

THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.



LUKE 2:40

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FAMILY

On this feast of the Holy Family, we want to offer all families blessings. "Family" may have a lot of different connotations these days. In the United States, the "father, mother, child" family is less common now, and large Catholic families are not as common as they once were. The concept of family is more fluid with many forms of blended families due to second marriages, multigenerational households, and other living arrangements. In a recent survey by the Pew research center, four in ten babies are born to single mothers. Other children are being raised by grandparents or foster parents. In today's Genesis story, Abraham was ready to concede to another form of family, making the child of one of his servants his heir. The reading from Hebrews reiterates the story of Genesis, and "your descendants will be more numerous than the stars." The Gospel relates the story of the presentation in the temple.

POWER IN PRESCRIBED RITUALS

Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration. Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, fewer weddings by clergy, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away. Many have left the church altogether because of the way they were treated. For some the parish is not a welcoming place. For others baptism has become just a ritual they go through for the sake of the grandparents.

EXAMPLES IN OUR ELDERS

When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don't know the rubrics well, or aren't dressed better, or "why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?" Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he see the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community

can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon. May we all learn from their wisdom!

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3 Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9 Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19 Luke 2:22–40 [22, 39–40] Please note: As we go through the phases for re-opening the church, please check the website and watch the live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and listen to the robo calls for updates. If you are unable to access the church website to sign up for a weekend Mass, you can leave a message at extension 211 at the main phone number: (630) 627-0687.

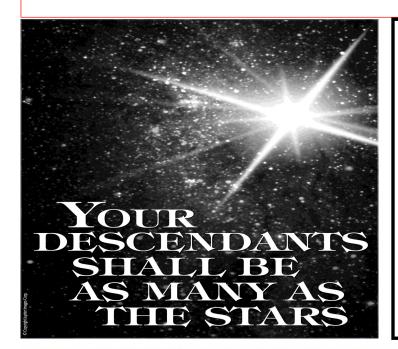
SUNDAY MASS AT SACRED HEART:

Streamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMKrde k1MWFmBocW11MCdw

<u>Daily Masses</u> are at noon with masks (required). Enter & exit by church door closest to the parking lot. Sit in marked sections in the middle two sections of the church. Church is unlocked at 11:30 a.m. and closed immediately following Mass.

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>: Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 in the Parish Center. Bring your mask and follow the directions for social distancing.

For important information such as the procedure to sign up for weekend Masses, go to our website: www.sacredheartlombard.org



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

DECEMBER 24TH THROUGH
JANUARY 3RD

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

saint snippets



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

-Luke 1:46-47

Mary, Mother of God

A young virgin chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, true God and true man. On the cross, Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother as well.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8: Mt:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Eucharistic Adoration:



On the vigil before the First Friday each month, the church will be open for adoration from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Next date: Thursday, December 31

2020 Contributions

You will be receiving a letter by the end of January 2021 with your 2020 contributions listed from Sacred Heart. Any questions, please contact Dan Sledz at ext. 204 at the parish office.

All donations received in the collection on December 26 & 27 will be considered as 2020 donations. All donations received for Masses for the Holy Mother of God on December 31 and January 1 will be considered 2021 contributions.

For those of you who mail in your Sunday contributions, the check needs to be dated **2020** and be post marked by **December 31**, **2020**.

Please note: Your 2020 Tax Report is furnished as a support to your cancelled receipts.

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Parishioners in the Military

Pray for Justin Batt, Filemon Diaz, John Donovan, Christopher Hopkins, CPT. Jordan Lemens, CW5 Joseph Lemens, CPT. Joseph Lemens III, Pvt. David Mace, Spc. Sean Mace, Sgt., PFC Kyle Mrazek, Daniel Payne II, Joseph Peters, Josh Ploke, Thomas Reiter, Sgt., MSgt.-E7 Katie Schultz, Robbie Stratton, Kevin Sullivan Sgt., Joseph Tomiello, Lt. Joshua Wiley, Tim Willis, Jacob St. Blancard, 1Lt..

Christmas Flowers: In Memory / Honor of



Many thanks are due those who contributed to the beauty of the sanctuary this Christmas by donating

Frank Parra, Anthony Ciaccio, Carmella Ciaccio, Leo Zima, The Victor Mattern Family, The William Weber Family, Paul Priske, Leibold Family, Loretta Oskroba, Barbara Kacick, Susan Oskroba, Joseph Oskroba, Walter Oskroba, James Foley, Joan Szatkowski, Helen Dedick, Janessa Cicinelli, Henry Szatkowski, George Dedick, William & Jeanne Qualkenbush, Robert& Marie Qualkenbush, Susan M. Clarke, Cimbalo Family, Valis Family, Logalbo Family, Riportella Family, Mike Ciambalo U.S.N., Richard Logalbo, John & Ann Touole, Edgar & Catherine Bauler, Colin James Albaugh, Martin Bauler, Owen Bauler, Arlene L. Slifka, Albert & Mary Lyon, Raymond & Mary Smith, Forrest & Doris Jensen, Frank & Jean Czachor, Robert & Jean Ann Jackson, Dennis & Fran Jensen & Family, Dan & Susan Forman & Sons, Leona Schmitt, Thomas Schmitt, John Schmitt, Margret Carey, Patricia Dwyer, Lawrence McCaffrey, Mike Bauer, Mary Gallicchio, Arlene Mason, Mark Nocek, Chester Nocek, Paul Kaefer, Henry Schrader, Barb Hardtke, Audrey C. Donovan, Helen Hock, Irene & Ruth & Georgi Hock, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Wally Reskski, Mariano Artiaga, Gethsemane Artiaga, M.D., Ray Gundling, Gene Gaetano, May Jo Gaetano, Leona M. Schmitt, Thomas Schmitt, Adeline Brocon, Harold Brocon, John Morello, Mary Morello, Mary Lou Maggiore, Grace Maggiore, Giacomo Maggiore, Robert Calkins, Mary Calkins, Herman & June Seitz, Thomas & Jean Hamilton, Victor & Rosemarie Tufano, Art Guest, John Mahal, Dan Mahal, Adriene Sprenger-Mahal, Stephanie Rutkowski, Frances Rutkowski, Edward Rutkowski, Edward Gebhardt, Helen Gebhardt, Frannie Cholewinski, Ann Swiatkowski, Irene Lesner, Cassie Callahan, Larry Guzman, Mildred Guzman, Mr. & Mrs. Simonsen, Deceased Members of Brosnan Family, Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mr. Harry Knutzimonsen, Mr. Thomas Griffin, Mario Ziocchi, Angela Ziocchi, Angela Terkowitsch, Edward Green, Doris Bach, John Bach, Tony Capozziello, Maria Capozziello, Patricia Hildrith, Cookie Barker, George B. Scharf, John Steven Appleseed, John Totis, Frank Pavliak, Lou DeZorzi, Paul & Martha Cronen, Jose Jimenez, E. George LeBreux, Deceased Members of the Rudins Family, Gertrude Laskowski, Vern Moscatello, Christopher Moscatello, Sietsema Family, Palisoc, LaLonde, Connie Sarmiento, Helena Trondowski, Julian Trondowski, Krystyna Langer, Adam Langer, David Kamp, Wojciech Wilczynski, Genowefa Wayhayner, Robert E. & Shirley F. Schaickil, Cenon Gaffud, Visitacim Gaffud, Justa Trinidad, Joe Trinidad, Barb Gerth, Paul Cuvala, Rita Cuvala, Ricky Cuvala, Renee Cuvala, Michael M Arlesic, Mary L. Arlesic, Mary Thunkhorst, Joseph Thunkhorst, Denise L. Snow, Dolores Conley, Cate Conley, Sophia Fawkes, Judy Skogsberg, Mike Fawkes, Judi J. Kern, Norman E Kern Sr., Cecelia J. Hansen, Jeanine C. Ruehl, Fred E. Ruehl, Edward Milas, Paula Manzo, Teofilo Manzo, Edwin Sochacki, Mr. & Mrs. Citek, Petras, Zapinski Family, Celeskey Family, Borowski Family, Gryfke Family, Mathias & Agnes Moudry, Richard Ernat, Rich Ernat Jr., Timothy Moudry Sr., Thomas Moudry, Rose & Bill Spoo, Marilyn & Dom Cupuro, Mary & Stephan Haselgruber, William & Barbara Everitt, David Scholz, John Murphy, Mary Murphy, Lorena Scholz, David Scholz, Josephine Gorski, Stanley Gorski, Stephanie Gorski, Marie Gorski, Delia & Joseph Puleo, Kathleen Krueger, Mary A. Zilla, Jay Forbes, Jacqueline Constantine, Mary Palmer, Eden Bear, Flora Bear, Joseph O'Connol, Florence O'Connol, Ann Rench, John Rench, Guido Melone, Emily Melone, Campbell Grandchildren, Stanley & Genevieve Kurkowski, Len & Alice Kurkowski, Chester & Marie Orzech, John& Norman & Bernice Kubish, Casey Kapanowski, Ann Bernardo, Inocencio Bernardo, Lorraine Gajewski, John Gajewski, Patricia Radtke, Linda Shepelak, Francis Gatke, Evelyn & Ed Bojarski, Janet & Geo Radtke, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Govall, Mr and Mrs. Vogrich, Mr. and Mrs. George Vana, Ken Holub, Sam Holmes, Eileen Clapsaddle, Baby Elijah Clapsaddle, Aldo Cardelli, Marilyn Cardelli, John Selimos, Dorothy Selimos, Sean Cardelli, Quetsch Family, Mullen Family, Tad Kaleta, Larisa Kaleta

We have made every effort to record your intentions accurately; please forgive any typographical errors.





Sacred Heart School

Where Minds and Spirits Grow

23 DecFirst Day of Christmas Break

11 JanSchool Resumes

Morning announcers

SHS morning prayer, pledge of allegiance, and announcements were led by some of our students the past few weeks. At the virtual auction in October, parents had an opportunity to make a donation to reserve a week for their student to participate.

It is wonderful to watch these students grow in confidence as the week progresses.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Maureen Nielsen, Principal; mnielsen@shslombard.org Kelsey Bradt, Asst. Principal; kbradt@shslombard.org

Today I am grateful for ...

At the end of each day, students and staff each have the opportunity to say, in their classrooms, what they are grateful for this day. Many students have come to appreciate this opportunity and have been very thoughtful in their expressions of gratitude.

Today I am grateful for:

- My family (sometimes a specific member)
- Being in school with my friends
- Our novel study
- Seeing my learning-at-home friends on zoom
- Watching the Tuesday Mass online when we cannot go to the church
- Jesus
- For the preschool students whose excitement when

Sacred Heart Parish

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DEACON DAVID MAHONEY
DEACON CHRISTOPHER MAZZACANO
MRS. MAUREEN O'NEILL NIELSEN, Principal
DR. LINDA ANDREJEK, DRE/ Youth Ministry
MR. DANIEL POLLACK, Music Director
MS. CHRISTINA THOMAS, Office Manager and
Pastor's Secretary

Sacred Heart website: www.sacredheartlombard.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Not open to foot traffic so please call for an appointment)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch from 11:45 -12:45)

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Parish Office Phone: 630-627-0687

School Phone: 630-629-0536

REO Phone: 630-495-0843 *Hours by appointment*

DAILY MASS: (Monday - Friday): 12:00 noon

SUNDAY MASS: (by registration only)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

& 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (in Parish Center)

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

The chapel remains closed.

Baptism Program:

- 1. Make arrangements beforehand by calling the parish office. You can call before the baby is born.
- 2. While social distancing is in place, each baptism will be private. Call the parish office to schedule.

Marriages:

- Make arrangements beforehand by calling the parish office.
- 2. Diocesan policy requires that marriage preparation begin at least six months prior to the wedding.

Hospital Visitation:

Please inform the parish office if one of your family members is hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital, Elmhurst Hospital, or Central DuPage Hospital and you wish a priest to visit. Catholic chaplains are assigned to all hospitals to administer the Sacraments and care for the spiritual needs of patients. Kindly inform the information desk.

Notification of the Death of a Parishioner:

Upon the death of a parishioner and once final arrangements have been made, details will be announced at the next scheduled morning Mass. The parish office will also post the information on the bulletin board in the walkway between the church and school.

New Parishioners:

May register at the parish office during the week in person (by appointment) or by phone.

Parish Boundaries:

NORTH: North Avenue from Grace Street to Swift Road SOUTH: Roosevelt Road from River to Finley Road

Wilson Avenue to Hammerschmidt

Madison to Grace Street

EAST: Grace Street

WEST: Swift Road, DuPage River

Also St. James Apts.—Roosevelt Road & Finley Road Braeside and Royal Glen Apts.— Glen Ellyn

CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS

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