Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Sunday, December 11, 2022—Third Sunday of Advent

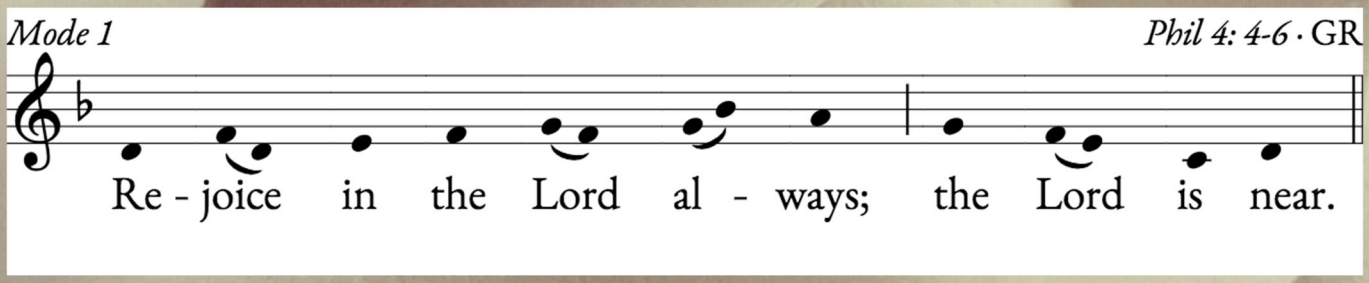
Gaudete Sunday

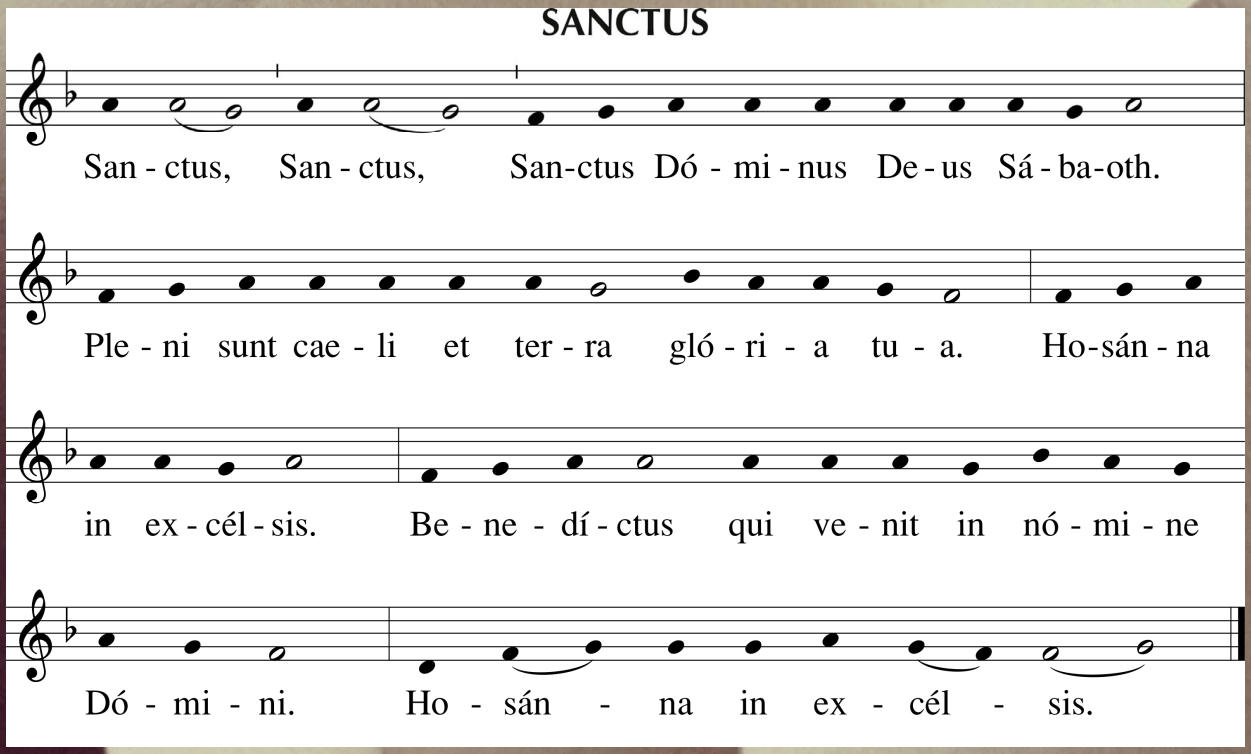
Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have
the good news proclaimed to them.
Matthew 11: 4–5

Act of Love before Holy Mass

O my God, I love Thee with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength
and with no other desire than to be inseparably united to Thee.
It is through Thy Divine Son that this union is about to be realized within me.
In Holy Communion I long to identify myself with Him, that it will no longer be myself,
but Him, who lives in me; and when I have received Jesus within myself,
then I shall love and be loved by Thee in that same measure, in which I am united to Him.
Hasten then, to give me Thy Divine Son, at the hands of Thy priest, that through Jesus,
I may unite myself forever to Thee, O God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Entrance Antiphon





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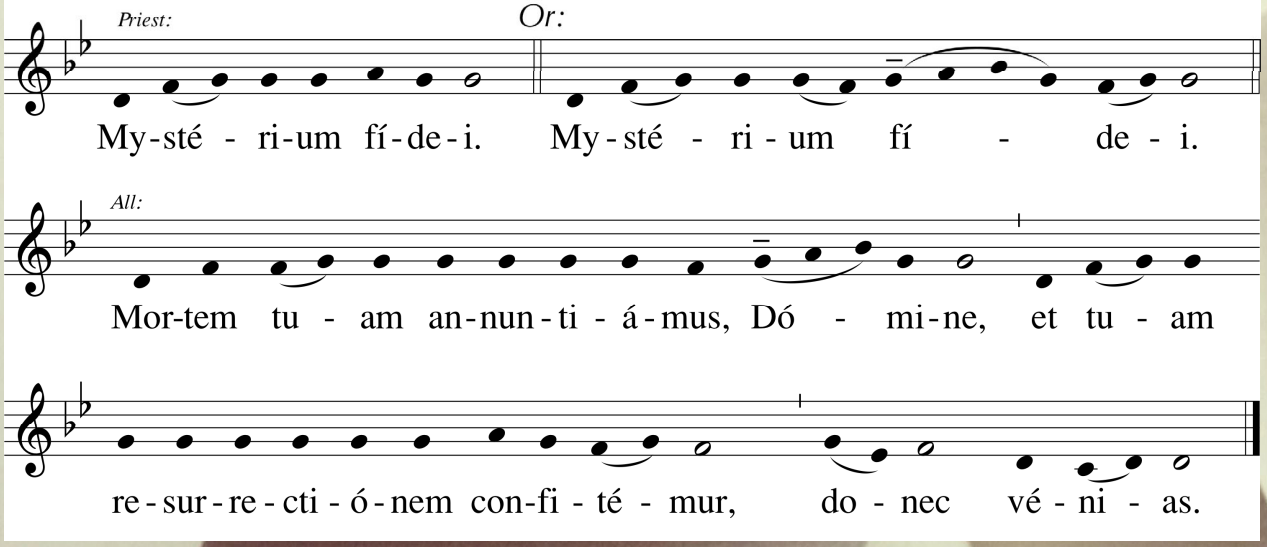

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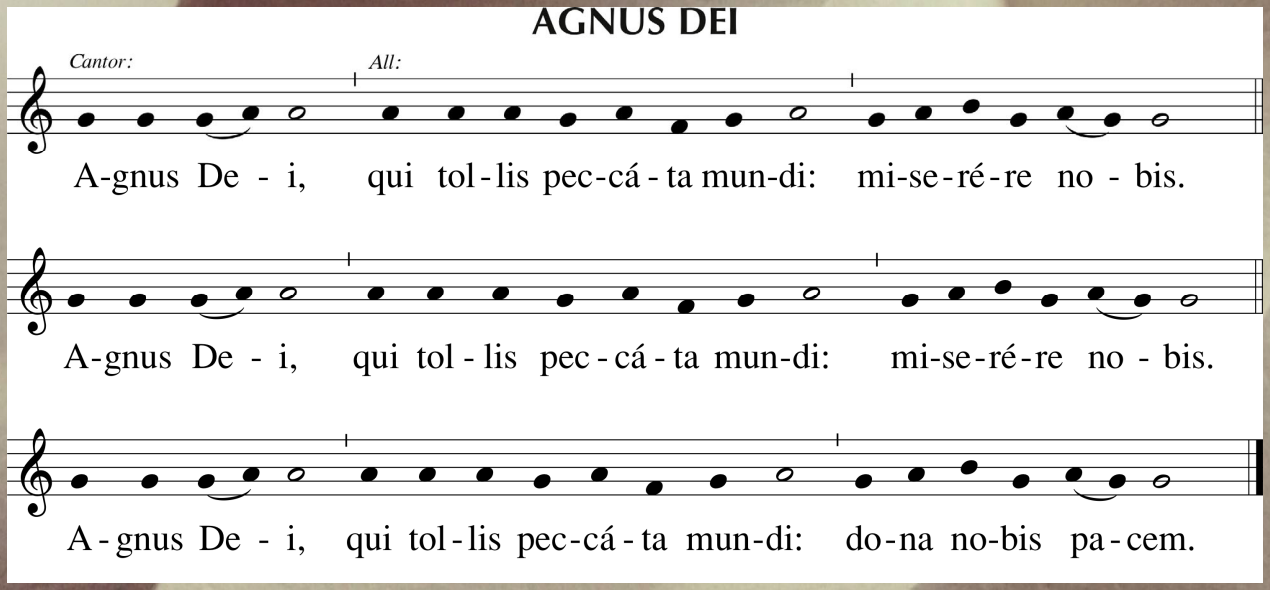
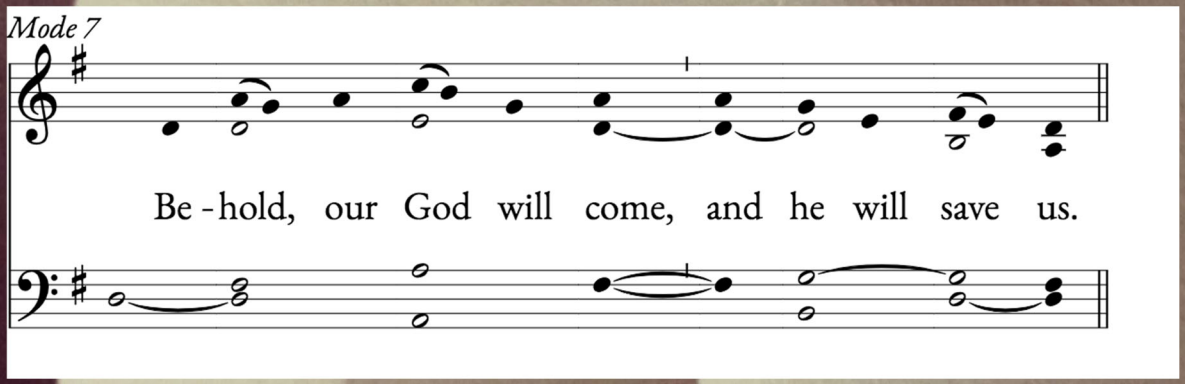


Communion Antiphon



Prayer After Holy Communion

O Lord, may my eyes that behold You elevated above the altar
only look upon what is pure and good.
May I use my eyes to see others as You see them, as Your precious and beloved children.
May my hand that holds Your precious body touch others only with love and compassion.
May my tongue which touches Your Precious Body and Precious Blood
for a moment only speak truth, kindness, and love.
May my mind which contemplates You understand the value and great love You give me.
May my heart understand the true and sacrificial love You have for me.
May my soul one day be in Heaven with You.
Amen.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

As it pertains to today's Gospel:

719 John the Baptist is "more than a prophet." In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light." In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God. . . . Behold, the Lamb of God."

What is Gaudete Sunday?

The third Sunday of Advent in the Roman Catholic calendar of the church year is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term is derived from the Latin opening words of the entrance antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always." The theme of the day **expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration**.

The Sacred Heart St. Vincent DePaul ministry has hours to accommodate the busy schedules of many who might benefit from their services.

PANTRY HOURS:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30—10 am

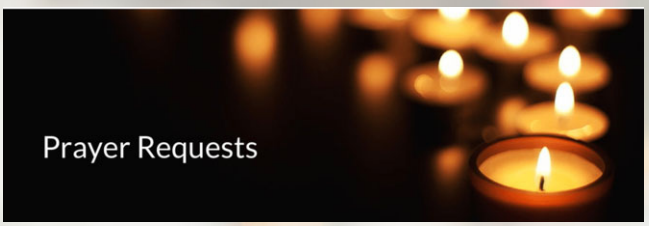
Wednesday evenings by advance appointment request
****NEW****

Call 630-812-2270 for assistance and your call will be returned.

BOY ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

We started with a few young men at 11am Mass and would like to add some more!! If you are interested in this ministry, please go to our website to sign up!

Who: Boys, ages 7th grade-College
What: Join the Altar Server Ministry at Sacred Heart
Where: please visit our website www.sacredheartlombard.org go to Ministries, then Liturgical Ministries for the sign-up sheet.



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer List

Please call the office at (630) 627-0687 EXT 201 and leave the name(s) WITH SPELLING of those you would like added to our prayer list.

We will continue to have the Prayer Intentions Book in the vestibule for various other prayer requests as well.

Please consider keeping this bulletin list close during your private prayer time; that those suffering may be lifted up in prayer to our Blessed Mother and brought to her Son for healing. Thank you.

Elisabeth Andrejek

Lynda Artiaga

Kathy Delaney

Anna Scharf-Dioguardi

Grace Dakis

Bob Manna

Doug White

Carlotta Lawton

"And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. "
James 5:15

TODAY!!
Sunday, December 11th
4:00 pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Lombard

The 70 member combined choirs of Sacred Heart, St. Petronille, and St. Michael will perform a ***Christmas Lessons and Carols Service*** including organ and strings

Free Event with Reception in the Parish Center to follow

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Advent and Christmas Schedule 2022

Advent Confession Schedule

Saturday, December 17th
9:00 am—4:00 pm
area-wide CONFESSIONS held at
Visitation Parish, Elmhurst
16 priests available

Sunday, December 18th
12 noon (after 11am Mass)
volunteers needed for church set up for Christmas

Wednesday, December 21st
6:00 pm CONFESSIONS
Last Sacred Heart confessions scheduled before Christmas

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm
Family Mass with Children's Choir

10:00 pm
Midnight Mass with Festival Choir
(9:40 pm Carols)

Sunday, December 25th
Christmas Day Masses

8:30 am

11:00 am
Festival Choir with Carols at 10:40 am

7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

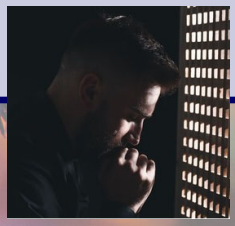
Was it recently? In the past year? Awhile ago?

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas. The priests of the 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Saturday, December 17th
9am ~ 4pm

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in both Polish and Spanish. All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace

Please come to
Visitation Church
779 S York St, Elmhurst, IL
630 834-6700



The Sacred Heart offices will be closed from Monday, December 26th through Friday, December 30th.
Our offices will reopen Monday, January 2nd, 2023.

Monday, December 12th
Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who am your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."
(Words of Our Lady to Juan Diego)

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego on December 9, 10 and 12, 1531.

- The image left on Saint Juan Diego's tilma is the only true picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe in existence.
- The image has remained intact with all its original vibrancy for 475 years. The natural lifespan of a cloak made with fiber from the agave or maguey plant is only about 30 years.
- The image is a pictograph which could be read and understood by the Aztec Indians.
- Our Lady appears as a beautiful young Indian maiden and Queen.
- Her eyes are looking down with humility and compassion. She is human, not God.
- She is wearing a blue-green mantle (the color worn by royalty) covered with stars.
- The stars signify she comes from heaven - the Queen of Heaven. The constellations are in the exact position as appeared before dawn on the morning of December 12, 1531.
- Her robe is colored rose or pale red and covered with Aztec flowers, symbolic of an Aztec princess.
- In the center of her robe, overlying her womb is a four petal quincunx flower in the shape of a cross which is the sign of the Divine and the center of the cosmic order of the Aztec. The Virgin's Baby, Jesus, is Divine and the new center of the universe.
- Her hands are joined in prayer and, therefore, she is not God but clearly there is one greater than she and she points her finger to the cross on her brooch.
- Her fur cuffs symbolize royalty.
- She wears a black maternity band signifying she is with Child.
- A black cross is on the brooch around her neck. This signifies she is a follower of the God of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ who died on the cross for all.
- She stands in front of the sun. The sun symbolizes the greatest Aztec god - Huitzilopochtli. She announces the God who is greater than their sun god.
- She stands on the moon. The crescent moon symbolized the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent moon god. She has clearly crushed and defeated him.
- An Angel with eagle's wings supports the Mother of God. The eagle was the "bird of the sun." Here the eagle is the servant of the Virgin. She holds her mantle in one hand and rope with the other, signifying the Son she bears is from both heaven and earth.
- The date of the image cannot be explained by science.
- The image on the tilma was able to do what up to that time the missionaries were not able to do significantly. Namely, clearly explain Christianity to the Indian people. The proof is in the fact that after the apparitions, eight million natives of Mexico converted to Catholicism from 1531 to 1538.

Please join us for

Evenings of Recollection

For Women

Sacred Heart Parish

114 S. Elizabeth Street, Lombard

(please enter Church through doors near parking lot)

7:30—9:30 pm

the 2nd Wednesday evening

of every month

What is a Recollection?

It is a time of silent prayer and reflection. It includes meditations led by a priest of Opus Dei, an examination of conscience and a brief talk. Confessions and spiritual direction will be available.

May you seek Christ, may you find Christ, may you love Christ...and may you bring Him to others!

~ St. Josemaria Escriva

questions? info@elmsuniversitycenter.org

Wednesday

Dec 14th

ALL ARE INVITED!

Please mark your calendar to attend our annual Procession of Flowers in Honor of Our Blessed Mother on Monday, December 12 (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) and Wednesday, December 14 at 6:45 p.m. in Church.
This event is sponsored by the Religious Education office and put on by the RE Students and Teachers.
Please bring a flower and join in the procession and prayer!

A prayer to Mary, Mother of Advent from St. John Paul II

May the Virgin Mary help us to open the doors of our hearts to Christ, Redeemer of man and of history; may she teach us to be humble, because God looks upon the lowly; may she enable us to grow in understanding the value of prayer, of inner silence, of listening to God's Word; may she spur us to seek God's will deeply and sincerely, even when this upsets our plans; may she encourage us while we wait for the Lord, sharing our time and energies with those in need.

Mother of God, Virgin of expectation, grant that the God-who-comes will find us ready to receive the abundance of his mercy.

May Mary Most Holy, "Woman of the Eucharist" and Virgin of Advent, prepare us all to joyfully welcome Christ's coming and to celebrate worthily his sacramental presence in the mystery of the Eucharist.

Amen.

THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 10th
K of C Christmas Puzzle Fundraiser
Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols 12pm
CONFESSIONS 3-4pm

Sunday, December 11th
K of C Christmas Puzzle Fundraiser
Lessons & Carols 4 pm

Monday, December 12th
RE Classes 6:30pm
RE Marian Procession 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 13th
Festival Choir Practice 7pm

Wednesday, December 14th
Children's Choir Practice 4pm
RE Classes 6:30 pm
RE Marian Procession 6:30 pm
Women's Evening of Recollection 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 15th
CONFESSIONS 6-7 pm

Saturday, December 17th
See ad in this bulletin for CONFESSIONS
SH CONFESSIONS 3-4pm

Sunday, December 18th
12 pm Christmas set-up in church

Please see the daily Mass schedule to the right

WEEKLY OFFERING
For the weekend of
November 26th & 27th

BUDGETED: **$21,526.00**

ACTUAL: **$20,457.05**

Thank you for your generosity!
Please consider scanning the QR Code to enroll in electronic giving.

Proverbs 3:9
Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday vigil & Sunday	**December 10 & 11:** **3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday** **2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**
5:00 p.m.	**John Charles Meyer** by Judy Springer
8:30 a.m.	**John Gavurnik** by the Gavurnik Family
11:00 a.m.	**People of the Parish**
Monday	**December 12th:Our Lady of Guadalupe**
12:00 p.m.	**Deacon Frank Annerino** by the Annerino Family
Tuesday	**December 13th:St Lucy, virgin and martyr**
12:00 p.m.	**Richard T. Hablewitz** by the Zilla Family
Wednesday	**December 14th:St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
12:00 p.m.	**John Gavurnik** by the Gavurnik Family
Thursday	**December 15th:Weekday**
12:00 p.m. **7:00 p.m.**	**Richard L. Bator** by Joel Gaydos
Friday	**December 16th:Weekday**
12:00 p.m.	**Private Intention of Susan Peterson**
Saturday vigil & Sunday	**December 17th & 18th:** **4th Sunday of Advent** **2nd Collection: Catholic Education**
5:00 p.m.	**Josephine Sroka** by the Minerva Family
8:30 a.m.	**People of the Parish**
11:00 a.m.	**Richard Bator** by the Bator Family

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

Sacred Heart School

Where Minds and Spirits Grow

13 Dec	Christmas Program	6:00pm
14 Dec	School Board Meeting	7:00pm
22 Dec	Christmas Break—no school	

3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath Prayer: *Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the JOY you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and have hearts of gratitude. Amen.*

Principal for a Day

Sends emails.

What does a 'Principal for a Day' auction winner do?

Leads prayer and makes announcements.

Makes decisions. Our Principal for a Day was allowed to make one decision this day. This very wise Principal considered many ideas then declared that there would be an out of uniform day for the entire school that week. Cheers were heard from the classrooms.

Principal and Principal for a Day both enjoyed this day!

Confers with colleagues.

Says good bye to the students at the end of the day.

Gina Pestrak, Principal; gpestrak@shslombard.org
Chris Tyl, Office; ctyl@shslombard.org

Sacred Heart Parish

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LOMBARD, IL 60148

Rev. THOMAS DUNN, Pastor

DEACON WILLIAM CRANE (retired)
DEACON DAVID MAHONEY
DEACON CHRISTOPHER MAZZACANO
MRS. REGINA PESTRAK, Principal
DR. LINDA ANDREJEK, DRE/ Youth Ministry
MR. DANIEL POLLACK, Music Director
MRS. KRISTEN MAHONEY, Liturgical Coordinator
MS. CHRISTINA THOMAS, Office Manager and Pastor's Secretary
MRS. ANNE HINLEY, Office Assistant

Sacred Heart website: www.sacredheartlombard.org

Parish Office Phone: 630-627-0687

School Phone: **630-629-0536**

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

DAILY MASS:
Monday - Friday:
12:00 noon

SUNDAY MASS:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
The chapel is open. 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. Baptisms are usually held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.

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.

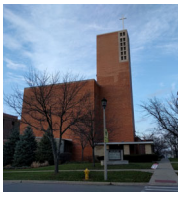
Notification of the Death of a Parishioner:

Upon the death of a parishioner, first contact the funeral home. The funeral home will contact the rectory for scheduling your funeral Mass. We will then reach out to you for Mass planning.
Once a funeral Mass is scheduled, it will immediately be posted 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), by phone, or on our website.

Parish Boundaries:



NORTH: North Ave 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 Rd & Finley Rd
Braeside and Royal Glen Apts.— Glen Ellyn)