



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

219 E. Rockwood Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99202

*Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019*

2019: The 50th Anniversary of our Church!

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: 8:30 am

HOLY DAYS:

8:30 am & 5:30 pm

Religious Education:

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sunday 10:00 am Mass

Religious Education, Kindergarten 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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CHRISTMAS at Sacred Heart



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Christmas Eve Family Mass: 5:00 pm
Christmas Morning Mass: 10:00 am

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEARS)

Tuesday, December 31st, 5:30 pm
(no January 1 morning Mass)

There will be no weekday morning Masses on Thursday and Friday, December 26 & 27.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Our Sacred Heart Parish Adult Spiritual Formation Groups meet each week. Please feel free to join us!

- ◆ **Contemplative Prayer:** 11:00 am-12:15 pm, Mondays, Parish Center, upstairs meeting room.
- ◆ **Men's Bible Study:** 6:30 am, Tuesdays, in the Social Hall. We are continuing with the Little Rock Scripture video series, "Parables of the Kingdom."
- ◆ **Scripture Share and Prayer:** 9:30-11:30 am, Thursdays, Parish Center, upstairs meeting room. (New session will begin Thursday, January 9, 2020.)

Religious Education News

- ◆ **Sister Gabrielle** welcomes our parish children to join her, every Sunday morning at 9 am until Mass starts, in the Parish Hall. She will also be guiding the Children's Liturgy of the Word program during the 10 am Sunday Mass.
- ◆ **Mischelle Zabinski** is teaching our First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion classes, Wednesday nights at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **Justin & Abby Hurtubise** are leading our new Sacred Heart Youth Group for junior and senior high students, and invite you to join us, Thursdays at 7 pm. Email:



2020 Parish Calendars

Thank you to Holy Cross Funeral & Cemetery Services for providing our 2020 Parish Calendars. They are available to pick up in the vestibule of the church, with enough for one per household.



The Perfect Christmas Gift: Father Kevin's Books!

If you are wondering what wonderful gift you might give to dear friends and beloved family members, why not consider one or both of Father Kevin's books! A new supply has just come in and can be found in the church vestibule. *Still only \$20 each!*

Mass Intentions This Week

Sat., Dec 14 +Fr. George Haspedis by Tom & Joyce Rulon
Sun., Dec 15 People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES—8:30 A.M.

Tues., Dec 17 +Emery John Blanchard by Irene Dufort
Weds., Dec 18 +Mary Ann Ryan—**FUNERAL MASS 10 am**
Thurs., Dec 19 +Sharon Lillard by Colette Jacobs
Fri., Dec 20 +Rev. Armand Nigro by Mary Conley

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**.

Mass Ministry Schedule: Please visit our website to view the upcoming Greeter, Lector, Server and Eucharistic Minister schedules: shparishspokane.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2019



We are invited once again to support the vital work of Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington, with the start of this year's Christmas Collection. Sarah Yerden, Assistant Director of Development, will be with us this weekend to share a few words at the end of our Masses. If you have not received a donation envelope in the mail, there are additional envelopes on the table in the vestibule. Please feel free to take one!



New to the Parish?

We look forward to getting to know you!
Please contact our office by phone: 747-5810,
e-mail: office@shparishspokane.org, or through our
website: shparishspokane.org, to register. **Welcome!**

Advent Tree of Sharing



A GIANT round of applause to the generous hearts of you, our parishioners! Hopefully, by the end of 10 am Mass, all gifts will have been returned. If by some chance you haven't yet returned your gift, please drop them off at the parish office Monday morning after 9 am, or call the office (747-5810) to make arrangements. The gifts will be distributed to the organizations this week. Imagine the excitement and joy on the faces of those children and adults who hold your caring gifts in their hands! Again, our heartfelt thanks for your loving generosity.

SACRED HEART Youth
Thursday Nights 7:00 - 8:30pm
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
7th - 12th Grade

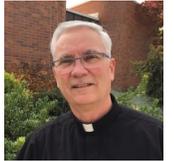
Encounter Belong Grow

youthgroup@shparishspokane.org

Blue Envelope Fund

Thank you for your generosity in donating to our Outreach Fund! Your donations to the Blue Envelope Fund help us support our 99202 neighbors in need with their power bills, rent, and city utilities, as well as other neighborhood charities like Meals on Wheels. Blue envelopes are found in the pack of offering envelopes many of you receive by mail, and in the pews of the church.

A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

Some years ago, following my time in Belgium as rector of our American seminary in Louvain, I had the opportunity to spend some months in the Philippines before returning home to the Diocese of Spokane. I asked one of the young priests, who had been one of our seminarians in Louvain, if he could organize for me a Thirty-Day Retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. Such a retreat for most of us, is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I was a little nervous about such a long time in retreat, but I trusted my friend to set up something that would be renewing for me. He did a great job: he arranged for Bishop Luis Antonio "Chito" Tagle of the Diocese of Imus to lead my retreat. I was set up in a simple retreat center run by some wonderful sisters commonly called in the Philippines simply, "the Blue Sisters" because of their habit. I had met Bishop Tagle in Louvain already so knew him to be a wonderful man, full of life and faith and a great communicator,



and so I was humbled that he would agree to lead me in my retreat, one-on-one. For the next thirty days, Bishop Tagle stopped by almost every day at the retreat house to meet with me for about an hour and share with me his reflections based on the Spiritual Exercises. We often spent a fair amount of that hour also just talking about our lives and ministry and became good friends in the sharing of so much.

Some years later, I was not surprised to read that he had been appointed the Archbishop of Manila and even more, named a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI. He was just the man for the job: pastoral, smart, humble, well-spoken, and most important of all, a really holy guy.

Whenever I visited the Philippines in the ensuing years, I always had the opportunity to catch up to Cardinal Tagle for at least a hello and a brief moment or two to chat. A few years ago, I travelled to Rome for Cardinal Cupich's "red hat" ceremony at Saint Peter's and was able to greet Cardinal Tagle following the ceremony; I was so touched by his wholesome embrace and big smile for me, even as many others waited to shake his hand. Again, last summer, I was with him at his Cathedral in Manila for the celebration of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul at what is called there, "the Pope's Mass" (they pray especially for the current successor of Peter, whomever he may be).

Last Sunday on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis announced that he has appointed Cardinal Chito as the new head of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, or as it is popularly known, *Propaganda Fide*. It is one of the most important posts in the Church for it oversees both the missionary efforts of the Church around the world and its renewal in countries where the Church has been well established. Pope Francis has chosen well. I pray for my friend as he takes on this great responsibility and invite you to join me in doing the same!

Fr. Kevin