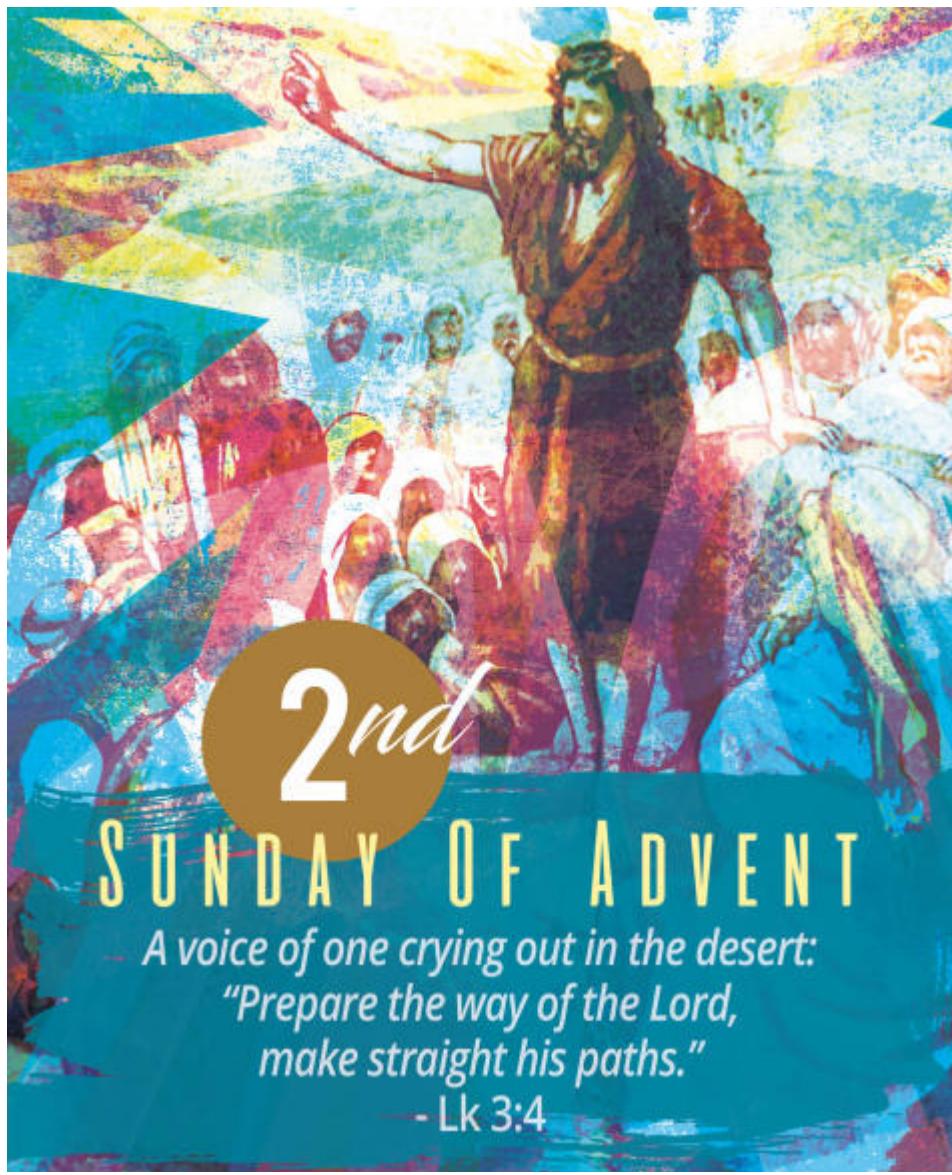


SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent



Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now placed in our Gathering Area. So, we welcome you to take an ornament and donate to The Pontiac Community Outreach, Haven or Jail Outreach. Please remember that the ornament serves as the gift tag.

Due to COVID we have been asked to simply donate gift cards in place of actual gifts. All gifts, along with the ornament, must be returned by Sunday, December 12th. Please mark your calendars! This deadline is very important as the groups we help have arranged pick-ups and have their own distribution schedules, which we have agreed to respect.

God's Christmas blessings to all,
Christian Service Commission



Please Welcome
OUR NEW MEMBERS

Nicola & Annette Guerra
Nikodem & Leah Suchta
D & Genia Maynard



UPDATED MASS SCHEDULE:

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

MASS DAY/TIMES:
VIGIL: TUES., DEC. 7 @ 7:00PM
FEAST DAY: WED., DEC. 8 @ 9:00am

Come Celebrate
**OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE**

Saturday, December 11 | 7:00 pm

Join the Knights of Columbus in a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the vigil of her feast day.

The celebration will begin in Fr. Kreft Hall, with a showing of the video "Guadalupe: The Miracle and The Message" followed by a procession to church with the image of the miraculous



"tilma" of St. Juan Diego, prayer of a rosary in her honor, along with a gathering with Mexican chocolate caliente and pan dulce.

Bring a simple bouquet of roses and come honor the Patroness of the Americas!



HEARTS ON FIRE at Sacred Heart Where Faith is Known, Lived, & Shared

"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 VOLUNTARY POVERTY** empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's loving presence by living a life of cheerful, **voluntary simplicity or poverty in order to identify with Jesus and the poor**... not poverty that is forced. . . takes 2 Cor 8:9 seriously—"He became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich"... attracted to a life uncluttered by possessions and focused in simplicity on God and neighbor... frees one to be used by God in out-of-the-box ways. . . fairly rare, so may feel isolated from others around them.

(*Fruitful Discipleship*, by Sherry Weddell, pg 162-164)

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. Reveal to each of us the special and particular gifts (Charisms) You have given to us to use for others. Provide opportunities to test and discern whether one might have the Charism of VOLUNTARY POVERTY, or recognize it in someone else. 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? Do I choose not to live as comfortably as I could in order to live like the poor and identify with Jesus? Am I readily accepted by the poor because I live simply? Am I drawn to the spiritual challenge of living simply in a materialistic culture, thus freeing me to respond to God's call? Have others told me I have sacrificed a great deal materially in order to follow Jesus? Do I identify with the saints who embraced poverty for Christ's sake? I will **pray** over these questions, asking God to lead me in discernment of whether (or not) He has given me the **Charism of VOLUNTARY POVERTY**, and ask for the desire and will to know how I might use any of my charism group in our parish or my community. Remember: "No Bystanders!"

Saint OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER 9 | SAINT JUAN DIEGO



On December 9, it is the feast day of St. Juan Diego. Juan Diego was born in 1474 with the name "Cuauhtlatoatzin" ("the talking eagle") in Cuautitlán, today part of Mexico City, Mexico. He was a gifted member of the Chichimeca people, one of the more culturally advanced groups living in the Anáhuac Valley.

When he was 50 years old, he was baptized by a Franciscan priest, Fr. Peter da Gand, one of the first Franciscan missionaries. On December 9, 1531, when

Juan Diego was on his way to morning Mass, the Blessed Mother appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, the outskirts of what is now Mexico City. She asked him to go to the bishop and to request in her name that a shrine be built at Tepeyac, where she promised to pour out her grace upon those who invoked her. The bishop, who did not believe Juan Diego, asked for a sign to prove that the apparition was true. On December 12, Juan Diego returned to Tepeyac. Here, the Blessed Mother told him to climb the hill and to pick the flowers that he would find in bloom. He obeyed, and although it was wintertime, he found roses blooming. He gathered the flowers and took them to Our Lady who carefully placed them in his mantle and told him to take them to the bishop as "proof". When he opened his mantle, the flowers fell on the ground and there remained impressed, in place of the flowers, an image of the Blessed Mother, the apparition at Tepeyac.

With the Bishop's permission, Juan Diego lived the rest of his life as a hermit in a small hut near the chapel where the miraculous image was placed for veneration. Here he cared for the church and the first pilgrims who came to pray to the Mother of Jesus.

Much deeper than the exterior grace of having been chosen as Our Lady's messenger, Juan Diego received the grace of interior enlightenment and from that moment, he began a life dedicated to prayer and the practice of virtue and boundless love of God and neighbor. He died in 1548 and was buried in the first chapel dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe. He was beatified on May 6, 1990, by Pope John Paul II in the Basilica of Santa Maria di Guadalupe, Mexico City. He is the patron saint of Mexico.



SACRED HEART Intercessory Prayer Team

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

~ That Archbishop Vigneron, the Auxiliary Bishops, and all priests be guided by the Holy Spirit in leading our archdiocese and all parishes to "Prepare the way of the Lord" in Advent.

- ~ For people to learn about and be aware of the amazing gifts given them by God, and to find ways to use them in their parish and Family of Parishes to attract others, to grow and strengthen their faith, and to be witnesses of the love, mercy and forgiving power of Jesus.
- ~ That Sacred Heart parish and our Family may find ways to grow closer to Jesus during Advent, leading to a Christmas celebration of Christ's arrival in our hearts and in our world.
- ~ For each family member to be charged with ensuring that their parish is a place of welcome and hospitality to all who enter.

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



KNIGHTS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" MAGNETS

The Sacred Heart Council of the Knights of Columbus is happy to announce that special "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets are now available in the back of church. Designed to mount safely on your car, the magnets are a quiet and powerful reminder during the rush of the holiday season that the true source of our joy at Christmas is God's amazing gift of His own Son, given for the forgiveness of our sins. Please take one per family.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm.

In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on



**OPEN
THE DOOR
FOR CHRIST**

an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPI



CELEBRATION OF WINTER SOLSTICE

All are invited to welcome the season of winter with a ritual, *Winter Solstice: A Sacred Time*. The virtual celebration, facilitated by Sister Esther Kennedy, OP.

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. EST
Sunday, December 19, 2021

The celebration includes reflections on our turning from darkness to light as the days begin to grow longer, and from the past to this new moment. We will cultivate our own capacity as beings of light to shine our light and love as fully as possible upon one another and our world.

A Dominican Sister of Adrian, MI, Sister Esther is a retreat leader and spiritual director who conducts a monthly Day of Mindfulness at Weber Center.

The celebration is free and open to all. Registration is not required. To participate, join the live stream at <https://webercenter.org/seasons>.

For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

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Monthly Speaker Series
7pm in the Basilica

Each month we'll bring in a world-renowned speaker to inspire and reinvigorate us to live as missionary disciples in today's changing world.

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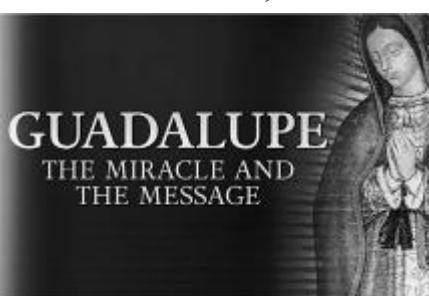
MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.



PICK OF THE WEEK

December 5, 2021



FORMED NOW! DO WE MAKE TOO MUCH OF MARY?

Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

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MARIAN DOGMAS WITH BRANT PITRE

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
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Wednesday, December 15, 2021
"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.

Please visit shrinechurch.com for more information



Mass INTENTIONS

Rosary said one-half hour before daily Mass

Saturday, December 4, 2021

4:00 p.m.

† Joseph Heck Jr.

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Allen Farrelly

11:00 a.m.

† Fred Samrah by Family

Monday, December 6, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Ed Lentz

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil

7:00 p.m.

† Marilyn Johnson

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m.

† John Dzienisowicz

Thursday, December 9, 2021

NO MASS

Friday, December 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Marie Monti

Saturday, December 11, 2021

4:00 p.m.

† Edward Brown

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† George Perrouet

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 Boudreault

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 Boudreault

Paul Bissa

Cathleen Stachurski

Betty Barg

Jackson Hensley

Diane Hurd

Richard Booms

Ursulene McCaffrey

Shawn Burns

Samatha Graves

**Scripture Readings
for the Week**



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

Monday, December 6:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 7:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,
11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 8:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
[1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 9:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,
12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 10:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 11:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 12:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4,
5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

**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 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

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

The angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid; for
behold, I proclaim to you
good news of great joy that
will be for all the people."

-Luke 2:10

Liturgy Schedule		
December 4-5, 2nd Sunday of Advent		
	Lectors	Lead E.M.
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Jennifer Botson Kitty Vigneau	TBA
Sunday 9:00 am Mass	Sean Sylvester Randy Shetterley	TBA
Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Toni Rusch Doug Rusch	TBA
December 11-12, 3rd Sunday of Advent		
	Lectors	Lead E.M.
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Linda Botson Lisa Landry	TBA
Sunday 9:00 am Mass	Sandy Stacer Pete Keating	TBA
Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Gene Jagnecki Nancy Poitrowski	TBA



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	PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS Christian Service Member Colleen Sylvester 248-853-5717 Finance Member Ron Iwaszkiewicz 248-852-1303 Worship Member Sean Sylvester 248-361-2854 Member at Large Mary Alice Merlo 248-375-5378	
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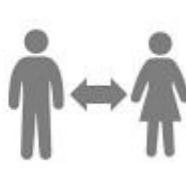
We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



WASH YOUR HANDS



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

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