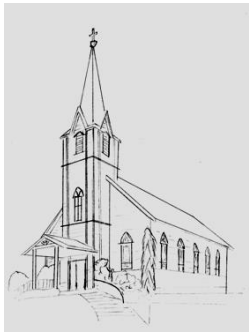


# **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Thursday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Office is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday's**

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

**Masses:** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11:00 am

Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

## **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Padre's Portion.....** Last weekend I spoke about the Eucharistic Revival sweeping our world for the next two years. This is to give us a chance to deepen our awareness of this Mystery of Faith -- Jesus' Real Presence is found in the consecrated Body and Blood on the Altar. During this Season, we are once again made aware that the journey begins in the manger in Bethlehem but will take us to the Cross of Calvary and then to our Altar in our Church every time we gather for Mass.

### **So I asked you last week:**

Are you coming or going? During December, most of us have the sense sometimes that life is too hurried, harried, and unfocused. We pause at the end of a day or a week and are not sure what just happened, or if any of it mattered. We need a source of peace and purpose to lead us to what is most important and to give us greater meaning in life. This is what happens when we spend time more focused on the manger during Advent. The Advent-ure and mystery of God's love for us is unfolding right in front of us. The Mystery of Faith begins here as we ponder a small baby, a stable, a manger, a young mother, a worried father, shepherds, a Star, wise Kings.

I heard the other day the Christmas Carol, "Santa Claus is coming to town." I always smile when I hear this as it is a reminder to me that let Santa come, because Jesus already has come and will come again. Are we ready!

**"How beautiful is it then that God gave us the Eucharist? It is His eternal invitation to come find Him, the only one who can truly fulfill the deepest desires of our hearts."** BOBBY ANGEL – Beautiful Eucharist

God Bless.

### **EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

#### **#2: What is the high point in your life?**

Have you ever climbed a hill or mountain, and from the top, suddenly found perspective? Or perhaps you recall a particular experience that was a high point for you, a time after which life will never be the same. These summits or high points become a reference point for us. In those moments, our lives come into focus and our future direction is clearer, filled with greater hope and strength.

The Eucharist is the summit of the Christian life. It is the high point from which we find direction and perspective. When we orient our lives with the Eucharist as the summit, the rest of our lives take shape. The Eucharist becomes our reference point from which our daily decisions and actions come into focus with Christ at the center of our lives.

Perhaps we do not always think about this, but every Mass is an opportunity to encounter Jesus. We meet the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist, and surely having done so, our lives will never be the same.

#### **Mass Intentions for Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

Sat, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm Allan Raschio - Family

Sun, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Parishioners

Wed, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am In Thanksgiving-Return of Richard Uche – Ijeoma Uche

Thurs, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am +Christine Megert Buckson – Mom & Dad

Fri, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am +Jim Cox – Bev Parscale

Sat, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm Parishioners

Sun, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am +William & +Stella Berardinelli – Mary Kenyon

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11(8B)

1Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

**The Holidays are quickly approaching we need to start filling up our ministry schedule**, please contact Shelley Samuels @ [s.samuels@sacredheartportland.org](mailto:s.samuels@sacredheartportland.org) or by calling the office Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 8:30am – 12:30pm, if you would like to do your ministry on Christmas Eve or Christmas day.

This weekend is the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious – Elderly religious need your help! Nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others by praying for us, ministering to all, educating the young, caring for those who are sick and helping those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Please give generously.

### This week at Sacred Heart

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>RE Class</b> 4:15 in the rectory basement.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass at 11:00am, Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am. <b>Scripture Study</b> in the Fellowship Hall after daily Mass.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mass at 11:00am</b> , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mass at 11:00am</b> , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Communal Reconciliation Service @ 10:00am</b> <b>Mass at 4:30pm.</b> <b>Pastoral council Meeting</b> 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass at 10:00 am <b>Coffee and Donuts</b> after Mass in the Fellowship Hall. <b>Encore Brass Concert @ 3:00pm</b> in the Fellowship Hall.



As one of you was leaving the Advent Faire and Coffee 'n Donuts last Sunday, I heard stated, "Another annual event." And what a great time was had by all that came to the Fellowship Hall after Mass. There was a station to make your Advent wreath, an area to help decorate the lovely Christmas trees for the area, kids had their own space to make Advent/Christmas things, and there was caroling. Thank you to Jennifer Anderson and her parent helpers, Margaret and her crew, and Katie and Conrad for leading us in Christmas Carols plus the Coffee 'n Donut duo, Jeanne and Brian. All of these generous hands and hearts provided us a greater entry into the Advent Season. **Thank you to all of you!**

**Starting this Friday, we will have Eucharistic Adoration from after 11am Mass until 6:00 p.m.** The Church will be open to give each of you an opportunity to take a break and spend some quiet time in the presence of Jesus. Sort of an early trip to Bethlehem. Please take advantage of this time -- the length is up to you -- you will truly benefit. **Fran Kamm is organizing the afternoon visitors so if you'd like to commit an hour please contact her.**



**Poinsettia's in loving memory of a loved one to be placed in the church for Christmas can be brought to the parish office starting Wednesday and Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Erin Bottmlee, Executive Director of St. Vincent Mission sent a very nice thank you it reads: "Thank you all so much we are so grateful for the work you do in the Bake Sale to support our ministry. You guys are so faithful every Christmas and we really appreciate it."

### **Christmas Eve Children's Mass @ 4:30pm**

We need volunteers and participants! Here is what we are looking for:

**-older children/young adults, and yes, even adults!** To carry in large pieces of our Sacred Heart Nativity set in the procession during the opening song, and place them in the Creche.

**-children to dress up as angels and shepherds** and process in during the opening song (there are no dress-up speaking roles this year)

**-children who would like to sing** with the cantors at various parts of Mass (We will rehearse on Sunday, December 17th, after the 10am Mass.)

**-children who would like to read** a Prayer of the Faithful

**If you think you and/or your children would be interested in participating in one or more of the above ways, please contact Jennifer Anderson, [j.anderson@sacredheartportland.org](mailto:j.anderson@sacredheartportland.org).**

#### Ministry Schedule for the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> & December 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>Greeters</b>	Joe & Sue Rivelli	Michael Gerhards & <b>1 Needed</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Carol Pomante	<b>Lector Needed</b>
<b>Cups</b>	Mary Ann Kappa & Barbara McLaughlin	Diane Boland & Sylvia Kelner
<b>Altar Server</b>	Abby Provost	Larry Kelner
<b>Ushers</b>	Hyginus Igwe & Joe Rivelli	<b>2 Needed</b>
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>	<b>NA</b>	Cheryl Russo & Bryan Schmunk
<b>Sacristan</b>	Meg Amberg	Scott Tracy

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