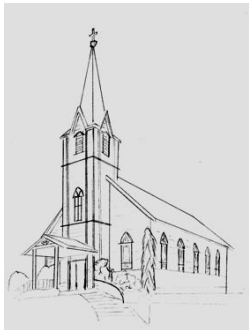


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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 – 4:15 pm

Masses: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11:00 am

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

December 17th, 2023

Padre's Portion..... We're a week away from Christmas Eve this Sunday. What a rush of time gone by. So may I suggest "We lean into it." This weekend is "Gaudete Sunday" and we hear words like "Rejoice heartily," "exalt," "shout to the Lord," "glad tidings," "joy of my soul" -- all words found in this weekend's readings. We are ramping up with excitement and joy. I hope so. Yes, our world is at war, yes there is famine and floods; yes, there are injustices and brokenness in our world. But we cannot lose HOPE and we have to keep feeling and shouting, "Joy." The Messiah is coming for each of us. The Messiah is with each of one us walking through any darkness. Remember the poem, "Footprints." Simple truth in that short poem. God know every hair on our head. The reality of God is with us every moment. Let the Joy flow.

Now I've been struggling along with the help of your Pastoral Council of offering to us the opportunity of Eucharistic Adoration as we learn and pray more about the Eucharist during this year of renewal. So, we are canceling our Friday afternoons. So hard for many of you to take an hour to pray and spend some time with Jesus. So, for the next two weekends of Advent, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, at 11:30 we will bring out the Monstrance and place the consecrated Host of Jesus on the altar for an hour (12:30 p.m.) That way I can greet each other after Mass, you can even grab a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall (bring it back to the Church -- that's o.k.) and spend some quality time for Jesus. It makes sense to us as we're already there at the Church; let's just give us an opportunity to renew ourselves in front of Jesus. If this works, we will probably try it during the Sundays of Lent.

Will we receive and renew this free gift of Mercy that Jesus has given us? This is a gift of joy and it is once again a defining moment of us. For Jesus is the Power of the World that brings us light, hope, joy and eternal life -- forever. "Come, Let Us Adore Him."

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

#3: Are you ready?

We often speak of "going to Mass" like the way we go to a concert, movie, or theater performance. Even though we know that the Eucharist is not a performance, it may be hard to put into words what we do at Mass. And as long as we think of ourselves as going to Mass, we limit the ways the Eucharist may shape us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our role in the Eucharist is much more about participation than about watching. It's like the difference between watching a sporting match and actually playing the game. We are called to full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharist – we are to open our minds, hearts, and spirit, ready to be changed, to become more like Christ.

When we truly participate in the Eucharist, we allow Christ to speak to us, be joined in sacrifice, and be nourished in Holy Communion. We are drawn to communion with Christ and each other. Through this encounter with the Lord, we are renewed. We do not simply go to Mass. We take part. And our participation changes us for the better.

Mass Intentions for Dec 16th – Dec 25th

Sat, Dec 16 th	4:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun, Dec 17 th	10:00 am	+William & +Stella Berardinelli – Mary Kenyon
Wed, Dec 20 th	11:00 am	+Steve Parscal – Bev Parscale
Thurs, Dec 21 st	11:00 am	+Luke Forante – Bev Parscale
Fri, Dec 22 nd	11:00 am	+Bill, +Karen & +Mike Kelner – Mitzi, Krissi & Heidi
Sat, Dec 23 rd	4:30 pm	+Richard Berney – Lisa & Anthony Rivelli
Sun, Dec 24 th	10:00 am	+William & +Stella Berardinelli – Mary Kenyon
Sun, Dec 24 th	4:30pm	For the children of our Parish
Mon, Dec 25 th	10:00am	For the Christmas Spirit to ALWAYS be Alive in our Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16(11B)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

[Father Bob was hacked this week](#), please do not ever reply to a text or email stating they are Father Bob and needs a favor. Father Bob will NOT ever ask you to purchase anything for him as these scammers have requested. They are getting more and more creative with their scams so please be aware and block anything that sounds or look suspicious.

Our 2024 Calendars have arrived! You can pick one up in the back of Church for your household.

This week at Sacred Heart

Wednesday	Mass at 11:00am , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am.
Thursday	Mass at 11:00am , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am.
Friday	Mass at 11:00am , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am.
Saturday	Mass at 4:30pm.
Sunday	Sunday Mass at 10:00 am Coffee and Donuts after Mass in the Fellowship Hall. Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30pm.
Monday	Christmas Morning Mass at 10:00am.



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 20th & 21st.

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.

Dear Sacred Heart Community, Daryl has put together a video (after much work!) of **Quiet Joy** with the help of Scott. The video is a little over an hour long. This is for all of you who couldn't come because of many reasons and I know that driving at night is a problem for many. Quiet Joy is a gift from the choir to this wonderful community of ours. Please enjoy! Marie Phillippi

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Please keep Linda Romano, Tony Adler and all their family in our prayers as they mourn the loss of Linda's brother Rick DiStefano.

Eternal rest grant unto Rick, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Rick's soul and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~

The Catholic Friendship Group is for single Catholics ages 40 to 60 throughout the Archdiocese of Portland who are looking to grow in faith and fellowship! Join us for our Christmas Party potluck and game night on Friday, December 22nd from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Birgitta Parish (11820 NW St. Helens Rd.). For more info see www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com!

Ministry Schedule for the weekend of December 23rd & December 24th

Greeters	Rob Kappa & Helen Unfred	2 Greeters Needed
Lectors	Janet Alley	1 Lector Needed
Cups	Duane Erland & Sue Rivelli	2 Cups Needed
Altar Server	Mary Ann Kappa	1 Altar Server Needed
Ushers	Hyginus Igwe & John McNulty	2 Ushers Needed
Coffee & Donuts	NA	
Sacristan	Meg Amberg	1 Sacristan Needed

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