

December 20, 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

***To Register, please call the office Monday to Wednesday between 9 am and 1 pm.***

**Reconciliation:**

By request

**Mass During the Week:**

**See inside for Christmas schedule.**

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Discontinued until further notice.

**Marriages:**

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Regular Sunday	2413.00
Building Fund	185.00
Sunday Missals	50.00
Advent	215.00
Flowers	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	40.00
Envelope Cost	5.00
Parish Insurance	25.00
Shepherd's Fund	15.00
World Mission Sunday	15.00
New Years	5.00
Christmas	50.00
Cemetery Fund	15.00
Garden Party	15.00
Catholic Missions Sunday	5.00
Development & Peace	5.00
Good Friday	15.00
Ecclesiastical Students	15.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	15.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	15.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. 4:30pm	Late Anthony & Dianne Griffin
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

**No mass Tuesday or Wednesday**

**Christmas Eve Masses, Dec. 24**

**Thursday at 4:30 pm 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm.**

**Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25 at 11:00 am**

**Saturday, Dec. 26 at 4:30 pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 27 at 11:00 am**

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2021:** now available for pick up at the church.

**FACE MASKS:** Wear facemasks when entering, leaving, and moving about the church. It may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing.

**PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS:** Please note this year's deadline for monies to be included on the 2020 tax receipt is Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS WEEK:**

**Tue. Dec 29<sup>th</sup> and Wed. Dec 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm.

**New Years Eve, Dec. 31 @ 4:30 pm**

**New Years Day, Jan. 1 @ 11:00 am**

**Saturday Jan 2 @ 4:30 pm**

**Sunday Jan 3 @ 11:00 am**

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed **December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1.**

**ADVENT FOLDER:** Advent offering envelopes are available at the church. We ask you to generously support this Advent collection.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - update:** Please be advised, that due to limited space because of Covid-19 restrictions, **Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm are now full. Because seating is assigned you will be escorted to your seat.** There is still some availability for Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 am. Please call the office to register as soon as possible. Also, if you decide not to attend a mass you already registered for, call in and have your name removed so another can attend. Thank you for your co-operation. Office # 785-5025.



**TREE OF GIVING:** Our tree is in the back of the church but unlike other years, there are no TAGS on the tree as we are trying to discourage touching things due to Covid-19. It is there simply to remind you to open your hearts to the needy in our community. Please bring a non perishable food item to put by the tree. Also, please check the "best before date" on all food items. Thank you for your generosity during this difficult time.



**HOLY FATHERS PRAYER - December:** We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**CHURCH CLEANING THANK YOU:** A big thank you to those who came out to help with the cleaning of the church. Though few in number and on a stormy day, they did a great service to our parish community. Again, thank you.

**LADIES FUNDRAISING:** Our Bingo Draw for December will include 3 Bonus draws so everyone is encourage to get their donations in by Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. The draw will take place on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Regular donors for December are those with last names beginning with N through Z, but anyone can enter the draw. Each donation of \$10 qualifies for on entry. Donations can be put in a envelope , clearly marked BINGO, include your NAME, and drop in the collection or the parish house mailbox. Good luck to everyone. The winner of the November draw of \$79.50 is Eileen Moore. Congratulations!

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

Anyone desiring a Christmas hamper should call 638-9010. **We are accepting donations of knitted goods, hats, mitts, socks, and stocking stuffers in the SSVP box at the entrance to the Church.** Parishioners are also invited to sponsor a person or family for a Christmas Hamper. If you wish to do so contact the SSVP at 638-9010.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU:** We offer a special Thanks to John Hancock for his work on the gardens this summer and for the cleanup completed for this fall.

**A STORY: THE FIRST CRIB:** We have a tendency to pretty up the Christmas story. But in doing that we remove it from us. We empty it of much of the meaning it carries for us. It was St. Francis of Assisi who assembles the first crib in a cave on an Italian hillside in the year 1223. His aim was to make the Christmas story come alive for the people of the locality. His idea was to show them how close it was to them and their lives. And it seems that he succeeded. On Christmas Eve the friars and the people assembled with candles and torches around the crib. Francis spoke to the people, who were mostly farmers and shepherds, about God's Son coming among us to teach us that we too are children of God, and that as such we have an eternal destiny. The shepherds and farmers got the message: God had time for simple folks like them. At the end of the vigil they all returned to their homes, full of peace and joy, feeling very close to God and to one another. *(Taken from: Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies: Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, pp 30-31.)*