

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 22, 25, & 29, 2019

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Sacred Heart Parish, Bellingham ~ December 22, 25, & 29, 2019

Sunday, Dec. 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Mass	Church
9:45 am	Coffee Hour—Knights of Columbus	Hall
9:45 am	*No RE	
11:00 am	Mass	Church
12:15 pm	*No RCIA	
2:30 pm	Midnight Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
4:00 pm	*No EDGE or Life Teen	

Monday, Dec. 23, St. John of Kanty

9:00 am	*No Mass	
5:30 pm	Children's Nativity Rehearsal	Church

Tuesday, Dec. 24, Vigil of Christmas

5:00 pm	Children's Vigil Mass & Nativity Play	Church
9:00 pm	Mass in the Night	Church

Wednesday, Dec. 25, The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 am	Midnight Mass	Church
10:00 am	Christmas Day Mass	Church

Thursday, Dec. 26, St. Stephen

9:00 am	*No Mass	
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Friday, Dec. 27, St. John, Apostle

9:00 am	*No Mass	
9:45 am	*No Adoration	

Saturday, Dec. 28, The Holy Innocents

9:00 am	*No Mass	
3:30 pm	Confession	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, Dec. 29, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph

8:30 am	Mass	Church
9:45 am	*No Coffee Hour	
9:45 am	*No RE	
11:00 am	Mass	Church
12:15 pm	*No RCIA	
4:00 pm	*No EDGE or Life Teen	

Monday, Dec. 30

9:00 am	*No Mass	
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Tuesday, Dec. 31

9:00 am	Mass	Church
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Wednesday, Jan. 1, Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00 am	Mass	Church
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Thursday, Jan. 2, Ss. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 am	*No Mass	
12:00 pm	Angelus and Rosary	Church

First Friday, Jan. 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 am	*No Mass	
10:00 am	Adoration until 8:30 am Saturday	Chapel
12:00 pm	First Friday Movie— <i>Heidi</i>	Hall

First Saturday, Jan. 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 am	*No Mass	Church
3:30 pm	Confession	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, Jan. 5, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am	Mass	Church
9:45 am	Coffee Hour—Social Justice Members	Hall
9:45 am	*No RE	
11:00 am	Mass	Church
12:15 pm	*No RCIA	
4:00 pm	EDGE and Life Teen	Assumption

Please Note the Schedule Changes these Two Weeks:

The parish office will be closed from Tues., Dec. 24 until Wed., Jan. 1. We will reopen at 8 am Thurs., Jan. 2. There are several cancellations to the usual events during the week. Please consult the schedule to the left and take notice of the daily Mass times and cancellations.

Please plan to attend the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, on Wed., Jan. 1 at 10 am, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. May God abundantly bless your Christmas Season!

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.—The Lord has exalted me by a gift so great, so unheard of, that language is useless to describe it; and the depths of love in my heart can scarcely grasp it. I offer then all the powers of my soul in praise and thanksgiving. As I contemplate his greatness, which knows no limits, I joyfully surrender my whole life, my senses, my judgement, for my spirit rejoices in the eternal Godhead of that Jesus, that Savior, whom I have conceived in this world of time.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.—Only that soul for whom the Lord in his love does great things can proclaim his greatness with fitting praise and encourage those who share her desire and purpose. Those who know the Lord, yet refuse to proclaim his greatness and sanctify his name to the limit of their power, *will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven.* His name is called holy because in the sublimity of his unique power he surpasses every creature and is far removed from all that he has made.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy.—Israel is an obedient and humble servant, in the words of Hosea: *Israel was a servant, and I loved him.* Those who refuse to be humble cannot be saved. They cannot say with the prophet: *See, God comes to my aid; the Lord is the helper of my soul. But anyone who makes himself humble like a little child is greater in the kingdom of heaven.*

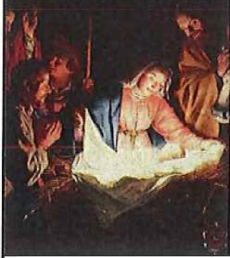
The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.—This does not refer to the physical descendants of Abraham, but to his spiritual children. These are his descendants, sprung not from the flesh only, but who, whether circumcised or not, have followed him in faith. Circumcised as he was, Abraham believed, and this was credited to him as an act of righteousness. The coming of the Savior was promised to Abraham and to his descendants for ever. These are the children of promise. But it is right that, before the birth of the Lord or of John, their mothers should utter prophecies; for just as sin began with a woman, so too does redemption. Through the deceit of one woman, grace perished; but the prophecies of two women announce its return to life. —St. Bede (+735)

Mass Intentions

Dec 31 Margie Ludwigson Lindhout +



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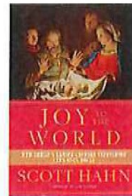


Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish

If you are just visiting, welcome! If you'd like to register at our parish, you can stop in at the parish office across the street, or go to www.shbham.org to get a registration form. You can come in and get a cup of coffee in the office Monday-Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Our parish staff can help you connect with the parish community in many ways, including St. Vincent de Paul, social justice, homebound ministry, and more.

PARISH LIFE

Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed the World (And Still Does) is a book by Scott Hahn that Sacred Heart will gift to you this Christmas! They are available this weekend, so look for them at the entryway of the church after Mass.



Directory Update: We appreciate your patience! Although we've had some design delays, the new directory is just about ready to go to print. Thank you for all your submitted photos—we're busy formatting and working on layout. The new print directories should be available in January—look for the announcement after the first of the year.

Advent Study Groups: Join us for the last session before Christmas! We will meet Saturday at 6 pm on Dec. 21st or Monday at 10 am on Dec. 23rd in the parish library. Contact Lila Ruiz, PA for Faith Formation at lila.ruiz@shbham.org if you'd like more information.

Midnight Mass Choir Rehearsal: We will be singing Christmas hymns before and during the Midnight Mass with organ accompaniment. You are welcome to join our last rehearsal on Sun., Dec. 22 at 2:30 pm.

Westford Funeral Home has again generously sponsored our calendars for 2020. They will be available for your family to take home on the weekend of Dec. 28/29. One per family please.

Donations received (or postmarked) by December 31 will be recorded on your 2019 parish giving report, and this includes Online Giving donations. Please consider an end of year donation to your parish or one of the many Catholic charities. For those of you who are 70½ years old, you may wish to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. Contact Melissa at the parish office for more information.

Children's Mass bulletins and books are now available in the entryway of the church next to the coat rack in a small bookshelf. You are most welcome to use them during Mass, and please return them to the bookshelf after Mass.

The Knights of Columbus would like to send a care package to your loved one who is currently deployed overseas in the US military. If you have a loved one you'd like us to send a care package to, please send us their name, deployed mailing address, and any special instructions or suggestions. Also, give us your contact information so we can get in touch with you if we have any questions. If any parishioners would like to donate materials for the care packages, or otherwise help with this service project, we welcome your participation! Please contact Jack King at jack@king-works.com.

First Friday Movie will be Fri., Jan 3 at 12 noon. We will be showing the family film *Heidi*, released in 2015 and based on the classic book by Johanna Spyri. We will serve popcorn and refreshments!

St. Vincent de Paul will be closed until Tues., Jan. 7. If you are interested in volunteering with our outreach to the poor, please contact the parish office and someone will be happy to talk with you. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Young Adult Talent Show: Be sure to sign up for our Talent Show/Coffee House event at Broadway Hall in Bellingham on Feb. 16 from 7-9 pm. Sign ups for acts will be open from January 12-February 2, so watch for updates!

Pray for those in the Military:

HM1 Benjamin Chapin, USN
LT COL Gregory DeMarco
MAJ Tyler Ripley, USAF
CMC Paul McFadden, USN
MT6 David Varner
SGT Luke Bradshaw, US Army
CAPT Jason Taylor
LTCDR Casey Oswald, USN
TSGT John Coder, USAG
AT1 Jon Silver, USN
CAPT Jonathan Brent
SGT Davis Glass, USMC
Jared Santos
James Robinson
MAJ Kiel Gilliland, USAFR
MAJ Sharon Gilliland, USAG
LT Andrew Remien, USN
MCPO Anthony Edward Vega
SGT Chelsea Torvik, US Army
E1 Dylan Bailey, USN
CAPT Joe Knutson, USAF
1LT Bridgett Knutson, USAF
E3 Cole H. Trolinder, US Army
LT CDR Scott Higbee, USCG
SFC Casey Gursley, US Army
LTCOL Andrew Hoffman, USAF
PFC John Vincent, USMC
SGT Matthew Mashburn, USMC
A1C Jacob Bean, USAF
1 LT Nikolas Karaffa, US Army
SGT Nelson Fitzsimmons, US Army
E4 Jacob Townsend, US Navy

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially:

Mary Montag, Arlene McClelland,
Carol Weibe, Constance Barnard,
Richard Sullivan, Pat Warren,
Pat Duarte, Meagan Meagher,
Corinne O'Brien, Finn Blaylock,
Rosemary Dahlquist,
Fr. Raymond Heffernan,
Moyna Guinn, Dale Boudreau,
Ginny McEvoy, Betty Chapin,
Phyllis Weiland, Kitty Dolan,
Margaret Maiefski, Barb Haddad,
Bill Maris, and Guy Loiselle.

Memorial candles burn for:

Josephine MacDonald, 12/22-12/28
Nenita Iturzaeta, 12/29-1/4

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ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Marian Eucharistic Conference: All day Sat., Feb. 1, at Immaculate Conception Church, 820 18th Ave, Seattle. Seating is limited and on a first-come basis. To register by January 25, or for more information, please email Teresa at flameoflove2020@gmail.com or call 206-530-0037. A voluntary freewill offering will be collected to help cover the costs of the conference and dinner.

Palisades Retreat Center: "Hamlet" or "Acting Nobler" Shakespeare Retreat led by Fr. Stephen Rowan, Feb. 14-16. Shakespeare lays out keen observations on the human condition. In this retreat, we will ponder what he says and what he prompts us to think about when we consider the dilemmas involved in how to act "nobler" and righting wrongs. To register for this or another upcoming retreat, go to palisadesretreatcenter.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Want to gift your spouse with romance this Christmas? Sign up today to attend one of the next Marriage Encounter weekends at the Best Western Wesley Inn and Suites in Gig Harbor on February 7-9, or at the Sheraton Hotel in Bellevue, April 24-26. Apply at wwme.org. For more information about Gig Harbor, leave a message at 253-582-0239 or for the Bellevue retreat, call 206-772-2344. Sign up today!

Let Retrouvaille Help! Are you struggling in your marriage or do you know someone who is? Do you have difficulty with trust or forgiveness? Are you considering separation or divorce and have lost all hope? No matter how much you're hurting, no marriage is beyond hope! For confidential information or to register for our upcoming weekend Feb. 21-23 call 206-706-2608, or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy, reaps friendship; he who plants kindness, gathers love; pleasure bestowed on a grateful mind was never sterile, but generally gratitude begets reward. —St. Basil the Great

St. Mary Parish in Anacortes is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant. Requires 2-5 years experience in an office setting. Call 360-293-2101, or come by the parish office for an application.

ASSUMPTION EVENTS

Grief Support Group every Friday at 1:30 pm in the Stafford Room. We invite you to join us as we share our faith in God and fellowship with each other on our healing journey. Contact Michelle for information, 360-319-6366.



**ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON



Join us at our Open House on Sun., Feb 9 from 2-4 pm. As the only Catholic school in Whatcom County, ACS serves Catholic and non-Catholic families from preschool through eighth grade. School bus routes are available for Blaine, Ferndale, and Lynden residents. Registration for 2020-21 opens on January 6th. Call 360-733-6133 for more information. Check out our website at www.school.assumption.org.

EDGE Middle and High School Youth News



Registration is now open for the Agape and Tijuana service trips this summer. Contact our youth minister, April Jordan-Hulse, for more information or to sign up. Registration closes January 30, 2020.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship of Treasure Report December 14 and 15

Envelopes (97)	\$ 17,691.00
Loose	\$ 1,577.60
Total	\$ 19,268.60

Holy Days	\$ 1,445.00
Building Fund	\$ 547.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 230.00

March for Life: Plan to attend on Tues., Jan. 21 in Olympia! A bus sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will depart at 6 am from Assumption's parking lot. We will attend Mass in Lacey with one of our Bishops, and afterward we'll travel to the State Capitol to listen to state representatives and religious leaders. Please reserve a seat early by contacting Kathleen, 360-752-0130 or Kim in the parish office, 360-734-2850. A donation of \$25 is requested, but if you're student or have a hardship, let them know.



Sacred Heart Respect Life

Social Justice Corner

I love Christmas—I always have, even through lean times and luxury; I love the lights and the music and the food and the Christian mystery that surrounds the season. It is one of the best and most heroic stories, after all: to rescue us all from darkness, the Lord of Creation sends his only son disguised as a tiny, vulnerable infant. The God of all sends his tiny son not into some golden palace or lofty castle, but to a young unknown woman and birth in a manger, the lowest of the low, a stable built for livestock, out in the cold. The root of the word 'manger' comes from the Latin *manducat*—to chew—and a manger is merely a trough for livestock, after all. Christ was born and laid in a manger, where the ox and ass chewed their food—and so he was to be for us, food for the world, but a better and supersubstantial food, more than anything we could ever want or need.

So in this season, as we do every year, let us remember those who go without food or shelter, those we see as the lowest of low, those who annoy or frighten us because they are different, or poor, or unfamiliar in face and language. Make room for them at the table. Let us remember that God came to us as an infant in rags, without a home, without even a proper bed, and that angels sang over a cowshed to announce him. Let us not ask how God can allow the violence of war or the cruelty of racism, or the profound misery of dire poverty, but rather why we allow these things. Let us bring the warmth of Christ's love to everyone we meet, and strive in all ways to make Christ's kingdom manifest on earth in this coming year.

—Melissa Johnson