



SACRED HEART PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015



Advent Reconciliation

Prepare your hearts for the Christmas Feasts by joining your fellow parishioners for our Advent Reconciliation Service.

We will have several priests available for individual confessions.

December 15th, Tuesday, 7:00 pm



Father Kevin's Liturgy Workshop Videos!

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and parishioners are invited to watch the newly produced videos of Father Kevin's Liturgy Workshop on our Sacred Heart **YouTube** channel.

Father Kevin offers a wide-ranging introduction into the bits and pieces of the Mass and how they come together in one great prayer of the Church. He follows by presenting an explanation of the minor changes in our manner of celebrating Mass here at Sacred Heart along with a walk-through of the changes. *All EM's and Lectors who missed the workshop itself are asked to take the time to view the videos as soon as possible.* You can access the videos from the *Home* page of our website, shparishspokane.org.



WINE & CHEESE!

following the Saturday evening Mass on December 12. *See you there!*

Single? Catholic?

Join Catholic Singles Mingle on Sunday, Dec. 20, @ 5:00 at St. Joseph Church in Otis Orchards in the reception hall for Potluck/Christmas Party/Gift Exchange Bring dish to share along with a wrapped present (\$5 to \$10.). RSVP required at (509) 226-1380 or www.meetup.com/Catholic-Singles-Mingle.



Mass Intentions This Week

SAT, Dec 5- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
SUN, Dec 6- 10:00 a.m. +Delour Dunn by Irene Duford
by Pete & Nancy Kleweno

WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.

TUES, Dec 8 +Bernadette Majjer by Irene Duford
WEDS, Dec 9 Warren J. Toney (special intention)
by Mary Lee Toney
THURS, Dec 10 +Bobby Wilks by Bob & Delores Wilks
FRI, Dec 11 +Mike Wirth by Marge McFaul

Is there illness or special needs in your family? Our community prayer chain looks forward to praying for you. Send your request to Judy Felgenhauer, jfelgen@comcast.net.

Adult Faith Sharing Group

We meet every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the downstairs classroom at the north end of the Parish Center.



Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings This Week:

Envelope & Plate Offering: \$ 4,722.10
Outreach: \$ 45.00
Children: \$ 8.00



In order to meet our 2015-16 budget, an average weekly collection of \$5,713.00 is needed. Thank you so much!

NEW TO SACRED HEART PARISH? WELCOME! We look forward to getting to know you!
Please return this form to the parish office or e-mail the information to: shparish@qwestoffice.net.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

CHRISTMAS SEASON LITURGIES

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Christmas feasts and celebrations at Sacred Heart Parish:



December 15, 7:00 pm:	Advent Reconciliation Service (including First Reconciliation for the parish children)
December 24	4:00 pm, Family Mass 8:00 pm, Christmas Vigil Mass
December 25	10:00 am, Christmas Morning Mass
December 26	5:00 pm, Holy Family Sunday Mass
December 27	10:00 am, Holy Family Sunday Mass
December 31	7:00 pm, Solemnity of Mary Mass
January 1	10:00 am, Solemnity of Mary Mass
January 2	5:00 pm, Epiphany Mass

Advent Fast for Peace

Our parish contemplative prayer group invites you to join them in fasting on each Friday of Advent for peace in our world during this time of heightened concern over terrorism and the on-going wars in the Middle East. You may choose the kind of fast that best suits your health, age, and spiritual situation. For more information, contact Jan Eberley.



Stress in Your Marriage? Consider a Retrouvaille Weekend!

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate the conflicts with their spouse. Retrouvaille is NOT just for couples whose marriage is on the verge of divorce or considered irrevocably broken; it is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 12-14, 2016 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org.



Southside Catholic Youth Ministry

Join us for upcoming events!

All events will take place in the Youth Room at St. Augustine's Parish building unless otherwise noted.

December 6—Junior High Night 7:00-8:15 PM

December 13—Senior High Night 7:00-8:15 PM

December 19-- Christmas Bureau, 9:00-12:00 or 12:00-3:00 (or both!)

RSVP to Paul by December 12

December 20 —Christmas Break NO YOUTH GROUP

For more information, please contact **Paul Macias** at pmacias@dioceseofspokane.org or 509-251-5818

A Word from Father...

Dear Friends,

We have begun well our Advent season! The evergreen wreath has been hung, the first of four candles lit, and the hymns of the liturgy sing of the sure and certain hope that the Lord is nigh!



The Aramaic word, "Maranatha", found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1Cor 16:22), captures the spirit of the season in two important ways. It is actually two words mashed together, but depending on where it is split, it can mean either "Our Lord *has* come!" ...more of a profession of faith in the incarnation, the Lord has *already* come, or it can mean, "Come, Lord!" ...almost a command for the Lord to come.

I like both possibilities and both throw subtle light on the reason for the season. On the one hand, we certainly are deeply aware that we are beneficiaries of the historical coming of Jesus; we are "preparing" for something which has already happened, which seems on the first face of it to be contradictory, but actually we are preparing not for the actual, historical coming of Jesus, but the *remembering* of that great event in our spiritual story. The celebration allows us to rejoice anew at this blessing in our lives and to experience its rich blessings in a way not bound by time or place. Our Jewish forebears were great for recognizing in such celebrations the enduring grace of God at work in their life as a community and as individuals. Thus, what we prepare for now is not the historical birth of Jesus as if we were living in the 2nd century, BC, but the *remembering* of that great moment in time which continues to surprise, delight and lead us to praise even now.

The second sense of "Maranatha" captures something distinct from the first. We plead, beg, even make bold *to order* the Lord to continue coming into our lives and our world. The world is a mess and our own lives are far from perfect; we cannot save ourselves from ourselves. We continue to need God's hand to lift us out of our morass of injustice, intolerance, hatred, jealousy, and war. We still must call on the Lord to intervene in our family feuds with their ever-increasing mountains of recrimination and revenge. We still look to the compassionate heart of God to lead us in the end to the creation he has dreamed for us to become from the very beginning.

Both ways, it is a great prayer: simple, passionate, direct, and perfect for Advent:

Our Lord has come!

Come, Lord, come!

Maranatha!

Fr. Kevin