



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

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

March 6, 2022

First Sunday Of Lent

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 4PM

Sunday – 9:30AM

Monday – Thursday 9AM

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### **NEVER MISS MASS AGAIN!**

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

[sacredhearthopedale.org/mass-video](http://sacredhearthopedale.org/mass-video)

Watch Mass on Cable TV  
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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.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Right after Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by John, He was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for 40 days. From this we get our annual Season of Lent. This is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

I must tell you, this social distancing, mask wearing, and pandemic precautions, for me, has seemed to be two plus years in the desert. We are now being coaxed to come back to some sense of community and gathering as the precautions and restrictions are being lifted. But there is no switch to turn easily from pandemic to post-pandemic. On top of it all there is the possibility of other variants coming our way.

With that in mind, and with the encouragement of the scriptures and Pope Francis and the Synod on Synodality we will be praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on our Lenten Journey. I am encouraging us all to talk with each other as we make this Lenten journey. Everyone is asked to wear a purple bracelet on which is written, "Catholic Community of Sacred Heart 2022 Journey. This will help us to recognize people from the community in outside and off campus settings to let us know we are not alone on the journey. Take the risk to strike up a conversation with someone wearing the bracelet. "How's your Lenten journey going." "I see you are from Sacred Heart, Hopedale, where is the Spirit leading you?" The thing that I will be focusing on personally is the gift of peace. Peace I leave you; peace is my farewell gift to you. So, as I journey this Lent, I will be looking for the peaceful moments and movements of my day. What are you seeking, this Lent? Where is the Holy Spirit guiding you?

Lent is a communal time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let's make sure we communicate with others on the journey, encouraging and coaxing each other into the Joy of Easter!

Holy Spirit, Guide us on our Lenten Journey!

Fr. Bill



Rita Coffey  
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 John Deiana  
 Stephanie Moe



**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
 Paul Buckley

**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
 2/27/21  
 4pm 105  
 9:30am 112

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
 2/27/21  
**Weekly**  
 \$4,957.00  
**Monthly**  
 \$310.00  
**Fuel, Utilities, Etc**  
 \$50.00  
**SH Endowment Fund**  
 \$575.00



**God's Plan(et); Heal our Common Home and Respond to the Cry of the Poor, March 12 from 11-12:30**

A virtual workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston Social Justice Ministry, the Diocese of Worcester Environmental Stewardship Ministry, and the Boston Catholic Climate Movement.

Learn actions we can take to combat climate change and to promote environmental justice. Join us to hear how Catholics are taking steps to build the Vatican's "[Laudato Si' Action Platform](#)" globally and right here in Massachusetts. You can help provide a safe and thriving world for future generations of all species.

For details and to register: <https://tinyurl.com/Home-3-12-22>

**Message Shaper's Corner**

**To Be, Or Not to Be (Church)**

Following his baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness and was in total isolation. There he experienced severe temptation concerning his identity. This Lent, we remember what it means to be human and reflect on our identity. What does our brokenness say about us? What does discipleship look like? What are the challenges to our identity as Catholic Christians?

**Reflection Questions**

- ◆ Adults: How do you describe your Christian identity?
- ◆ Kids: Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?



**Sunday, March 6th**  
 8:30a Grade 7 Jesus Module  
 9:30a Mass: Jean Ruggiero  
 Come to the Tables  
 Teaching Mass  
 6:00p Confirmation II Class

**Monday, March 7th**  
 9:00a Mass:

**Tuesday, March 8th**  
 9:00a Mass: Michael & Hillie Matondi  
 11:30a Stations of the Cross  
 7:00p Caring for Inactive Members

**Wednesday, March 9th**  
 9:00a Mass:

**Thursday, March 10th**  
 9:00a Mass:  
 9:00a MFN Cherub's Corner  
 7:00p Bible Study

**Friday, March 11th**  
 7:30p AA Meeting

**Saturday, March 12th**  
 8:30a AA Meeting  
 3:00p Reconciliation  
 4:00p Mass: Mary D'Onofrio  
 4:00p Mass & a Movie, Kingdom of God, Grade 8

**Sunday, March 13th**  
 8:30a Grade 7 Jesus Module  
 8:30a In Person Faith Formation Class  
 9:30a Mass: Paulo Rebelo & Barbara Reardon  
 Come to the Tables  
 10:30a Anointing of the Sick

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Call the office prior to your child's birth to begin preparation.

**Marriage:** Call the parish office one year prior to your wedding date to begin preparation

**Reconciliation:** Saturday – 3PM or by appointment

Our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

# Parish News

## Lent Homily Series

The length of the pandemic has taken a physical, mental and spiritual toll on so many of us. Many have lost touch with their spirituality during the pandemic. Many are still uncomfortable attending Mass in person. Many are frustrated. Lent is a good time to reflect and reconnect.



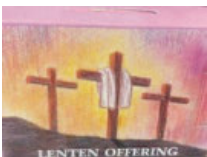
During Lent, it's important to realize that we can still move forward along the path God has set out for us. Blending ancient spiritual practices with new technology, we can create new pathways to connect with each other and with God.

### Lenten Virtual Events

- ◆ The Best Lent Ever – [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)
- ◆ Praying Lent – [www.onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://www.onlineministries.creighton.edu)
- ◆ Caring for the Inactive—Tuesday's during Lent on Zoom
- ◆ For more Lenten resources—check our website at: <https://sacredheartopedale.org/lent>
- ◆ For kids: <https://sacredheartopedale.org/lent-for-kids>
- ◆ For Tweens: <https://sacredheartopedale.org/lent-2>
- ◆ For Teens: <https://sacredheartopedale.org/lent-1>
- ◆ For Parents: <https://sacredheartopedale.org/everything-lent>

### Lenten In-person Events

- ◆ Stations of the Cross ~ Tuesdays 11:30AM
- ◆ Prayer Stations are located at the windows in the church taking us through our journey of the passion of Luke
- ◆ Bible Study ~ Thursday evenings 7-9PM, Day Chapel
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Banks (see below)



St. Vincent de Paul LENT BOXES are available at the entrances to the Church. Please take one and share your gifts with those in need during Lent. The monies collected are used

for purchasing products for fruit baskets for the homebound three times per year, assistance to those less fortunate in our community and for our membership in the Daily Bread Food Pantry. Please return to the church or office when filled.

## GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those fasting may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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Pope Francis is asking us to walk together and talk together about rethinking Church through the Synod on Synodality. I am

hoping that all of us will take part in answering the questions available in our Diocesan survey at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X58BD65>. Please take the time to also look at the web site explaining the background of the synod at : <https://worcesterdioocese.org/Synod-2023>

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The Environmental Stewardship Ministry is pleased to offer this calendar of facts and actions as a family program to engage everyone in thoughtful discussion about our relationship with God's creation and our obligations to each other.

1st Sunday of Lent - March 6

## Response to the Cry of the Earth

- Approximately 2,200 plants have been documented in MA, and about 725 of them are non-natives that are considered established. (4)
- Collecting water that would otherwise be wasted (rain barrels, pre-heat shower water, water boiled for cooking) and using it to water potted plants, lawns, gardens, or vegetable beds, will conserve water.
- Composting can create richer lawns, while also reducing methane emissions at landfills, and the need for fertilizers, thereby leaving a smaller carbon footprint. Give the raw materials back to the soil and to God.
- Native planting requires less water and no fertilizers, helps reduce pollution and restores natural habitats.

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