

**December 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”  
John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness  
of sins.**

**Mark 1: 1-8**

**The Oklahoma desert blooms**

A true story:

Years ago, a newly ordained, unmarried minister came to serve an all-Black congregation in Oklahoma. The response of the parishioners was friendly, but not overwhelming. Then the minister married Esther. Even though both of them were white, church attendance by the African-American townfolk suddenly increased — and remained high. At a loss for an explanation, the pastor asked one of the church elders, “My sermons couldn’t have gotten all that much better, have they?”

The elder agreed, and then explained that it was all due to the pastor’s new bride.

“But,” the pastor pressed, “previous pastors have also had wives.”

“Yes, they did,” the parishioner said, “but those wives went to *white* churches to receive Communion.”

***All three of today’s readings begin with lifeless, depressing images that are transformed into life-giving and enriching experiences of the holy: from barrenness to harvest, from brokenness to wholeness, from death to life. Our everyday efforts to do what is right and just, to live our faith with conviction and integrity, is to realize the vision of God proclaimed by John in today’s Gospel: to take on the work of the farmer-prophet who brings forth new life in the most arid of deserts, to put our shovels and rakes to the task of creating a “highway” for God to re-make our earth in holy peace.***

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**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 Friday  
between 9 am and 1 pm.***

**Reconciliation:**

By request

**Mass During the Week:**

Tue, Wed, & Thu at 7 p.m. and Fri at 10 a.m.

Daily mass is cancelled any day in which there is a Funeral Mass or schools are closed due to weather.

**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**

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$2172.50
Building Fund	50.00
Sunday Missals	51.00
Advent	40.00
Shepherds' Fund	200.00
Flowers	10.00
Bingo Proceeds	715.50
St. Vincent de Paul	100.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7pm	Late Agatha & Joe Joyce
Wed. 7pm	Late Mary Park
Thu. 7pm	Late Rod Joyce
Fri. 10am	Special Intention
Sat. 4:30pm	Late William & Winnifred Lynch
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**CONDOLENCES:** We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of the late Stan Tompkins. May he rest in peace.

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

**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.

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

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

**THANK YOU:** Father Jim would like to thank you all for your prayers and concerns this past week. He is very appreciative and is doing well.

**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!

**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.

**ADVENT FOLDER:** Advent offering envelopes are available at the church. We ask you to generously support this Advent collection. Please think of them as a replacement of the folder with a suggested offering of \$20.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting your donation in an envelope (envelopes located at the church) with the name of your loved one and drop it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office.



**RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT:** Due to Covid-19, there will be NO communal celebration of Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be offered every Saturday during Advent at the Cathedral from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, or upon request. As well Father Jim will be in the reconciliation room at Sacred Heart Church from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:** Please be advised the 4:30 mass on Christmas Eve is now full. There is still space available for the mass at 7 pm and 9 pm but they are filling up quickly so please call the *office* to book your seat as soon as possible. Also if you decided not to attend a mass you booked, call in and have your name removed so another can attend. Thank you for your co-operation. Office # 785-5025.

**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.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL:** Monthly Poor Box Collection is Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners are asked to put their donation in an envelope and place it in the baskets that will be provided. Please give generously.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN UP:**

We will be cleaning the church for Christmas on December 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 am. Get your buckets and cleaning cloths ready! Please don't forget your masks.



**U-TUBE REFLECTION:** A short U-Tube reflection on the Sunday Advent Readings can be accessed beginning every Monday of the week (for the upcoming Sunday) on [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca) Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, is the presenter.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

**Christmas Eve Masses, Dec. 24 @ 4:30 pm 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm.**

**Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25 @ 11:00 am**

**Saturday Mass, Dec. 26 @ 4:30 pm**

**Sunday Dec. 27 @ 11:00 am**

**NO MASS: Monday Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The next regular meeting is on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, in the parish meeting room. **BEGINNING AT 6PM.** Please bring your PPE (masks).



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