



## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

#### **Padre's Portion:** Thoughts on the Feast of Christmas from around the World

If we want to find the God appeared as a child, then we must dismount from the high horse of our "enlightened" reason. We must set aside our false certainties, our intellectual pride, which prevents us from recognizing God's closeness. --Pope Benedict XVI

Christmas is the celebration of the eternal and omnipresent values of compassion, forgiveness, and universal love that Jesus stood for. --Pranab Mukherjee (Former president of India) Jesus came into the world for one purpose. He came to give us the good news that God loves us, that God is love . . . When we look at the manger we know how he loves us now, you and me, your family, and everybody's family with a tender love. That is all that Jesus came to teach us, the tender love of God --St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The nativity may well be magical and even glorious but it is heresy to depict it as "nice." But by gift-wrapping the story with romance, sprinkling it with glitter, we obscure the very power, hope and beauty we are seeking to celebrate. It is precisely because of the story's shocking brutality -- the dirt and the cold, the rumors of illegitimacy, dark, portents of bloody sacrifice, the displacement from home, the complex oppressions of a vicious regime -- that the narrative of Bethlehem is relevant . . . to terrified teenage mothers, to the elderly lonely talking to their televisions to the freezing homeless and refugees. -- Peter Greig

I had my eyes closed with tears streaming down my face when I envisioned her (Mary) so heavy with pregnancy struggling during such difficult times with no conveniences. . .no known security for the birth and yet she kept coming along "Bringing Him to Us". -- Terri Currie

Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of joy is living to serve. -- Pope Francis

He was born in Bethlehem, yet he belongs to all countries. He was born in the first century, yet he belongs to all centuries. He was born a Jew, yet he belongs to all nations and races. -- Rev. M Turner --Like all great personalities he did not want his name idolized. He wanted his cause supported. He never said, "Worship me," but often said, "Follow me." Whatever the surprises of history, Jesus will never be surpassed. -- Rev. Turner.

#### Some Advent thoughts as we close out the Season in two days:

In a culture where everything is instant, we most certainly have lost the art of waiting. I blame Amazon because faith has no Prime shipping. --Fr. Dave Dwyer

The first to apologize is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest. The first to forget is the happiest. -- Bishop Bronner.

Advent is a trifacta of celebrations: 1. Celebrating Christ's birth. 2. Waiting for Christ to return to Earth again. 3. Waiting for Christ to come into our hearts. -- Our Lady of Good Counsel

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I hope you're remembering "Reverse Advent" project for Advent. Just gather one can or dried food every day and place it in a basket maybe in the middle of your table. This is to help us count up to December 25th and have a basket of food to bring to Church for SVDP.

Christmas schedule of Masses will remain the same as the past few years: 4:30 p.m. Family Mass (focused on the children and their parents with the Children's choir leading the music), Midnight (The Choir will sing our celebration) and 10:00 a.m. Christmas Morning (The Choir again!). I so look forward to celebrating this great feast that we are preparing for now. I can hardly wait! Three full churches is the best gift I could receive. Please join me!! God Bless.

**Youth Choir Practice Schedule for the Christmas Eve 4:30 Family Mass at Sacred Heart**

We would like to welcome all young people to participate in the Youth Choir for the Christmas Eve 4:30 Family Mass at Sacred Heart. Any young person who likes to sing Christmas songs is welcome but we ask that everyone please participate in the four practices listed below if at all possible. Also, if anyone plays an instrument well and can play along with the songs feel free to bring that and we will see where we might fit it in with some of the songs.

- **Sunday, December 23** – after 10:00 Mass has ended for about ½ hour - typically from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, December 24** - 3:15 p.m. prior to 4:30 Mass for about ¾ hour

If you have any questions about the Christmas Youth choir please contact Denny Stucke at (503)-544-3075 or e-mail: [denny.stucke@gmail.com](mailto:denny.stucke@gmail.com).

	<b>Mon-Tues-Wed</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed.</b>
	<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
	<b>Saturday</b>	Mass at 4:30 pm
	<b>Sunday</b>	Mass at 10:00 am, RCIA after Mass



**For the week of Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Sat, Dec 22	4:30 pm	+Louise Barricks – Ed & Lisa warren
Sun, Dec 23	10:00 am	Parishioners
Mon, Dec 24	4:30 pm	Family Mass For Our Children
Tues, Dec 25	Midnight Mass	Parishioners
Tues, Dec 25	10:00 am	For the homebound & Ill of our Parish
Thur, Dec 27	11:00 am	+Sandy DeMoy – Ed & Lisa Warren
Fri, Dec 28	11:00 am	+Sandy DeMoy – Irene Dynes
Sat, Dec 29	4:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun, Dec 30	10:00 am	+Charles Oakden – Julie Spencer
Tues, Jan 1	10:00 am	Lord, give success to our Work

**Ministry Schedule for the weekend of Dec 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy Peters & Helen Unfred	Larry & Sylvia Kelner
<b>Lectors</b>	Bill Rose	Lynne Wehrman
<b>Altar Server</b>	Alicia Ruckwardt	Mikayla Maris
<b>Host Minister</b>	Jan Mofenbeier	Shalee Stacey
<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Barbara McLaughlin & Theresa Rivelli	John & Susan Kreidel
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Alley & Anthony Rivelli	George Morin & Ricky Schramm
<b>Children’s Liturgy</b>		
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>		Lisa Hodge
<b>Sacristan</b>	Janet Alley	John Limb

**MARRIED COUPLES**

Start the new year out right by enriching your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on January 25th - 27th in Astoria, Oregon. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at [www.rediscoverthepark.org](http://www.rediscoverthepark.org). Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 2018-2019 ACTUAL**

Dec 2	\$7,112
Dec 9	\$4,641
Dec 16	\$7,769

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS YEAR TO DATE**

**FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCT, 2018**

ACTUAL	BUDGETED	VARIANCE
\$78,611	\$87,016	-\$8,405

**Parish Staff**

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