to be an ambassador for Michigan Opera Theatre and the music of its late founder.

Timothy Cheek has performed recitals as a collaborative pianist in eighteen countries on four continents and has been heard on radio and television programs around the world.

Find out more at aod.org

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PICK OF THE WEEK

November 28, 2021



THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

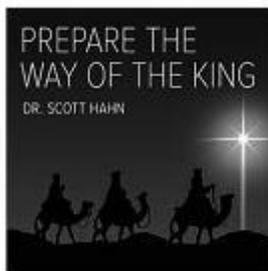
Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent.

WATCH

LEARN

ADVENT

This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus Christ.



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

LISTEN

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TAKE TIME TO REFLECTION AT MANRESA

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION AT MANRESA JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

December 6, 2021 | 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Find inspiration for a deeper prayer life through short presentations, times for individual prayer and reflection, and group discussions. Open to men and women and includes lunch.

Check-in with refreshments from 9:30 AM. **\$40 non-refundable, non-transferable fee** is due at registration at manresa-sj.org/120621-advent or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON REFLECTION AT MANRESA JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

December 12, 2021 | 2:00-7:00 PM

Afternoon includes two talks, time for private prayer/devotion, Sunday Mass and dinner.

Check-in with refreshments from 1:30 PM. **\$35 fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.** Register by December 7 at manresa-sj.org/121221-AR or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.





Rosary said one-half hour before daily Mass

Saturday, November 27, 2021

4:00 p.m.

† Rita Booms

† Paul Bever by Linda Caspary

Sunday, November 28, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Julie Kopin

11:00 a.m.

† Fred Samrah by Family

Monday, November 29, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Orleta Cairo

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Richard Martus

Thursday, December 2, 2021

NO MASS

Friday, December 3, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Christine Agosta

Saturday, December 4, 2021

4:00 p.m.

† Joseph Heck Jr.

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Ed Lentz

11:00 a.m.

† Fred Samrah by Family



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

Rolf Maier
Stella Lentz
Tom Guibord
Nancy Delosh
Michael Delosh
Frank J. DeFelice
Nick Rennels
Jim Clem
Mary Ann Demres
Priscilla Boudreaux
Resi Cavellier
Deac. Jack Parent

Ella Dawson
Anders McCarthy
Sean Reaume
JoAnn Eaton
Mark DeFelice
Julie Kozlowski
Patricia Swantek
Ralph Swantek
Paul Weir
Romulo Pascua
Donna Lawrence
Laura A. Reaume

Floyd Warzak
Joe Veryser
Don Boudreaux
Paul Bissa
Cathleen Stachurski
Betty Barg
Jackson Hensley
Diane Hurd
Richard Booms
Ursulene McCaffrey
Shawn Burns
Samatha Graves

**Scripture Readings
for the Week**



Sunday, November 28:

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps
25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28,
34-36

Monday, November 29:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 30:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday, December 1:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
[6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 2:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 3:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 4:

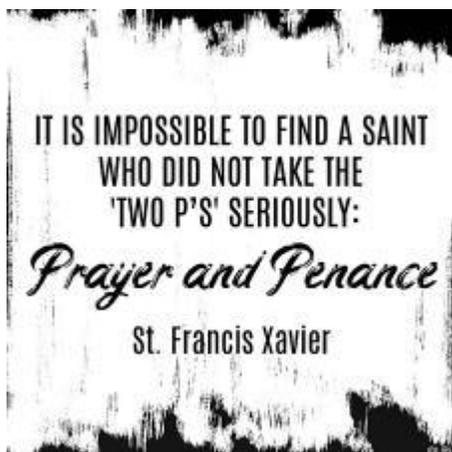
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1,
5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 5:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,
6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**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 Giacomelli, 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
Maj Sarah Burns Mobilio, Marines
Matthew Panella, US Navy TM3
Sergeant Daniel Pendell
Lt Ronnie Robinson, Army
Captain 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		
November 27-28, 1st Sunday of Advent		
	Lectors	Lead E.M.
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Kitty Vigneau Kristen Koltvedt	TBA
Sunday 9:00 am Mass	Randy Shetterley Sean Sylvester	TBA
Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Mary Lee Pascual Dennis O'Meara	TBA
December 4-5, 2nd Sunday of Advent		
	Lectors	Lead E.M.
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Jennifer Botson Susan Kuzak	TBA
Sunday 9:00 am Mass	Sean Sylvester Randy Shetterley	TBA
Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Toni Rusch Doug Rusch	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

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Tues., & Thurs.: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Wed., Sat. & Sun.: Closed

LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Joe Grimaldix22
Office Assistant:
 Carol Bissa (Mon. & Tues.)x10
 Kathy Costa (Thurs. & Fri.)x10
Music Minister: Brendan Johnson

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00a.m.
 Tues., Thur.: NO MASS
 Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS

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 Sean Sylvester 248-361-2854

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 Mary Alice Merlo 248-375-5378

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 Jim Johnson (Membership Dir.) 248-420-2537

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 call the Parish Office at 248-852-4170 x10 to register.

BULLETIN

Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin Editor Email: bulletin@esacredheart.org

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



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

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Sacred Heart has joined social media!

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