

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

219 E. Rockwood Blvd.  
Spokane, WA 99202

*4th Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2020*



## Fourth Sunday in Advent

### 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.**

#### **OUR PASTOR:** FATHER KEVIN A. CODD

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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](http://shparishspokane.org)***

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## 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 & live-streamed 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.

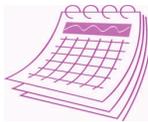


Parishioners will need to pre-register for the in-person Christmas Masses, and masks and social distancing will be required.

Registrations are now being accepted by phone, email, or through the parish website, but space is now very limited.

## 2021 Parish Calendars

Thank you once again to Holy Cross Funeral & Cemetery Services for providing our 2021 Parish Calendars. They are available in the vestibule of the Church with enough for one per family, please.



We also have a gift book for each parish family that we intended to mail to you, but the postage costs were too high, so they too are available in the vestibule and the parish office for you to pick up at your convenience.

## Funerals at Sacred Heart

During this time of pandemic, there are limitations on how we celebrate the funerals of our loved ones. Please contact Father Codd to begin the discussion of how best we can honor the memory of those who have recently died and entrust them into the loving hands of the Lord.

## 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](http://shparishspokane.org/donate)



## 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](mailto:office@shparishspokane.org), or through our website: [shparishspokane.org](http://shparishspokane.org), to register.

**Welcome!**

## 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!

## Christmas Week Office Hours



Our parish office will be closed from Wednesday, December 23rd, through Monday, December 28th, so that our office staff can enjoy the Christmas feasts.

## January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Our Mass Schedule

Due to the current pandemic and the efforts needed to maintain the church in a disinfected condition, we will NOT celebrate Mass in the church on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Father Kevin will livestream Mass from his home on December 31, 5:30 pm.



## 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.



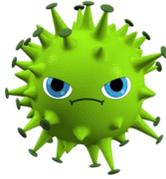
## Mass Intentions This Week

- Sat., Dec 19th +Edward Marshall by Irene Dufort
- Sun., Dec 20th +Kathryn Parry by Aggie Patterson

**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](mailto:jfelgen@comcast.net).

## 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.

**Thank you for your cooperation and care!**

## Religious Education News

We have exciting news to share! Starting in mid-January, our Sacramental Prep classes for 1st Communion and Confirmation, and Religious Ed classes for pre-school through 6th grade will start up again, as VIRTUAL programs! Mary Cooper, our Faith Formation Chairperson, veteran high school teacher of Theater, Stage, and English, and parent of two teenage Cataldo alums, and her mother Darlene Wilburn, herself a veteran teacher of both Sacramental Prep and Religious Ed classes for over 50 years, have generously offered to get this program off the ground, until a permanent catechist can be found. If you are interested in having your children prepare for the sacraments in the Spring, or participate in virtual Religious Ed classes, please contact the office, by phone at (509)747-5810, by email at [office@shparishspokane.org](mailto:office@shparishspokane.org), or through our website, under the Religious Education tab.



## A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

Finally, some very good news on the "pandemic front!" As you well know, the first vaccines against the coronavirus are on their way to our arms! Its going to take some months for most of us to get vaccinated, but what a joy to see the first recipients, health care workers on the front lines, receiving their shots earlier this week! If enough of us get vaccinated, that is 70-80% of us, we can expect "herd immunity" to kick in and knock this virus down, hopefully, by the end of summer, 2021...and maybe even sooner!

That word, "hopefully" is an important one! It is very much an Advent word! There are visceral connections between the spiritual waiting and hoping of the Advent season and our present experience of walking through this unexpected "Covid season" as we now wait *hopefully* for the relief that will come to us with vaccinations. We are living the reality of Advent in both ways, each infusing the other with more profound significance. As the Advent scriptures and traditions call us to hope in and prepare for a *savior* from our benighted status as frail human beings, it also teaches us how to handle *with hope* the particular darkness of this pandemic; even in this time of so much sickness, fear, and even death, we know there is light at the end of the tunnel and even as we walk towards that light, we are not alone or abandoned by God.

On the other hand, the experience of the pandemic makes our "spiritual Advent" come alive in a new and potent way by the actual experience of living in this covid-time. Advent is not just a spiritual exercise this year; it is so very real for us as we wait and hope and trust for the darkness to end.

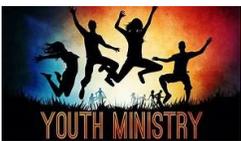


Hope is such an important gift that needs to be nurtured and shared if it is to lift our eyes from worry, so that we see the coming light and open our hearts from self-preoccupation, so that we might welcome healing and

salvation. In these final days of this particularly difficult Advent season, let us really and truly lift our eyes and open our hearts to the blessings to come. Let us strive to share that hope (and the joy it creates) with our family members, friends, and neighbors!

*Salvation comes!*

*Fr. Kevin*



## 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](mailto:youthgroup@shparishspokane.org)

*Abby and Justin Hurtubise*

## 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!**