



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

219 E. Rockwood Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99202

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021*

The pastor and parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church warmly welcome you to our parish family!
We hope that you find us to be a family of faith and love, exemplifying in word and deed the generosity of the Father, the self-giving service of Jesus Christ, and the enduring presence of the Holy Spirit.

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Mass Schedules:

WEEKENDS:

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (in person)

Sunday: 10:00 am (in person & livestreamed)

WEEKDAYS:

Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:30 am

HOLY DAYS:

5:30 pm

Religious Education:

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

To Be Announced

Religious Education, Kindergarten to Grade 6:

To Be Announced

For livestream events, schedules, and contact persons,
visit our website:

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First Communion & Confirmation

Welcome, Bishop Daly, and thank you for being with us at the 5 pm Saturday Mass to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion with several of our young parishioners.

We are most grateful to our parents and catechists for their work in preparing our children, especially Mary Cooper and Darlene Wilburn.

Congratulations to our children receiving these sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers this week.



Leah Nicolarsen

Harlow Ryan

Alexis Gilbertson

Cameron Boston

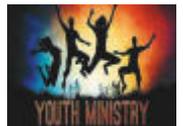
Grace Gutzwiler

Sacred Heart Youth!

Our parish youth group is going strong, meeting every week over Zoom and YOU are invited to join us each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm! We welcome all 7th to 12th graders...and you are most welcome to invite your friends as well! Every week, we enjoy time for games, prayer, and learning more about our faith together.

We are currently meeting by way of Zoom, so please contact us so that we can send you the Zoom invite. Just email us at:

youthgroup@shparishspokane.org



Reconciliation

Just a reminder that Father Kevin is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 4:00—4:35 pm, in the entry area of the social hall or by appointment throughout the week.



Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday, May 1st	Our Newly Confirmed Members of the Church
Sunday, May 2nd	People of the Parish
Tues., May 4th	Priestly & religious vocations by Irene Dufort
Wed., May 5th	+Marie & +Fred Jesberger by Chad & Julie Cherry
Thurs., May 6th	+Bob Morgan by the Morgan/Coombs Family
Fri., May 7th	+Mary Alice Cronin by Mary Conley

Our Parish Prayer Chain: Is there illness or are there special needs in your family? Our community prayer chain looks forward to praying for you! Send your request to *Judy Felgenhauer*,

New to the Parish?

We look forward to getting to know you! Please contact our office by phone: 747-5810, e-mail: office@shparishspokane.org, or through our website: shparishspokane.org, to register. **Welcome!**



Welcome Back, Weekday Masses!

Since Easter, we are once again celebrating weekday Masses in our parish church. As before, the daily liturgies are celebrated at 8:30 am, Tuesday through Friday.

Our usual safety precautions will be in place including social distancing and masks covering the mouth and nose. There is no need to sign-up in advance, but we do ask that you sign in as you enter the church.



Church Safety Updates: Phase III

With Washington State presently in Phase III, we are now allowed new freedoms in our parish worship while still guarding basic social distancing and mask-wearing mandates.

We expect that as more of us are vaccinated, more parishioners will be choosing to join us for in-person Masses. We are making the following changes to our safety practices beginning today:

- ◆ **We have raised the limit on in-church attendance from 50 persons to 70 for ordinary liturgies, and up to 80 when additional chairs are set up in the back of the church nave.**
- ◆ **Sunday morning, 10:00 am Mass has returned to the church from Father Kevin's living room for both in-person attendance and live-streaming.**
- ◆ **Congregational singing is now welcome as long as we remain masked throughout.**
- ◆ **Lectors, presiders, and homilists may now exercise their ministries without masks as long as they maintain substantial distance from others while unmasked.**
- ◆ **Weekday Masses, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am, have started up again. There is no need to register in advance, but we ask you to sign in each morning.**
- ◆ **When in church, keep masks covering fully both mouth and nose and assiduously maintain 6' social distancing. Please observe both rules both within and outside the church.**
- ◆ **Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in the pews only and on the hand only.**
- ◆ **Please remember that not everyone is already vaccinated; hugs and handshakes should still be avoided.**

Thank you for your cooperation and care!

Rest in Peace

Please keep in your prayers our parishioner, **Sister Dorothy Byrne, SP**, whose funeral Mass was celebrated here on April 16th.

Please also remember **Sr. Joanne McGoldrick, FSPA, J. Pat O'Neill, and Joan Hilton**, whose funeral Masses were all celebrated in our parish this past week.



A Word from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

"Herd immunity" is a fairly new phrase that has entered our covid-era vocabulary, especially in these last few months. It is frighteningly close-sounding to the very negative and quite different phrase, "herd mentality." Nobody wants to be part of a herd of anything...it so violates our sense of individual dignity and the respect we owe to one another as wondrously distinct creations of God. "Herd mentality"...ugh! But "herd immunity" is quite another thing. As you most probably know, this herdy thing is quite important to us at this moment in our collective history as a world; it refers to that state in a pandemic when enough people are immune to a virus that all are virtually protected. The virus can't find enough victims to keep replicating itself so it eventually diminishes if not actually disappears from the world stage. Nobody knows *exactly* at what point a population reaches herd immunity, but the scientific consensus seems to be somewhere above 70%. The immunity can be gained either naturally through previous infection or through a vaccine. In either case, getting to "herd immunity" means return to normal (mostly) and the saving of millions of lives across the globe. We want that. It is a good thing. It is a moral value of very high importance.

As the various new covid-19 vaccines have been rolling out across the country (and sadly, less so around the world), we are getting closer to achieving herd immunity at least here in the United States. We have been privileged in the opportunity we have had to receive the vaccines because of the ability of our government to purchase huge reserves of the vaccines from the various companies making them. I know that after I received my second shot of the Moderna version, I felt a huge sense of relief that I was now protected; I'm sure many of you felt that same relief from the horrible anxiety we have lived with the past year. What a privilege to be among the early vaccinated! But it was not only relief that I felt; I also knew that I was contributing to the *common good* by adding one more small brick in the wall of herd immunity, a wall that will eventually surround this virus and mostly snuff it out by starving it of victims.

This is a very important *moral concern*, one that is part and parcel of our Catholic moral teaching for centuries: we do not only consider the good for ourselves, but also must consider how an action affects everyone, how it contributes to the *common good*. Clearly, vaccinations of all kinds, though taken individually, contribute to the health of the whole community: contributing to herd immunity is a *moral good*, as I said above. I know that there are some who cannot take the vaccine for important reasons; the rest of us take it to protect you. But the rest of us have to take it to protect you! If you are able to receive the vaccine, I urge you to do so. It's a matter of life and death for millions of our fellow human beings here and around the world.

Fr. Kevin

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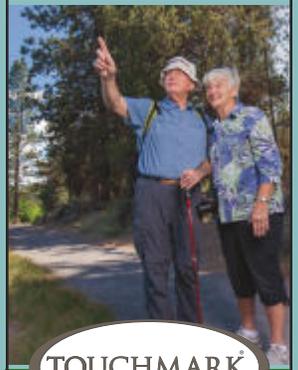
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