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 WEEKEND MASSES:
 SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 P.M.; SUNDAY 8, 9:30,
 AND 11 A.M. (MUSIC WITH SCHOLA CANTORUM)
 WEEKDAY MASSES:
 M - F: 8 A.M.; SAT 9 A.M.
 FIRST FRIDAY: 8 A.M. AND 12 NOON
 HOLY DAYS: PLEASE SEE BULLETIN
 NATIONAL HOLIDAYS: 9 A.M. (NO 8 A.M.)
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS - MORNING PRAYER:
 M - F: 7:30 A.M.; SAT 8:30 A.M.
 RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 4-5 P.M.
 BAPTISM: PLEASE CALL RECTORY
 MARRIAGE: PLEASE CALL RECTORY SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE

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Receive the Holy Spirit

In the First Reading, we see the fruit of the Gospel being spread. St. Luke shows us the power of the Holy Spirit to convert people's hearts to Christ and His teachings. The conversion begins through St. Philip, one of the seven deacons. The Samaritans who converted had mixed paganism into the Jewish faith. Here we see them accept the Gospel so joyfully that St. Peter and St. John are sent to pray over them, so that they can fully receive the Holy Spirit. • The Responsorial Psalm is a hymn of praise to God for powerfully intervening in history to deliver His people. By Jesus' death and Resurrection, our Baptism became that dry passage-way God created for us through the sea of sin's death (much like the parting of the Red Sea). All are invited to make this passage to life with Jesus. His death makes us all one in Him. • In the Second Reading, St. Peter instructs us in a very loving and pastoral fashion. We are in turn asked to be gentle and reverent in sharing our faith with others. We can *invite* rather than *force* compliance. If then we suffer mild persecution for our belief, we should see it as an honor, for Jesus suffered for us. In this way we put the flesh to death so that the Spirit will live within us. • In today's Gospel we hear Jesus promise to send *another* Advocate, for He is the first advocate to have interceded for us with the Father. This "second" Advocate is the Holy Spirit: the Counselor, the Advisor, the Consoler, the Spirit of Truth, the Paraclete. Jesus will send us this Spirit to remind us of His teachings, to help us understand them and to give us the courage to witness to them. When we suffer for the Faith, the Spirit will give us the words we need to defend ourselves. The sign or proof that we are in the Spirit is our obedience to the commandments. Whoever obeys His teachings, truly loves Him. May our love be strong enough to keep us always obedient.

Prayer of the Week

Let us pray in silence, reflecting on the joy of Easter. • God our Father, maker of all, the crown of your creation was the Son of Man, born of a woman, but without beginning; he suffered for us but lives for ever. May our mortal lives be crowned with the ultimate joy of rising with him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Faith First

There are a number of websites that celebrate Mass daily. • [Daily Mass with Word on Fire](#), Bishop Barron's website • [EWTN](#) Eternal Word Television Network • [Catholic TV](#) • Salt and Light Media [Canadian Daily TV](#) on You Tube. Here are some helpful spiritual resources and some daily meditations on the Scripture readings of Mass: • St. Louis University has a brilliant website exploring the depths of Sunday readings. Explore historical cultural context, thoughts from the early church, scripture in depth, and other areas of significant import. Find it at [liturgy.slu.edu](#) • [Word on Fire](#) is Bishop Barron's website which is extremely popular. Bishop Barron explains the Sunday readings each week. The site has numerous videos, homilies, and other Catholic resources.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

Since May 1 a group of individuals have begun to gather via Zoom each afternoon for 10 days to listen to a lecture series by Prof. David Fagerberg, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame on: C.S. Lewis, "Encountering God through Fiction." Many of us have read C.S. Lewis' books, *The Great Divorce*, *Mere Christianity*, and the *Narnia Series* beginning with *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Prof. Fagerberg explores themes of atonement, creation, and transfiguration in his 25 minute lectures spread over 15 lectures. • If you are interested in participating in a similar kind of lecture series, please email Rita Spillane at ritaspillane@gmail.com.

Modified Church Hours

Due to some unfortunate incidents in the church over the past few weeks, we have decided to modify the hours parishioners are able to visit the church. • While the public celebration of Mass is suspended, Sacred Heart Church will be open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 am to 10:30 am; Saturdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and Sundays from 9:00 am to 11:30 am for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Website Resources

We have posted on the Parish Website at <https://sacredheart.church/> some spiritual resources.

Meetings & Events

Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21. • One of the concerns raised in the first letter of Peter to the Christian communities is that of suffering. Encouraging its readers to stay committed to living the Christian life even in the midst of trial, the passage today from the third chapter gives the charge to *Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.* The second part of this verse is also important: *Do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear.* • Why do we focus on the second part of this verse today? Because it speaks to the heart of evangelization. To be an evangelizer is to be a disciple who shares the faith with others. It does not mean being pushy and forcing faith upon people you know or briefly encounter. As we just heard, we need to be ready to explain why we have hope, and second, we must do it gently, or with respect for the other person. This, then, assumes that we have hope and that our expression of it is carried out properly. • Are you a person of hope? To be able to answer that question is the heart of evangelization. The reason for our hope is Jesus Christ! It gives us hope when we believe in his promise of eternal life. It gives us hope when we trust in God's love and mercy.

We have hope because we are witnesses to all that God has done for us. The second part of the equation is our ability to express this hope in a way that respects the dignity of the person with whom we are talking. • One way we can share our faith with others is by living in hope. Even on our darkest days, when things seem all but lost, even in deep grief or sadness, we can dare to hope. Hope is not something we create, but it comes from God. It is not of human origin, but divine. That is one reason why it continues to exist even when we suffer tragedies (such as, the coronavirus pandemic). Hope is what has enabled martyrs over the centuries to endure their trials. the witness of hope in the midst of life's challenges can be a powerful message. • When we come together--even virtually--to listen to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist, we are renewed in hope, we are refreshed in spirit and we are able to give thanks to the One from whom our reason to hope flows. Let us pray that each of us is able to celebrate the hope within, which is a gift received, and share it with those with whom we come in con-

tact, so that our reason for hope is attractive and draws others to Christ.

Pandemic Graduation at SHPS

We love our students at Sacred Heart and really don't want to let them graduate without a proper send off. We have many traditions and would like to keep as many of them as we can during this challenging time. Our eighth graders are set to graduate on May 19th. We usually have Mass, a brunch and later in the day a graduation ceremony. Thanks to the hard work of our teachers and seventh grade room moms many of these traditions will stay in place! Most of graduation day is still a surprise, but let's just say you may see us in the neighborhood. The students and parents have opted to have our traditional ceremony in July when we can gather again (we hope).

Morning Prayer

Since March 19 a group of 10-14 people have been gathering via Zoom each morning, Monday through Friday at 9:00 am to pray together the Divine Office also known as Morning Prayer. The group uses the Morning Prayer found on the free website universalis.com. This 25 minute practice has given this group a wonderful opportunity to pray the psalms together, to listen to a reading from the New Testament, and to share prayers

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Recently, the Parish has received inquiries from families and individuals seeking food. Sacred Heart Parish will be collecting non-perishable food items so we can assemble bags for takeaway. The pantry is in need of canned meat (chicken, ham, tuna, Spam etc.) marinara sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, peanut butter/jelly, crackers, canned vegetables, fruit, and beans, cereal, other canned meals, mayo, mustard, ketchup, salad dressings, microwave popcorn and cake/brownie/cookie mixes. We are also in need of ready to eat, small individual/single serving size items such as, fruit/dessert cups, tuna/chicken salad individual pouch/can, dried fruit/nut snack packs, small cracker packages, juice boxes, and energy/granola bars. A bag filled with non-perishable, unexpired food may be left inside the altar rail. Many local families and individuals rely on assistance from our Society of St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

for patience, endurance, and gratitude. It is a wonderful way to begin each day. If you are interested in joining this prayer practice, email Rita Spillane at ritaspillane@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Due to the constraints imposed by the spread of the coronavirus, the RCIA members have also learned about flexibility in practicing their Catholic faith! RCIA has continued to meet via Zoom twice a week through this quarantine period. We have focused on reading the gospel of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. Each Sunday we go to Mass virtually and then gather via Zoom to discuss the readings of the day. Although we were unable to gather at the Easter Vigil, each RCIA member will be received individually at 3 small gatherings of 10 or less during the month of May. While we earnestly wish we as a parish could be with them at this time we will join with them prayerfully as they enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for the continued conversion of our three RCIA members: Laura Davila, Brennan Murphy, and Bob Spangler. We thank God for the gift and witness of their faith. We welcome them joyfully with open hearts.

Video Awards

During the last assembly of the school year for the 8th graders there is an award ceremony for the students and parents who choose to attend. This year, because of the pandemic, we presented awards online for our students. We are proud of all the hard work that has been completed by the Sacred Heart class of 2020. • Congratulations to all!

In Our Prayers

**Daily Mass Intentions
May 17 - May 24**

Sun	8:00am	Patricia & Creighton Norris (+) <small>for their 64th wedding anniversary</small>
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	For All People in Need
Mon	8:00am	Jose, Anna & Lucy Oliveira (+)
Tue	8:00am	Odette Guichard (+)
Wed	8:00am	Int...Altar Society Members
Thu	8:00am	Int...Parker Madrigal
Fri	8:00am	John Gilmore (+) & Family
Sat	9:00am	Bishop Francis Quinn (+)
	5:30pm	no Mass
Sun	8:00am	Patricia Keller (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	William DaPrato (+)

In Memoriam

William "Willie" DaPrato • May 5, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Please Pray for the Sick

Dick Grutzmacher, Rick Barbaria, Gene Yeager, Adria Laubacher, Margarita Enriquez, Marjorie Green, Robert McAleese, Helena Enright, John Vostrez, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Richard Honey, Dale Woodridge, Donald Anderson, Nancy McGarry, Patrick Valenzuela, Michael Fletcher, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Marie Schumacher, Josephine Haddock, G.R. Gurley, Darren Stewart, Marge Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.