

Sacred Heart Parish

worship

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MARK 1:12-13

FIRST
SUNDAY OF
LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021



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First Sunday in Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

I find myself somewhat unsure as to how to go about this, but my thinking is that the best way is to just state the facts.

On June 30th of this current year, I will be stepping down as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. As you can well imagine this has not been an easy decision, but one that I had to face. I have been truly blessed to have been given the grace and good fortune to serve in this role for the past 14 years. You know very well that I love this parish and you, its people.

A decision on my replacement will be made by the Bishop in conjunction with the diocesan personnel board. Until that decision is made, I am asking that you pray for the man who will be chosen. Our present associate, Fr. Dunn, can certainly apply for the position, but the actual decision is in the hands of the Bishop.

In July, I will take up an apartment residence at The Little Sisters of the Poor, where I will assist the chaplain and serve as a "fill in" priest in our diocese. I suspect you might see a lot of me in the years to come.

So, let us pray and continue on the path of seeking the Face of Jesus.

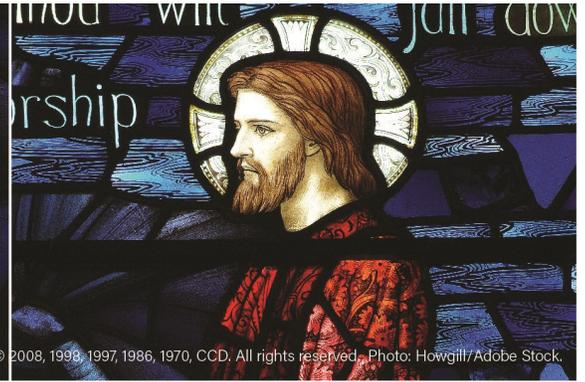
Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tom Botheroyd

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BAPTISM

Today's readings suggest two different meanings and experiences of baptism. The second reading (from 1 Peter) makes an analogy between Noah's ark and Christian baptism: just as Noah and his family were saved from death by going through the waters of the flood in the ark, Christians are saved from sin and death by going through the waters of baptism. The first reading, from Genesis, portrays the world after the flood: washed clean of its prior wickedness, embraced by God's promises that the world will never again be destroyed by water. The psalmist expresses a desire to follow the ways of God, as if re-establishing the harmony between God and humanity destroyed by sin. This peaceful scene is very different from the drama and urgency in Mark's description of Jesus after his baptism. Jesus battles demons, receives sustenance from angels, and begins preaching: "Repent. The kingdom of God is at hand."

GOOD MORNING! WELCOME TO LENT!

You probably did not get that greeting from your priest today, and you probably did not expect it. Isn't Lent a time of reflection and repentance? Somber purple, no "Alleluias"? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; attending to one's relationship with God?

True enough; however, there are Lenten practices that have a festive air woven into these penitential elements. One example is in the Church's retrieval of ancient Lenten practices that made up the final preparation of persons elected to receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. Jesus' urgent preaching in today's passage from Mark comes soon after his own baptism and reminds us that these sacraments still signal a dramatic change in a person's life: they have responded to Jesus' preaching of the kingdom and are now publicly professing themselves to be disciples of the Lord and fully initiated members of his visible church. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent were part of that preparation. Repentance was then, and remains today, important also for those already fully initiated; the work of repentance, of prayerfully examining our lives and making changes in anticipation of God's reign, is an ongoing aspect of our life in Christ.

A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION

Other changes with baptism are more subtle and personal. When Noah and his family emerged from the ark, they saw that the floodwaters had receded after cleansing the world of human sinfulness. Everything was clean and fresh—a new creation, with a rainbow to guarantee God's promise to never again destroy the world with water. So, too, will the newly baptized emerge from the font and be anointed with chrism. Like the earth after the great flood, they are a new creation. Washed clean of sin and anointed with chrism, they are renewed in the embrace of the God of covenant love.

This is why Lent is always a festive anticipation of Easter and always about baptism, just as it is always about the repentance that draws us more deeply into God's kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

FIRST LENT
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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.. If you are unable to access the church website to sign up for a weekend Mass, you can leave a message at extension 200 at the main phone number: (630) 627-0687.

SUNDAY MASS AT SACRED HEART:

Streamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMKrde_k1MWFmBocW11MCdw

Daily Masses 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 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

A Note from the Giving Tree Team

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING 2020'S GIVING TREE A SUCCESS!!! As 2020 was a very difficult year of fear, loss & unknowns for everyone, it was uncertain how much support the giving tree was going to get as so many were struggling themselves. The most challenging thing was to get the word out to parishioners who were used to coming to church in person & bringing a bulletin home with them. No

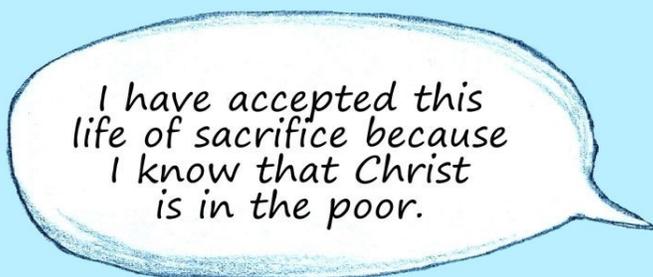
Christmas tree could be put up or gifts requested like has always been done but there were many families counting on us to help them! It was decided to request only cash or gift cards & YOUR GENEROSITY SURPASSED ANY EXPECTATIONS!! Because of it, 26 families were helped with gift cards to buy food for a Christmas meal & gifts for their children. Also, many lost their jobs & their homes during this pandemic. Dupage PADS has 26 families with children being put up in 3 hotels for about a year now.

Again, because of the generosity of the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, we provided Christmas stockings to the 69 children of these 26 families & also gave each family a gift card. GOD BLESS YOU!

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and HE will repay him for his deed."

Proverbs 19:17

saint snippets



Bl. Mariam Vattalil

20th-century Indian religious sister who devoted herself to catechetical formation and social justice

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February 25



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS by St. John Paul II

O Jesus, our Good Shepherd, bless all our parishes with numerous priests, deacons, men and women in religious life, consecrated laity and missionaries, according to the needs of the entire world, which You love and wish to save. We especially entrust our parish community to You; grant us the spirit of the first Christians, so that we may be a cenacle of prayer, in loving acceptance of the Holy Spirit and His gifts. Assist our pastors and all who live a consecrated life. Guide the steps of those who have responded generously to Your call and are preparing to receive holy orders or to profess the evangelical counsels. Look with love on so many well disposed young people and call them to follow You. Help them to understand that in You alone can they attain to complete fulfillment. To this end we call on the powerful intercession of Mary, Mother and Model of all vocations. We beseech you to sustain our faith with the certainty that the Father will grant what You have commanded us to ask. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday vigil & Sunday	February 20 & 21 First Sunday of Lent 2nd Collection: Catholic Education
5:00 p.m.	Dr. Ernest George Shadid by the Tim & Cathy Moore Family
8:00 a.m.	Samuel Parma Sr. by the Bates Family
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 p.m.	Marilyn Anooshian by the LaSota Family
Monday	February 22: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
12:00 p. m.	Ed Murphy by family
Tuesday	February 23: Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
12:00 p.m.	Richard Kolf by The Simpson Family
Wednesday	February 24: Lenten Weekday
12:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	February 25: Lenten Weekday
12:00 p.m.	Richard Mansfield by Arline Spoo, Barb Vershure, & Kathy Spacone
Friday	February 26: Lenten Weekday
12:00 p.m.	Colton Miller by Nana & Papa Tanner
Saturday vigil & Sunday	February 27 & 28 Second Sunday of Lent 2nd Collection: Debt Reduction
5:00 p.m.	Guido Melone by Gia Divito
8:00 a.m.	Mary A. Zilla by family
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 p.m.	Sister Nancy Nelson by Kaefer Family

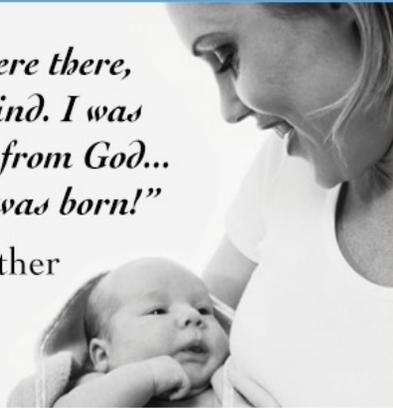
Parishioners in the Military

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..

February 17- March 28
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

*"Because you were there,
I changed my mind. I was
looking for a sign from God...
and Baby David was born!"*

– David's mother



YOU can be that sign from God. Join us to pray for moms and their babies at this international 40 Day prayer vigil in front of the abortion clinic in Downers Grove: Access Health Center, 1700 W. 75th Street. Select the same hour to pray each week or different hours whenever you can. 7AM to 7PM daily.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, community-based prayer vigil that asks our loving God to help bring about an end to abortion through:

**Prayer and Fasting
Constant Vigil
Community Outreach**

Over 18,000 babies lives have been saved through the prayers of people praying at a 40 Days for Life vigil. Please consider joining us for an hour of prayer this year, and bring a friend.

The vigil begins February 17. For more information and to sign up for an hour, please visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove

Click on "Log in/Signup" then "Register"

*We need your prayerful presence...
and so do the moms and babies!*

PRAY TO END ABORTION

**Prayer for the Unborn
By Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

Lord Jesus,

You who faithfully visit and fulfill with your Presence the Church and the history of men; You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life; We adore and bless you.

Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life, truly present and alive among us, we beg you.

Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb the miraculous work of the Creator, open our hearts to generously welcoming every child that comes into life.

Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses, render fruitful their love.

Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit, so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every human life.

Guide the work of scientists and doctors, so that all progress contributes to the integral well-being of the person, and no one endures suppression or injustice.

Give creative charity to administrators and economists, so they may realize and promote sufficient conditions so that young families can serenely embrace the birth of new children.

Console the married couples who suffer because they are unable to have children and in Your goodness provide for them.

Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children, so they may experience the warmth of your Charity, the consolation of your divine Heart.

Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer, in whose womb you took on our human nature, we wait to receive from You, our Only True Good and Savior, the strength to love and serve life, in anticipation of living forever in You, in communion with the Blessed Trinity.



Sacred Heart School

Where Minds and Spirits Grow



25 Feb End of 2nd Trimester
26 Feb No School - Teacher Institute
2 Mar HSA Meeting 7:00pm

Catholic Schools Week Faith Rally

was filled with Faith and Fun



Procession of the monstrance from the church to the gym.



Saint Puppets



Mini Rosaries



Adoration and Reconciliation



8th grade took the lead on the CSW food drive this year to benefit the work of St. Vincent de Paul.



Enrolling Now
for the 2021-2022 school year.
Preschool through 8th grade

To schedule a tour (in person, virtual, or by phone), please use the following link to access the reservation document:

<https://forms.gle/NYWvXBoYutCPijC86>

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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

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

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

Wednesday and Friday: 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 is open. Registration is required. Visit the parish website for more information.

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:

1. 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