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Becoming and Making Disciples, Welcoming all to Follow Jesus Christ.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 4PM

Sunday – 9:30AM

Monday – Thursday 9AM

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Parish Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday  
9:30am – 4:30pm

**NEVER MISS MASS AGAIN!**  
**Sunday 9:30 AM**  
[sacredhearthopedale.org/  
mass-video](http://sacredhearthopedale.org/mass-video)

Watch Mass on Cable TV  
Verizon Fios Channel 29, Comcast Channel 8  
Thursdays & Sundays—8:30am & 10:30am

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

All people are welcome at Sacred Heart.  
Regardless of your experience of Church,  
regardless of your marital state, regardless of  
your personal history, back-ground or sexual  
orientation. Please know that you are invited,  
accepted and respected at Sacred Heart.



February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

So, I took the Deacon Tom Tierney Challenge, “Read the full Gospel of Mark, start to finish.” It was wonderful to see Jesus on the move and to recognize that God is here and he’s on our side! Walking in the footsteps of Jesus is having that ability to communicate a powerful message, read the hearts of those who were seeking his healing touch, and at the same time read the thoughts of those who found fault with every move and step he took.

Mark’s Gospel is nicknamed “The Seed” and as we take our next steps we realize that he is in a hurry to tell us what happened when Jesus walked the earth, his birth, death and resurrection and how he wants to be with us always through our hungers, darkness, storms, illnesses, challenges, and that he is passionate to show us how to live and save us.

Jesus begins his public ministry by gathering disciples to work in partnership with him so the message of God’s salvation can be spread through their willingness to quickly invite others to follow Christ. How very important it is for us to walk in partnership with each other as a community of faith. Our willingness to walk and work together helps us to make it through those same hungers, darkness, storms, challenges and even this pandemic!

During this pandemic I have been trying to touch base with some of our high-risk members. However, I can’t be in touch with everyone. I wonder if there are members of our community that would like to be in partnership by connecting with some of the members of our community? A willingness to call and let them know they are missed, thought of and if there is anything we can do assist during this difficult times. If you are willing to help, please call the office and we will be happy to join in this important communication effort.

Fr. Bill

**REMEMBER**  
in your prayers

Rita Coffey  
Mary Bacon  
Nelson Clement  
Charles Lee  
Matthew Masnik  
Karen Walker  
Alberta Lachina  
Regina Espanet  
Henry Ruggiero  
Claudette Hughes  
Philip Morin  
Betty Morin  
Shirley Lapointe  
Michael DeLoia Jr  
Joan Moss  
Virginia Larkin  
Dorothy Gately  
Concetta Conciatori  
Roger Beggs  
Bill Johnson  
Nancy Collins  
Stephen Brothers  
Pauline Kell  
George Miller



**Marie Sannicandro**  
**John "Jack" Hayes**  
**Jacqueline Gemme**, mother of  
Fr. Stephen Gemme

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
John Forstman

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
2/6 4pm: Paulo Rebelo  
2/7 9:30a: Robbie Kearnan

**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
1/31/21  
4pm 51  
9:30am 63



**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
1/31/21  
  
Weekly:  
\$3,155.00  
  
Monthly:  
\$905.00  
  
Fuel, Utilities, Etc  
\$30.00  
  
SH Endowment Fund  
\$225.00



**Did you know?**  
The United States makes up 5% of the world's population, but uses 30% of the resources.

**What you can do**  
Make a to-do list for putting your family on an energy diet. Pick 5 significant changes.  
Make the plan sustainable.

### Message Shaper's Corner

#### Hindsight 2020

Does God heal people today? Of course he does! God uses different ways to heal different kinds of pain: financial, physical, mental, emotional, relational, and physical. Because we live in a broken world, we all need some kind of healing or restoration, whether we're aware of it or not. Healing should involve other people. Humility, prayer, seeking God, and reliance on his Word will bring healing and forgiveness.

#### Reflection Questions

- ◆ Adults: When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?
- ◆ Kids: What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?

#### While in Church:

- At all times wear a mask covering your mouth and nose.
- Sit only in pews with the signs that read "sit here".
- When you are the first to enter a pew please sit in the middle of the pew. This will allow room for everyone without having to climb over anyone.

If you have any suggestions or questions on keeping everyone safe and healthy please reach out to the Parish Office.

**Confession:** Every Saturday, in the Day Chapel between 3-3:45p.

**Funerals:** Funeral Masses may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including social distancing and liturgical adaptations.

#### Weddings

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations.

**Baptisms:** Only individual Baptisms may be celebrated with a prudent limitation on the number of people present and the requisite considerations for social distancing. All rites should take place with the family remaining in the pew. Either the parents or godparents approach the font while carrying the child and then, after the explanatory rites, return to their pew.

All who are present wear masks throughout, with the exception of the child to be baptized.

## Lent is Quickly Approaching

We all remember Lent as being the time where we "give up" something, but it is so much more than that! It is a time when the whole church goes on retreat together—even virtually!

**Lent begins—Ash Wednesday—February 17th  
Masses 9AM, 7:30PM  
Distribution of Ashes 3PM**



The Wilderness is a part of our lives. We cannot engage life in meaningful

ways without sometimes ending up in the wilderness. Wilderness times are those times when we feel we are tested to our limits, and we describe those times in wilderness terms: dry, desolate, lonely, trying, difficult, agonizing. We speak of hunger, thirst, and longing in the wilderness. This series explores this difficult spiritual territory.

## Lenten Virtual Events and Programs

- ◆ The Best Lent Ever – [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)
- ◆ Praying Lent – [www.onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://www.onlineministries.creighton.edu)
- ◆ For more Lenten resources—check our website at: <https://sacredheartopedale.org/lent>

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This February every member of The Catholic Community of Sacred Heart is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$43,200.00. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. If you need an envelope they are located at the exits of the church or let the office know and we can get one to you. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2021 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my great joys as your Bishop is to work with so many dedicated priests who have served you and our diocese faithfully throughout their lives. One of my weighty responsibilities is to care for them in their old age.

I write to ask your support for the new Ash Wednesday Collection that will assist the retired priests of the Diocese of Worcester. Unlike the December collection for Retired Religious which supports sisters, brothers and priests of religious orders throughout the country, the Ash Wednesday collection will be dedicated to those priests ordained for the Diocese of Worcester who do not benefit from the December collection.

We currently have 56 retired priests. In the next nine years an additional 42 priests will reach the retirement age of 75. Our annual costs for health insurance, housing and monthly stipends for retired priests have recently run between \$2.2 million - \$2.6 million. While Partners in Charity, Celebrate Priesthood and the endowments from Forward in Faith and Legacy of Hope have and will continue to support priest retirement, we have had annual shortfalls in funding to meet those obligations.

We recently made changes to retirement benefits for priests who have not yet retired. Those measures are expected to save up to \$12 million through 2050. However, in the short run, deficits up to \$374,000 per year are projected through 2031. The purpose of the Ash Wednesday collection is to help eliminate those deficits and strengthen the sustainability of decent care for our retired priests.

Our retired priests have cared for us and our families throughout the decades. Please consider beginning this Lent with a sacrificial gift to the Ash Wednesday Collection on February 17 to support our retired priests.

I am very grateful for your support of all of our Diocesan efforts and for your consideration of this request. Thank you and God bless you.

With every prayerful best wish I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Robert J. McManus*

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



**Grades K-6:** February 7: Teaching Mass & Lesson. February 14: Plfaum at home lesson.

**7th Grade:** February 7: Revelation Module. February 27: Trinity Movie Module

**8th Grade:** February 7 : Morality Module. February 28: Church Movie Module

**Confirmation I:** March 13

**Confirmation II:** February 28

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