



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

219 E. Rockwood Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99202

*2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020*

Prayer In A Time of Pandemic

Heavenly Father, loving and healing God: In faith, we come before You asking for your grace, wisdom, and trust in this time of anxiety and distress.

Keep us safe and protect the most vulnerable among us with the healing hand of your Son, Jesus. Comfort those already afflicted and bless them with perseverance and hope.

Grant insight and wisdom in abundance to those who search for vaccines, generosity to those who care for the infirm, and consolation to those families who have lost a loved one.

Give us all a full measure of compassion and boundless care for the common good so that we might fully contribute to every effort to halt the further spread of this contagion. May your Holy Spirit breathe courage, commitment, and compassion into our hearts.

May we, parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, find our strength in your Son's heart, where humanity and divinity touch, and where healing is most richly found.

AMEN.

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Mass Schedules:

WEEKENDS:

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (in person)

Sunday: 10:00 am (livestreamed)

WEEKDAYS:

Not available while Covid-19 remains high

HOLY DAYS:

5:30 pm

Religious Education:

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

To Be Announced

Religious Education, Kindergarten to Grade 6:

To Be Announced

*For livestream events, schedules, and contact persons,
visit our website:*

shparishspokane.org

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:

December 8, 7:30 pm

Because of the pandemic, we will be offering Mass via livestream only from Father Kevin's home on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 pm, the usual time of Father's Tuesday Reflection.



Christmas at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Church will be offering three Christmas Masses for our parishioners in this pandemic year:

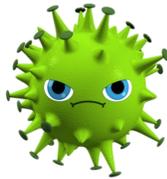
- ◆ **Christmas Eve, 3:00 pm, in-person Christmas Mass, church**
- ◆ **Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm, in-person Christmas Mass, church**
- ◆ **Christmas Morning, 10:00 am, livestream Christmas Mass from Father Kevin's home.**



Church Safety

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to be part of our present experience and especially this winter when positive cases are rising quickly, we continue to ask all our parishioners to exercise a high level of caution when coming to our church services or visiting our parish offices.

The parish offices are closed to non-essential visitors, but Aggie is in most days for the usual hours. If you need to visit the office, please ring the doorbell and once inside, please remain in the entryway; visitors are not allowed in the confined area of the offices themselves. Hand sanitizer and masks are available in the entryway.



When in church, keep masks covering *fully* both mouth and nose and assiduously maintain 6' social distancing. Please do NOT join in singing the hymns and acclamations. Please observe both rules both within and outside the church.

For our part, we continue to disinfect surfaces regularly including the restrooms. Air filters in the church have been upgraded to eliminate most bacteria and viruses and the outdoor air mix is now set at 50% to keep the environment within as safe as possible.

Parishioners will need to pre-register for the in-person Christmas Masses, *limited to 50 persons each*, and masks and social distancing will be required.

Registrations are now being accepted by phone, email, or through the parish website.

Religious Education News

We are sad to announce that due to health concerns, Sister Gabrielle is not able to continue teaching our Sacramental Preparation and "Sunday School" classes on Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish has graciously opened their Sacramental Prep classes to our children; parents interested in this option should contact our parish office, 747-5810.

At this time, we are not able to continue with the Wednesday class, so it will be suspended until we can develop a suitable plan for its continuation. *If anyone is interested in serving as our catechist, please contact us in the parish office.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2020

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**. 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!

Bishop Skylstad will be with us next weekend to share some thoughts about the ministries of **Catholic Charities** and the importance of our on-going support this Christmas.



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!

Mass Intentions This Week

Sat., Dec 5th +Jim Bosch
Sun., Dec 6th +Marie Zimmer 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*.

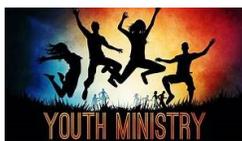
Advent Tree of Sharing

We invite you to join our Tree of Sharing online this "Year-of-All-Being-Different." We will again provide gifts for some Martin Luther King, Jr Center children and for adults of 2 group homes: Blair House and Milford House.

Instead of taking tags from our usual tree in church, our parish website (shparishspokane.org) and parish Facebook page (Sacred Heart Church, Spokane) will have a link that will take you to our gift registry site where you can select a gift tag (not the gift, just the gift list).

After you have shopped and wrapped your gift, you can drop it off at the parish office Mon - Fri from 9am - 4pm - not later than Monday, December 14th.

If you are not comfortable using the Internet, you are encouraged to contact Sue Feulner (838-5830) or Mary Shinn (855-1455) who will happily help you select a gift tag. We **thank you** once again for your loving generosity in making the Season bright for so many people!



Sacred Heart Youth!

Our parish youth group is going strong, meeting every week over Zoom and YOU are invited to join us each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm! We welcome all 7th to 12th graders...and you are most welcome to invite your friends as well! Every week, we enjoy time for games, prayer, and learning more about our faith together.

We are currently meeting by way of Zoom so please contact us so we can send you the Zoom invite. Just email us at: youthgroup@shparishspokane.org

Abby and Justin Hurtubise

ON-LINE GIVING !

For those interested in making their donations to Sacred Heart digitally, we now offer this service through our parish website:

shparishspokane.org/donate

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, or you can indicate "Blue Envelope" on your check or online donation.

A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

One of the things we hope for in this Advent season is the prompt arrival of the new vaccines to combat the Covid-19 pandemic that is afflicting our world. When the vaccines are available to us, it will be vital that as many of us as possible actually get the injections as soon as possible so that "herd immunity" might be quickly achieved and hundreds of thousands of lives saved from this disease.

As some of you may know, some vaccines have been developed utilizing "cell lines" of human tissue that were originally derived from aborted fetuses in the 1960's or 1970's. It may be morally questionable to use these vaccines because of their origins; among these questionable vaccines are the ones being developed by Johnson & Johnson, the Chinese government, and the University of Pittsburg. It is to be noted that in 2005, the Vatican approved the use of vaccines that used a cell line from abortion, but allowed doctors and patients to exercise their moral conscience to refuse such a vaccine. (You can read more detail about these concerns on the website of the **John Paul II Medical Research Institute**: www.jp2mri.org/faq-regarding-covid19-vaccines).

Happily, the most promising vaccines do NOT rely on fetal cell lines, including those being developed, tested, and soon to be released by Pfizer and Moderna. There is no moral concern about their use. In fact, I would argue, there is a *moral responsibility* to take advantage of these new vaccines as soon as possible as a way of protecting ourselves, those near us, and society in general. This might be a fine Advent prayer: "That soon and very soon, we might all be protected and well!"

Fr. Kevin

Thanksgiving Food Drive - **THANK YOU!**



The generosity of so many has once again proven to be a great gift to the needy of our surrounding neighborhood! Together, you have donated \$14,324 toward the purchase of cases of food for the East Central Community Center, to distribute to the needy of southeast Spokane.

THANK YOU!

Reconciliation

Just a reminder that Father Kevin is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 4:00—4:45 pm, in the entry area of the social hall or by appointment throughout the week.

