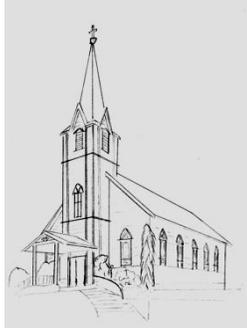


# **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH**



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Thursday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Office is closed on Fridays.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:00 – 4:15 pm

**Masses:** Thursday and Friday 11:00 am; Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

## **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Padre's Portion:** Thanksgiving morning Mass was once again a glimpse of heaven for me. It is not only a time of year, but after our Thanksgiving celebration is a time when I push back from the table and am in wonder and awe at God's kindness. Thank you to all who celebrated with us. The image that burns in my mind is at the Lord's Prayer and we join hands and the Spirit moved because we closed the aisle and we were all in connection. It is always an amazing day. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. We are blessed! "Thank You" to our St. Vincent DePaul Conference who works so hard not only this weekend and this Season but all year long to live out the Gospel message: "Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me."

Now, we can start talking about Advent and Christmas. Keep notice of all the events of the Advent Season happening around the Parish. We begin the Season this Friday, December 7th with "Quiet Joy" at 7:30 p.m. A wonderful evening of music and reflection that sets our hearts and minds on the true meaning of Christmas. Our Advent Reconciliation Service is December 15th at 10:00 a.m. Remember God wants to forgive us more than we want to be forgiven. It's the best gift we will receive during the Season. Grace, Mercy, Freedom.

I am recommending some books to read that may help you stay quiet and reflective as we prepare for Christmas. Instead of buying multiple copies and having you switch and share, I'm just going to recommend a few and hopefully you'll pick one up. Here's some titles:

[The Sun Does Shine](#) - Anthony Ray Hinton - an incredible story of forgiveness

[The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity](#) and/or [Perfectly Yourself](#) - both by Matthew Kelly

[The Next Person you meet in Heaven](#) - Mitch Albom ([Tuesday with Morrie's](#) fame)

[A Long Way Home](#) - Saroo Brierly (A man's search for his birth parents; true story)

However, instead of recommending a "book club" adventure, I do want to share with you a recent documentary titled [Pope Francis: A Man of His Word](#). A piercing look into who our Holy Father is authorized by the Pope. I'm going to show it 3 times during Advent (December 11th at 2:00 p.m.; December 13th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass -- bring a sack lunch; And Wednesday December 19th at 2:00p.m.) It will be shown in the living room of the Rectory so seating is limited to 15 adults. So I ask that you phone the office and "reserve" your spot. I will schedule more if the response requires more dates into the New Year.

Also after Mass on December 7th, I will share the video "Apparition Hill" with anyone who would like. This is a documentary about Medjugorje and seven pilgrims who were strangers and became fast friends on the pilgrimage. Mary's work continues.

One of our parishioners came up with the idea of a "Reverse Advent Calendar" to help us stay focused on what these days are all about as well as help out those who are not as fortunate as all of us. So there are 24 days (starting December 1st) till Christmas. So we invite you to place a large box or basket someplace very visible in your home, and each day add one "foodstuffs" to the box. By Christmas, you'll have 24 cans of food or pasta or candy or whatever to bring to your Christmas Mass for our SVDP pantry. It's a great way to count UP to Christmas. All too often Advent Calendars count down. We are an UP people. Please join. Have the children choose something each day.

Advent, of course, highlights waiting and expectation. We dress our Church in purple – the royal color of kingship. We light the Advent wreath as a reminder we are on a journey not just to December 25<sup>th</sup> but to eternal life. When we wait for a person to come or an event to happen, we prepare. Advent provides a time for each of us to renew the spirit of expecting God. We all do plan on spending eternity with God. Yes? The message of this weekend's Gospel, says, "Be vigilant at all times." One of the challenges of expectation is to become more conscious of how God comes to us in our everyday life: the beauty of creation, the changing of the seasons. Our relationships at home, work and play reveal the presence of God in our lives. In the events of the ordinary day, we can discover God and invite God to become even more present to us.

As we wait for our God to return, we wait with patience and attention. As we wait and watch, God surprises us and we discover more and more the immensity of God's love for each of us. We are challenged this Advent once again to let God's presence enter our lives and become a living symbol of God's presence to each other. Let's prepare our invitation to our God and prepare well for God's coming.

God Bless.

P.S. A "shout out" to Clayton Stacey of our Parish. Clayton was confirmed this fall and is an active teen in our Parish. Clayton just received his black belt in karate from the All Japan Karate Federation which is one of the oldest karate federations still in existence. Clayton has studied the style of Shotokan working for nine hard years to achieve his black belt. Congratulations. Prayers, Patience and Perseverance manifested!



**WE ARE IN NEED OF COOKIES FOR OUR QUIET JOY RECEPTION, DEC 7<sup>th</sup>, PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE LABARRE IF YOU CAN BRING COOKIES AT (503) 231-9381. THANK YOU!**

	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NO</b> St. Vincent DePaul meeting this week. Knitting at 7:00 pm on the rectory main floor.
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir practice at 7:00 pm in church.
	<b>Thursday</b>	Mass at 11:00 am. Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40 am
	<b>Friday</b>	Mass at 11:00 am. Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40 am <u>Quiet Joy at 7:30 pm in church</u> , followed by reception, please see attached flyer for more details.
	<b>Saturday</b>	Mass at 11:00 am. Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40 am.
	<b>Sunday</b>	RCIA after Mass in the rectory. Anointing Mass at 1:00 pm

**Please check out the Family Advent Calendar attached to the bulletin for some meaningful daily reflections.**



**Next weekend is our Retirement for Religious Collection. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Thank you!**

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES, ESPECIALLY THE CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 AM MASS; PLEASE SEE THE SIGNUP SHEET IN THE BACK OF CHURCH ON THE WALL OR CALL THE OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER. THANK YOU!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**For the week of Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Sat, Dec 1	4:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun, Dec 2	10:00 am	+David Bechtold – JoAnne McMahan
Thur, Dec 6	11:00 am	+Claudine Willis
Fri, Dec 7	11:00 am	+Rena Oakden – Julie Spencer
Sat, Dec 8	11:00 am	Women of our Parish
Sat, Dec 8	4:30 pm	Women of our Parish
Sun, Dec 9	10:00 am	Parishioners
Sun, Dec 9	1:00 pm	Homebound and Ill of our Parish

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Baruch 5:1-9 (6C)  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

Holy Family Church will be hosting, starting in January, Catholics Come Home for our brothers and sisters who have fallen away from the faith, or are not currently practicing. We are excited to offer this for the Vicariate to support all the parishes in bringing their flock home. A flier with the dates and session topics is posted in the back of church. For more information, contact Krisi Christensen, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, Holy Family Catholic Church, Portland, OR 503-774-8871 ext. 107 email: [YouthMinistry@hollyfamilyportland.com](mailto:YouthMinistry@hollyfamilyportland.com) web: [www.Parish.HolyFamilyPortland.org/youth](http://www.Parish.HolyFamilyPortland.org/youth)

**Ministry Schedule for the weekend of Dec 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Greeters</b>	Gary & Dianne Lanctot	Larry & Sylvia Kelner
<b>Lectors</b>	Carol Pomante	Ron Shibley
<b>Altar Server</b>	Iyke Igwe	Daphnie Stacey
<b>Host Minister</b>	Char Parr	Joyce LaBarre
<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Larry & Fran Kamm	Scott Tracy & Ron Zaraza
<b>Ushers</b>	Hyginus Igwe & Michael Rivelli	Ed Immel & Zack Maris
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Peggy Ryan
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>		Danielle Santilli
<b>Sacristan</b>	Fran Kamm	Scott Tracy

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 2018-2019 ACTUAL**

Nov 4	\$5,376
Nov 11	\$3,350
Nov 18	\$4,872
Nov 25	\$3,653

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS YEAR TO DATE**

<b>FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCT, 2018</b>		
ACTUAL	BUDGETED	VARIANCE
\$78,611	\$87,016	-\$8,405

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