



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

219 E. Rockwood Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99202

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

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*

Sunday: *10:00 am*

WEEKDAYS:

Tue, Wed, Thurs, & Fri: *7:30 am*

Holy Days:

7:30 am & 5:30 pm

Religious Education:

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sunday 10:00 am Mass

Religious Education, Pre-school (4 years) to Grade 6:

Sunday, 8:45-10:00 am

For events, schedules, and contact persons for all other parish activities and ministries, visit our website:

shparishspokane.org

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION



The Catholic Charities Christmas Collection raises essential funds that allow us to answer Christ's call to help the poor and vulnerable.

Together with you, we *Respond to Crisis, Stabilize Lives, and Advocate in Hope* by serving over 70,000 individuals in Eastern Washington each year. Make a secure

donation online at:

www.CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org

or mail to

PO Box 2253 Spokane, WA 99210-2253

Your gift saves lives. Have a blessed Advent season!



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

December 14th, 7:00 pm

You are warmly invited to Prepare the Way of the Lord by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation together with a brief Liturgy of the Word, Examination of Life, and individual confession. There will be six priests available for confession.

Several of our parish children will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this evening.

*Our Tree of Sharing is nearly bare,
with just a few more tags left!*



We are grateful for the generosity of you, our parishioners' hearts. Now the goal is that some of you will be able to select the last few tags, and then to fill the base of our Tree of Sharing with your gifts, purchased and wrapped with love for the children of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Outreach Center** and for the adults living in communities.

Last week, we shared some of the programs of the MLK Jr. Center; today, we share a bit about the adult homes. **Blair House** and **Milford House** are "sister" licensed group homes providing assisted living support for people ages 21-65 with brain disorders/mental illness. **L'Arche** creates and lives Christian community among adults with developmental disabilities. They live together in two homes with full-time assistance to support them live to their potentials.

Please return your gifts under the Tree with **gift tags firmly attached** (very important as MLK tags have family identifications on the tags) anytime, but **no later than Sunday, December 17th** please. You may also drop the gifts off in the parish office from 9 am to 3 pm. On behalf of the 136 people whose names are on the gift tags, we thank you for your open hearts for our neighbors.

Mass Intentions This Week

5:00 PM SAT, Dec 9 +Kay Wicker by Michael & Mary Ann Carey
10:00 AM SUN, Dec 10 People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.

Tues., Dec 12 +Rocky Rothrock by John & Suzanne Nevers
Weds., Dec 13 +Sister Lily Mae Emmert, SP by Irene Dufort
Thurs., Dec 14 +Bobbi Michaelis Family by Mary Conley
Fri., Dec 15 +Rev. Emery Blanchard by Irene Dufort

Mass Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8; 19-28

Liturgical Minsters Schedule can be found on our website: shparishspokane.org/liturgical-ministry-schedules

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, jfelgen@comcast.net.*

Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings Last Week

Envelope & Plate Offering: **\$ 3,493.07**
"Blue Envelope" Outreach: **\$ 105.00**

In order to meet our 2016-17 budget, an average weekly collection of \$5,850.00 is needed. Thank you so much!



NEW TO SACRED HEART PARISH? WELCOME! We look forward to getting to know you!

Please return this form to the parish office or e-mail the information to: shparish@qwestoffice.net.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____



Our Parish Christmas Schedule

Due to Christmas Day falling this year on a Monday, we have adapted our schedule to accommodate the complication of both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve being the same Sunday.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES:

5:00 pm, Saturday, Dec. 23 & 10:00 am, Sunday, Dec. 24.

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:00 pm, Family Mass, Sunday, Dec. 24.

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:00 am, Mass, Monday, Dec. 25.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Sunday, Dec 31, No Evening Mass.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Monday, Jan 1, 10:00 am Mass (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God).

Contemplative Prayer

Once a week our group meets to pray and respond to God's invitation to listen deeply together and grow in our spiritual journey. This practice involves the use of Scripture, meditative listening, contemplation and shared prayer.

"Come and See!" (Jn. 1:39).

Contemplative prayer meets every *Monday at 11:00 am to 12:15* upstairs in the "Upper Room" of the parish Center. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** Questions? Call Jan Eberley at 509-850-6164.



Retrouaille: How to Heal a Stressed Marriage

Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouaille simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Register now for the **February 2-4** weekend by calling 509-520-4118 or 800-470-2230. All calls are confidential.

Safety Message For Parents:

Dear Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas:

We would like to ask you to please accompany your younger children to the restrooms during Mass.



We have had on occasion strangers on our property and sometimes in the vestibule. It is always safer to walk your little ones to and from the restrooms!



CAN YOU HELP?

Catholic Charities *Volunteer Chore Services* has a big need for volunteers to drive elderly and disabled clients in your area to doctor appointments. If you would be willing to do a drive even just once or twice a month to help a senior or disabled person get to a doctor appointment please contact Paula at Catholic Charities Volunteer Chore Services: 459-6171 or send an e-mail to ptindall@ccspokane.org.

A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

There is something particularly lovely about the Advent season that attracts our spirit and calls us to a more contemplative life during these special days. The fragile flames atop the candles of our evergreen wreathes, the violet and rose colors not blaring but gently calling for both repentance and joy, the lovely scripture readings featuring the Baptist and Mary: they cohere into a sacred time of waiting quietly in hope for God-Made-Flesh.

The following reading from one of the great "Fathers of the Church," *Gregory of Nazianzen*, also captures in a profound way the significance of these Advent days and nights so I happily share them with you for your contemplation:

"The very Son of God, older than the ages, the invisible, the incomprehensible, the incorporeal, the beginning of beginning, the light of light, the fountain of life and immortality, the image of the archetype, the immovable seal, the perfect likeness, the definition and word of the Father: he it is who comes to his own image and takes our nature for the good of our nature, and unites himself to an intelligent soul for the good of my soul, to purify like by like. He takes to himself all that is human, except for sin. He was conceived by the Virgin Mary, who had been first prepared in soul and body by the Spirit; his coming to birth had to be treated with honor, virginity had to receive new honor. He comes forth as God, in the human nature he has taken, one being, made of two contrary elements, flesh and spirit. Spirit gave divinity, flesh received it.

"He who makes rich is made poor; he takes on the poverty of my flesh, that I may gain the riches of his divinity. He who is full is made empty; he is emptied for a brief space of his glory, that I may share in his fullness. What is this wealth of goodness? What is this mystery that surrounds me? I received the likeness of God, but failed to keep it. He takes on my flesh, to bring salvation to the image, immortality to the flesh. He enters into a second union with us, a union far more wonderful than the first.

"Holiness had to be brought to man by the humanity assumed by one who was God, so that God might overcome the tyrant by force and so deliver us and lead us back to himself through the mediation of his Son. The Son arranged this for the honor of the Father, to whom the Son is clearly obedient in all things.

"The Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep, came in search of the straying sheep to the mountains and hills on which you used to offer sacrifice. When he found it, he took it on the shoulders that bore the wood of the cross, and led it back to the life of heaven. Christ, the light of all lights, follows John, the lamp that goes before him. The Word of God follows the voice in the wilderness; the bridegroom follows the bridegroom's friend, who prepares a worthy people for the Lord by cleansing them by water in preparation for the Spirit. We need God to take our flesh and die, that we might live. We have died with him, that we may be purified. We have risen again with him, because we have died with him. We have been glorified with him, because we have risen again with him."

Have a blessed Second Week of Advent!

Fr. Kevin