

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

219 E. Rockwood Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99202

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018*

The pastor and parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church warmly welcome you to our parish family!

We hope that you find us to be a family of faith and love, exemplifying in word and deed the generosity of the Father, the self-giving service of Jesus Christ, and the enduring presence of the Holy Spirit.

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Mass Schedules:

WEEKENDS:

Reconciliation: *Saturday 4:00 pm*

Saturday Vigil: *5:00 pm*

Sunday: *10:00 am*

WEEKDAYS:

Tue, Wed, Thurs, & Fri: *7:30 am*

HOLY DAYS:

7:30 am & 5:30 pm

Religious Education:

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sunday 10:00 am Mass

Religious Education, Pre-school (4 years) to Grade 6:

Sunday, 8:45-10:00 am

For events, schedules, and contact persons for all other parish activities and ministries, visit our website:

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Come make a joyful noise!

The Sacred Heart Choirs & Men's Schola welcome new members, both singers and instrumentalists, adults and youth.

The 10:00 am Choir's first practice will be **Saturday, September 8th 9-11 am**. The Choir includes men and women, sings three Sundays each month, and practices one Saturday each month.

The Men's Schola first practice will be **Thursday, October 4, 7-9 pm**. The Schola sings one weekend per month with one additional practice per month. Please contact Marian for more information: 747-5790 or marianfletcher-beaumier@hotmail.com.

If you'd be interested in helping at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass, please contact Ann, 509-251-3767.



Training for our Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

For those wonderfully generous parishioners who have volunteered to bring Holy Communion to our sick and homebound parishioners, there will be a training session following the 10:00 am Mass's Coffee & Donuts on **September 16th**. We expect to begin at **11:15 am**; the training will take about an hour. We will have ritual booklets and pyx's available for those who do not already have them.



Priests' Study Days This Week

As in past years, the priests of the Diocese of Spokane will be meeting with Bishop Daly Monday through Thursday in Walla Walla. Father Kevin will not be available during this time.

There will be no 7:30 am Masses this coming week.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our parish will soon be beginning a renewed ministry to our bereaved families and are looking for parishioners interested in helping us. Our hope is to be supportive of our fellow parishioners who are mourning the loss of a loved one. We would like to begin by hosting Funeral Receptions, but eventually, we would like to send anniversary cards and perhaps a visitation program. We are open to all good ideas.

If you are interested in helping us, please contact Deacon Brian. The work number is 324-6411; home is 465-2559; e-mail address is brian@beemer-mumma.com

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor Day holiday. We resume this week our regular parish office hours: Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm.

Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings Last Week

Envelope & Plate Offering: **\$ 4,893.00**

Outreach Offering: **\$ 130.00**

In order to meet our 2017-18 budget, an average weekly collection of \$5,850.00 is needed. Thank you so much!



Mass Intentions This Week

Sat., Sept 1 +“Rod” Rodrique by Marilyn Norgard

Sun., Sept 2 People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.

Tues., Sept 4 Living & deceased members of the Blanchard family by Irene Dufort

Weds., Sept 5 +Evy Parisot

Thurs., Sept 6 +Sandy & Smithmore Meyers

Fri., Sept 7 +Kathy Stone by Pete & Nancy Kleweno

Mass Readings Next Weekend:

Isiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Liturgical Ministers Schedule can be found on our website: shparishspokane.org/liturgical-ministry-schedules

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

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: nancy@shparishspokane.org

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____





Blessing of Backpacks

Father Kevin invites our school-age children to bring their school backpacks (including school supplies) to the **5:00 pm** and **10:00 am Masses** on **September 8-9th**, for a very special blessing of their backpacks and as we begin a new school year! Backpacks may be new or old and may feature anything from Disney princesses to Star Wars heroes to SpongeBob SquarePants...

Religious Education This Year!

We are happy to announce that beginning September 1, our children's Sunday morning catechetical program will be under the direction of **Sister Gabrielle Marie, SMMC.**

Sister Gabrielle will be leading the hour-long religious education class for our elementary level children on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to Mass time; she will also be guiding the Children's Liturgy of the Word program during the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.



We are also happy to announce that **Ms. Maria Haxton** will be leading our program to prepare our children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion this coming year.

We would love to have an idea of how many children (both public schools and Cataldo Catholic School) are expecting to receive these sacraments this year. **Please give us a call and let us know if your child will be participating in sacramental preparation: 747-5810.**

Book Study: *Beyond Even the Stars*

For many years, Andi McGoran has been offering an autumn book study at St. Peter's Parish. She has chosen as her subject for this fall Father Kevin's new book, *Beyond Even the Stars*. **She warmly welcomes all Sacred Heart parishioners to be part of the book study this year!**

The study group (usually over 50 participants!) will meet on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm beginning October 2 and running through November 13.

For those who do not already have the book, preorders and prepayment will be made very easy!

Those who have participated in Andi's book studies in past years know that they are always well-planned, thoughtful, insightful, and fun!

A sign-up sheet will soon be available in the vestibule!

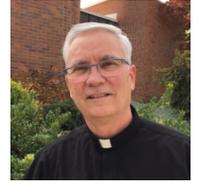


New to Sacred Heart Parish?

We are thrilled to have you in our parish family! Please let us know who you are by **REGISTRATION!** Use the form just to the left or give Nancy a call in our parish office: 747-5810.



A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

Growing up in a family of eleven (kids that is...much bigger number once parents and pets were added in!), one of the things we went without was Kindergarten (pre-school was not even a concept yet!). For us, the first day of first grade really was the first day of school...and needless to say, our first day away from home...*ever!* I remember well my six-year-old terror as I was dropped off by my big sister at my first-grade classroom, presided over by Sister Floracita. There were about sixty other kids in the room and they all seemed to know what to do and how to make this thing work. I was a complete idiot as I stood on the threshold of that classroom looking in. Sister Floracita asked me my name and told me to put my lunchbox in the cloakroom. *What's a cloakroom?* I had no idea...had never heard the word before. She pointed to a closet off to one side of the classroom equipped with shelves and hooks to hang jackets. I wandered into the dark space and found a spot for my Flintstones lunchbox, but it was a horrible place: beside being dark, it smelled of sour milk and ripe lunchmeat. I came back into the light and was instructed to please be seated; another strange word I did not know: "beseated". Sister told me to look for my name on a desk, but I didn't really know how to spell my name yet...well, I sort of did, but not in nun-handwriting which was flowing and elegant and pretty hard for a six-year old to figure out where the letters began and where they ended. Being a very sweet person, Sister Floracita showed me to my spot and I slipped into the curved wooden seat behind a Formica desktop. I had no idea what was coming next. We started with the alphabet, which was posted on colorful cards above the green chalkboard. The colors given to each of those letters, (happily not in cursive!), remain in my imagination as the rightful colors of those letters to this day: A is orange. B is brown. C is yellow. And so on... (oh, and Z is always black!).

And so my education began. That first day was filled with fear and frustration and loneliness...not a kid in that room did I know. When lunch time was over and it was time to go outside to play, they all seemed to know the rules to four-square while I was, yet again, a complete idiot when it came to this strange new game, so I stood off to the side by myself and watched everyone else have fun.

As the bell sounded at 2:30, that first day of school came to a blessed end, but an end filled with panic as I waited for my sister to collect me and walk me the two miles back home. The other kids had mothers showing up to pick them up...all smiley and lovey-dovey. It took my sister forever. She finally made her way to my room and it was with huge relief that I joined her and my other siblings for the walk home. I hated school, that I knew, though I kind of liked Sister Floracita. Happily, it only took a few days more for my outlook to brighten as I began making friends and discovered joy in learning new things.

As school begins for our kids and grandkids, may they also find their classrooms to be places of joy, wisdom, and grace!

Fr. Kevin



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September 1, 2018

Dear Parishioners:

I have been asked by some of you to say something about the present round of scandal involving our Catholic family. I have resisted the invitation because, I suppose, I grew up in a family and culture that was deeply adverse to “hanging dirty laundry outside.” But this is clearly more than “dirty laundry” and it has deeply touched all of us. Shame, anger, confusion are just some of the emotions that presently fill us as news stories about the worst in our Church fill the air. Some have wondered if they should just leave the Catholic Church altogether. I have pondered often over the past week what I might add to the massive amount of commentary that has accompanied those stories; again, my tendency is to guard my silence because it would be so easy to say something poorly and inadequately and thus further deepen wounds already open. That is a risk I have to take because I am your pastor and many of you are hurting. So here are a few thoughts...too much for a homily...so in a “pastoral letter” form instead:

The Scandal of the Priests:

The Grand Jury report from Pennsylvania reopened this newest news cycle with horrific stories of priests in that state preying on children. Though almost all of the priests cited in their report and their crimes had already been reported and took place well before the current protective policies almost all dioceses have had in place since the “Dallas Charter” was enacted by the US bishops in 2002, the details of those predations are sickening beyond words. Apologies and appeals to forgiveness hardly seem adequate to the horror done to these children and adolescents. The only “positive” here is that we as a Church did take substantial and effective steps to end that kind of sinful and criminal behavior in our community. Because of our procedures for identifying abusive behavior and ridding our parishes and institutions of abusers, we can say with high confidence that our churches and schools are now very safe places for children and young people. That there is more to do is certain and once again we must redouble our efforts to make sure there is no sliding back.

The Scandal of the Bishops

What clearly did NOT get fixed in the 2002 Dallas Charter was establishing a system of accountability for bishops, as the Archbishop McCarrick situation has shown. No provisions were set in place for the Church to deal with bishops who handled cases of abusing clergy by moving them around, not reporting them to civil authorities, or even misbehaving themselves. Many saw this glaring hole even then and predicted it would come back to haunt the Church and now it has. This is actually the major scandal we are facing *today*: episcopal coddling of abusers *and* lack of accountability for doing so. Bishops have too often believed that they are an authority unto themselves, not accountable to the laity, one another, or to any Church authority less than the Pope himself. In 2002, there was no will to fix that culture of episcopal independence and lack of accountability. It had better be fixed *now* or we will continue to find that many of us do not recognize the voices of those called to be our shepherds.

The Maybe Scandal of the Pope?

On Saturday night while Pope Francis was just finishing up his difficult visit to Ireland, the former Vatican nuncio (ambassador) to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, released a letter accusing Pope Francis of having known for years of the depravities of Archbishop McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington D.C., and demanded Pope Francis’ resignation. His accusation, if true, would rightly call into question Pope Francis’ ability to further lead the Church through these difficult times. It

will take some time to figure out just how true the accusation might be, but it is also already clear that Archbishop Viganò has many axes to grind and that many of the details of his letter are at best suppositions or, indeed, already shown to be false. He is part of a clique of ecclesiastics who have been after Pope Francis' head for almost as long as he's been pope. For now, I take his letter with a grain of salt; if there is later substantiation of his charges that is credible, then I'll go from there.

Many have asked why the Pope remains silent before his accuser. Doesn't his silence speak to his guilt? For a profound understanding of Pope Francis' silence in this case I urge you to read the beautiful article by the Pope's biographer, Austin Ivereigh that I have posted on our parish Facebook page. You can also find it on-line at: www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/time-keep-silence. In short, Francis' silence before his accuser(s) is one with the silence of Jesus before his own.

The Underlying Cause of the Scandals

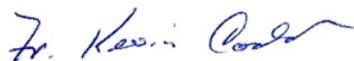
So, what's the cause of the scandal of the abusive priests and the scandal of the unaccountable bishops? Some in the more conservative circles of the Church, including Viganò, attribute all of it to homosexual clergy, though all studies in the matter including the completely independent John Jay study commissioned by the bishops in 2002 to identify these causes has explicitly NOT identified homosexual clergy as the source of these grave problems. Pedophilia is a mental illness that has its own causes in both straight and gay people. I think Pope Francis is more on point when he identifies *clericalism* as the primary culprit, at least for the hiding and coddling part of the scandal. Clericalism is that attitude among us priests and bishops that sees ourselves as so "set aside by the Lord" as to be also set aside from the faithful who remain always *below* us. We expect special treatment and privilege. Our altogether appropriate sense of priestly fraternity and mutual support gets transformed into a "men's club" with its own secrets and unspoken loyalty oaths made within this clerical "club." We protect the clerical caste and the institution at all costs. "Open secrets" are only "open" inside the clubhouse doors. Clericalism is a sub-culture in the Church that has deep roots and it is not easily weeded out. It will take years and years of ardent work to re-teach many clergy that rather than seeing themselves as privileged princes, they are to be humble pastors who "smell like their sheep," to use Pope Francis' poignant image.

What now?

I don't know. At least I don't know how to "fix" the Church on a world or even national level. Wiser folks than I, guided by the Holy Spirit, will be proposing many possible solutions, some of them very helpful, I'm sure. Moving the Church back to a nostalgic and idealized 1955 version of itself won't be among them, I can only believe. As for me, all I can do as *your* pastor is assure you that I will do my best to be *of you* and *with you* as much as I possibly can. All of us will continue to be alert to anything that might even allow the possibility of abuse to take place in our parish and school. We will continue to screen all our volunteers and employees rigorously before we allow them to minister to the young and vulnerable. Most of all, I will continue to look to Jesus as the inspiration for my life and priesthood and to bring his grace to my fellow sheep. I'll do my best to pray the Mass with the right balance of solemnity and humanity, to preach with the breath of the Holy Spirit at my back, and to bring the consolation of the Word and the Sacraments to our sick and homebound, the mourning and the searching. With each new day, whatever the news, I will try my best to answer Jesus' question to his apostles in John 6:67-68 as did Peter:

And you, do you also want to leave?

Master, to whom else would I go?

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Kevin Condon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.