

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fourth 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

Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history"?

Second Reading

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

Gospel

Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith? ©LPi

Family of Parishes Prayer

Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time,
as though by a New Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Families of Parishes with confidence. Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy.

This is our mission! And, we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Bl. Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



HEARTS ON FIRE at Sacred Heart

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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: *I am firmly convinced that the graces bestowed upon the Church in Detroit in Synod 16 are a great spiritual treasure, riches which the Holy Spirit has poured out upon us for the monumental task that lies ahead. With the help of God I will be a true and faithful steward of these gifts that are the common property of us all for the work that has been entrusted to us all. I am establishing the New Evangelization Council as a permanent body to assist me in assessing the response of the Church in the Archdiocese to Synod 16 and to advise on ways to make continued progress in unleashing the Gospel. In this way I will have the support I need in the discharge of my stewardship. And I look to give annually at Pentecost an accounting of my stewardship of the graces of Synod d16.*

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 receive the graces that are the "spiritual treasure" from Synod 16. Lead us to cooperate with those graces so that the monumental task that lies ahead, making our entire diocese full of joyful missionary disciples, will be accomplished. Give Archbishop Vigneron and the New Evangelization Council he has appointed the strength, wisdom, and courage to make continued progress in leading us all to unleash the Gospel in Detroit and specifically in Sacred Heart parish and in our new Family of parishes to which we now belong. Amen!

ACT: What is this letter saying to **you**? Have you ever thought of Synod 16, now 4 years ago, as having provided "spiritual treasure"? Those treasured graces have led us now into forming a new structure—Families of Parishes (ours recently announced to be composed of Sacred Heart, St. Damien of Molokai, St. Hugo of the Hills, and St. Thomas More.). Pray right now and for this week that the Holy Spirit will show you how to cooperate with those graces and use your gifts to make our Family fulfill its mission to Unleash the Gospel.

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

Saint OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER 15 | SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

On December 23, it is the feast day of St. John of Kenty. John Cantius was born in the year 1397 in the Polish town of Kenty (whence his surname). He became a professor of theology, then parish priest; soon, however, he returned to the professor's chair at the University of Cracow. On foot he visited the holy places of Rome and Palestine. One day, after robbers had deprived him of all his effects, they asked him whether he had anything more. The saint said no, but hardly had they gone when he remembered having sewn some gold pieces inside his clothing; immediately he followed and overtook them. The robbers, astonished at the man's sense of truthfulness, refused to accept the money and returned to him the stolen luggage.

To guard himself and his household from evil gossip he wrote upon the wall of his room (after the example of St. Augustine): Conturbare cave, non est placare suave, diffamare cave, nam revocare grave, or "Guard against causing trouble and slandering others, for it is difficult to right the evil done." His love of neighbor was most edifying. Often, he gave away his own clothing and shoes; then, not to appear barefoot, he lowered his cassock to have it drag along the ground. Sensing that his death was near at hand, he distributed whatever he still had to the poor and died peacefully in the Lord at an advanced age. He is honored as one of the principal patrons of Poland and Lithuania.



SACRED HEART Intercessory Prayer Team

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 all victims of the pandemic and their families, especially those who must be separated from each other at a time of trial.
- ~ For the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds as we await the celebration of the birth of our Lord so that Christ may be born in us.
- ~ For our parish families living on the margins because of financial or other hardships, that their needs may be met so they know they are the saints living among us.
- ~ For the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of all at Sacred Heart and our now Sister parishes—St. Damien of Molokai, St. Hugo, and St. Thomas More—to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we form a Family of Parishes.

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

CELEBRATING THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AT HOME

To celebrate these 12 days in your household, gather each day, perhaps around a meal, light a candle, read the suggested biblical passage, then share what you can do to make Jesus' presence more real in our world. As Vatican Council II reminded us, "Christ is the Light of nations. Because this is so, by proclaiming the Gospel to every creature, we bring the light of Christ to all persons."

1st Day of Christmas (Luke 2:1-18)

Both Mary and the shepherds see in this child the revelations of God's love for all, especially the poor.

How might each of us recognize and respond to the needs of the poor?

2nd Day of Christmas (Acts 6:8-19, 7:54-59)

St. Stephen models our call to witness to Jesus' message of love despite the cost to us. *How might each of us reach out to love and help the poorest among us?*

3rd Day of Christmas (Lk 2:22-40)

Simeon's message to Jesus' parents reminds us that sorrow is part of every life.

How might each of us respond to the sorrow that so many are experiencing in their lives and relationships?

4th Day of Christmas (Mt 2:13-18)

Jesus' birth threatened King Herod, who murdered many innocent children to remain king.

Where are innocent persons being persecuted today and how might we try to help them?

5th Day of Christmas (1 Jn 1:1-4)

God has been revealed and become visible in Jesus.

How might each of us act today to make God visible in ourselves and to recognize God's presence in those around us?

6th Day of Christmas (Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)

When the holy family becomes refugees fleeing Herod's persecution, Joseph must trust God's plan to protect Jesus and Mary.

How might we respond to help refugees and immigrants find a better life?

7th Day of Christmas (Jn 1:1-18)

Jesus, God's Word made flesh, invites us to embody in ourselves the loving, forgiving, nurturing ways of God.

How might each of us better model these godly ways in our relationships?

8th Day of Christmas (Jn 1:19-28)

John the Baptist prepares the way for others to discover and draw near to Jesus.

How might we "make straight the Lord's way" in our daily activities?

9th Day of Christmas (Jn 1:29-34)

John the Baptist knows that God's Holy Spirit is at work in Jesus.

How might each of us show our trust that through the Holy Spirit God is also working in us?

10th Day of Christmas (Jn 1:35-42)

Jesus asks his would-be disciples "What are you looking for?"

How might each of us answer this same question to better understand who Jesus is and who we are as his disciples?

11th Day of Christmas (Jn 1:43-51)

Inspired by his experience of Jesus, Phillip invites Nathanael to come and meet Jesus too.

How might we reach out to share what we know and love about Jesus with someone else?

12th Day of Christmas (Mt 2:1-12)

The Gentile magi follow the star as the sign of God's inclusive love for all peoples.

How might we make real God's inclusive love in our society, especially the most vulnerable and excluded?

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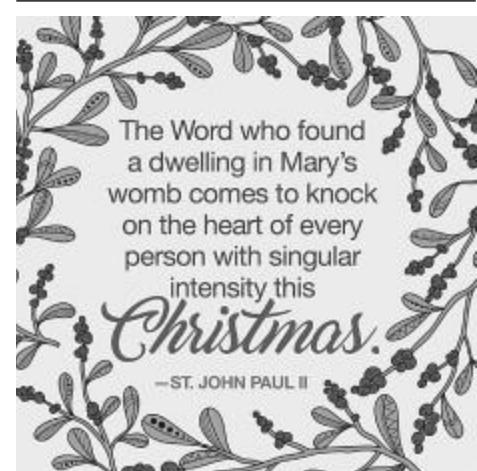
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This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

LISTEN

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 20, 2020



CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

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Mondays with *mystics*

Monday,
December 21
Meister Eckhart

Faith Offman will lead this live online experience of exploration and prayer. Using ZOOM, participants will learn about each mystic and his or her spirituality and join in a shared prayer experience.

Monthly events will take place on Mondays from 7 - 8:30 pm. Cost is \$35 per event.



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Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour
before daily Mass

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

Monday, December 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.

† Donna Bochenck

Tuesday, December 22, 2020
NO MASS
Wednesday, December 23, 2020
9:00 a.m.

† John Dzienisowicz by Wife
† Angela Parent

Thursday, December 24, 2020
CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 p.m.

† John Dzienisowicz by Wife
† Fred Samrah by Family

6:00 p.m.

† Talon Dawson

Friday, December 25, 2020
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m.

† Richard Kessler
† Suzanne Augustyn
† Ralph Fantin by Family

Saturday, December 26, 2020
4:00 p.m.

† Roberta Wishart

Sunday, December 27, 2020
10:00 a.m.

† Margaret Zacharski
† Fred Samrah by Family
† Ed Lentz by Family
† Mr and Mrs Stanley Pasko
by Son Robert



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

Resi Cavellier

Scripture Readings for the Week



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

Monday, December 21:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday, December 22:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday, December 23:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10
and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday, December 24:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps
89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday, December 25:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
[2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,
11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-
14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/
Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn
1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday, December 26:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Sunday, December 27:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22, 39-40

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 Christian 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

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LONGING LEAD
YOU TO THE
FATHER

Liturgy Schedule		
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
December 26–27, The Holy Family		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Kristen Koltvedt	Mary Lynn Foster
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	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		
SACRED HEART OFFICE 3400 S. Adams, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 248-852-4170 FAX: 248-852-5745 sacredheartauburnhills@gmail.com www.esacredheart.org	MASS SCHEDULE Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00a.m. Tues., Thur.: NO MASS Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.	SACRAMENTS & INFORMATION
Follow us on facebook, instagram and twitter @sacredheart7009	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	RECONCILIATION Saturday, 3:00 p.m.
OFFICE HOURS: Mon. & Tues.: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thurs & Fri.: By Appointment Wed, Sat & Sun: Closed	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Sacred Heart Council 8659 kofc8659.com Dan Heath (GK) 248-343-9622 Sam Crowl (MD) 248-980-4636 samcrowl@comcast.net	BAPTISMS Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child.
LEADERSHIP AND STAFF Pastor: Rev. Fr. Richard Cavellier x22 Pastoral Associate & Director of Religious Education: Michael Merlo x12 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Jack Parent Office Assistant: Carol Bissa x10 Music Minister: John Welch		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

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.



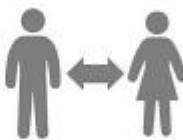
WASH YOUR HANDS

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.

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