

Sacred Heart

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Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart

March 29, 2020



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

All Public Masses Suspended in the Archdiocese beginning March 19, 2020 Due to COVID-19

As of March 20th, 2020 we are now Live Streaming Mass with Facebook Live.

Join Facebook and go to:

facebook.com/ bryan.j.b.pedersen

N.B. See COVID-19 Update on our Parish Website for the most up-to-date information.

> Livestream Schedule *Subject to Change*

Sunday— The Lord's Day Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday: 8:30 AM Mass—English (OF) 11:00 AM Mass—Latin (EF)

Daily Mass Live Stream Tuesday — Saturday: 8:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays in Main Church: 8:35 AM — 8:00 PM

N.B. When restrictions ease we intend to return to the former Mass schedule.

Parish Office Hours Closed to the General Public During Covid-19 Pandemic.

Parish Web Site www.shrmn.org Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

Sacred Heart Catholic School Daycare, Pre-K through 8th grade 4050 Hubbard Avenue North Robbinsdale, MN 55422 School Web Site sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org School Phone: 763-537-1329

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Pastor's Page Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

Sacred Heart Parish Mission Statement

"Sacred Heart Catholic Parish exists to foster a community of disciples in response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Worship, Fellowship, Catholic Education and Service"

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone is holding up well during this surreal time. I feel like I am in a movie. I'm sure many of you feel the same way. Usually by the end of the movie everything is solved, a vaccine or cure is made, and normalcy begins once again. Of course those movies are perhaps 90 or 120 minutes long. Our movie has gone on quite long enough and were still in the first quarter!

I've been having conversations with parishioners and staff these past two weeks asking them if ever in their life they experienced something like we are going through today. Deacon Ramsey told me that during his youth there was great fear surrounding Polio, it was a kind of fear that felt familiar to him. After a conversation with Anne Hedlund about surreal experiences she remembers that brought profound feelings were The Bay of Pigs event in Cuba, when there was a nuclear standoff between the Soviet Union and the United States. As a child in school she remembered drills and fallout shelters in the event a Nuclear War broke out. I remember seeing Fallout Shelter signs in my Catholic Grade School, not really knowing what they meant until I was an adult.

Other moments fixed into the memories of those living through them include the assassination of the first and only Catholic President of the United Sates of America, John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, or 9/11 when Al Qaeda terrorists turned planes into flying bombs destroying the iconic Twin Towers of New York City, a symbol of 20th Century life in the most prosperous nation in human history. I definitely remember in fine detail where I was, what I was doing on that Tuesday back in 2001. What does the Covid -19 Pandemic feel like? Perhaps those living during World War II might remember the rationing, and other war time sacrifices, and can give us a sense of what that means. There are few individuals still living who can share what is was like to live to the last worldwide pandemic known as Spanish Flu.

For me the most challenging thing has been the process of drawing up conceptual contingency plans about how to minister to you, only to have those plans changed at a moments notice, upending everything already decided. As I write this, it is only a few hours from Governor Tim Walz "Stay at Home" order starting March 27th at midnight thru April 10th. I am not yet sure how that will effect plans that I had made for offering Holy Communion after the Private Live Streamed Masses for family groups of no more than 10 at the Main Vestibule off of the Broadway Parking Lot. Entrance #8, and the solution regarding confessions with a station being set up in the same vestibule, a place for cars to drive up, and then enter the vestibule without touching any surfaces, etc.

Sacred Heart Catholic School will continue through distance learning through May 4th until such time as another order from the Governor changes things. We will continue to Live stream Mass on Facebook. For the most up-to-date information please visit our website. There are three buttons that appear prominently as you land on our page at shrmn.org.

The first is the "SH COVID-19 Updates" button. Here you will find the latest information about all things at Sacred Heart regarding the Pandemic and how it effect the ministries of Sacred Heart Parish. The second is the "Holy Mass Live Streaming" button. Here you will find information about how to watch the Mass I am recording live from Sacred Heart so we can have some sense of our sacramental life together even if united virtually and in the power of the Holy Spirit. The third is our "Online Giving" button. Like

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Appointed Sunday Readings 5th Sunday of Lent-3/29/2020

First Reading: You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! (Ez 37:13) **Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130) Second Reading: But if Christ is in you, alt-

hough the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. (Rom 8:10)

Gospel: Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." (Jn 11:25)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings **Passion Sunday**

Epistle: Brethren: Christ being come an High

Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation: (Heb 9:1 1-15)

Gradual: Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: teach me to do Thy will. (Ps. 142:9, 10) Gospel: At that time Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews: Which of you shall convince Me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe Me? (John 8:46-59)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Mar 30—Saturday, April 4 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

[cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd,

13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember In your prayers

Those Who Are III: Darlene Doran, Brady Swenson, Andrea DeOtis, Tom Ambrose, Bunny Dargis, Mary Jo Faustgen, David Bonicatto, Paul Piazza Sr., Kathy Johnston, Dianna Weiss, Tom Fox, Medard Kaisershot, Kevin Cassidy.

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces: Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble

Those Who Have Died Recently: Grace Partyka, Megan Berglund, & Duane Coutts

Administration

Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for March 14 & 15 2020 (week 37)	Dollars	#	Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$ 7,371.75		82
Electronic Donations	\$ 7,372.00		61
Plate (non envelope) collections	\$ 1,206.00		
Total Collections for week 37	\$15,949.75		143
Year-to-date Sunday Collections			
	<u>This Year</u>	Last Year	<u>Ahead</u>
Actual versus last year March 15, 2020 (week 37)	\$ 446,233	\$430,945	\$15,288
	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>(Behind)</u>

Actual versus Budget March 15, 2020 (week 37) Ś 446,233 \$464,610 \$(18,377)

Latest Update Regarding Parish Activities Due to COVID-19

- If parishioners are in need of any assistance, please contact the parish office at 763-537-4561
- Please follow both our website (www.shrmn.org) and Facebook (Church of the Sacred Heart @shrobbinsdale and Sacred Heart Catholic School @SHCSRobbinsdale) for all updates and other ways to stay connected to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School during this time.
- All activities and meetings have been canceled at this time.
- The Parish Office will remain open for working staff only. The main building will be closed to the public until further notice, with the exception of deliveries. We will be answering phones if we are able. Most employees will be working from home.
- Since many of you may revert to more on-line shopping, if you are shopping on Ama-• zon, please shop through Amazon Smile or by using the link below. Amazon donates .5% off the price of your purchase to support Sacred Heart during this challenging time. https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0834785
- Click on these links from the MN Department of Health regarding current COVID-19 information. MNDept of Health - COVID-19 and GeneralInfo COVID-19
- We know that these are difficult times for everyone. If you are able to continue with your offertory giving to Sacred Heart, please feel free to mail in your contributions. If you have not utilized our on-line capability, please go to our "Donate" button on the cover page of the website and follow these instructions. It is a safe and secure way to give on-line. Detailed instruction from Vanco on separate insert We certainly appreciate your continued support of Sacred Heart especially during this time and always.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration: Please check the "SH COVID-19 Updates" button on our website during the "Stay at Home" period from March 27th—April 10th for the latest.

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bars, gyms, and other large public venues the public cancellation of Mass during the Heart of Lent leading up to Easter will have an impact on our finances this year. Traditionally the Lenten-Easter cycle is one of the most important periods for our bottom line. Most everyone in our nation is facing some economic displacement. Whether Religious organizations such as Sacred Heart and others will receive temporary Government assistance is unclear. For those still able please use the Online Giving Button on our website to continue your support of the mission and ministries of Sacred Heart.

Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen Fr. Brvan J.B. Pedersen Pastor

Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, P.S. My gratitude to the Church and School staff for putting in long hours and refining their technology skills to creatively continues their ministries during this surreal period.

Sacred Heart Catholic School



Please join our staff and students on Relevant Radio 1330 AM each day at 11:05 a.m. to say the Litany in Time of Need. This is a wonderful way we can gather as a community to pray together at the same time for protection and help.

Visit our Strong Faith-based School

Parents are welcome to schedule a personalized tour during our school day to observe our classes in action. We have started registering for the 2020-2021 school year. We have many options for Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten, including half and full days. Discover our school and the activities that enhance each child's educational experience. Come see how integrated faith lessons combined with our C-STEM program enrich our classrooms each day. We are preparing our students for 21st Century skills called the 4 C's: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Call the school office to schedule a tour, 763.537.1329.

Online Learning at SHCS

On March 30th, our students will begin online learning. What does that mean? Students engage in online learning using appropriate educational materials and they receive daily interaction with their teachers. Our students in grades 4-8 will be using an online platform called Google Classroom. Teachers may record a lesson or provide a video and assign online homework on a daily basis. Students/teachers will be communicating daily with each other to answer questions and provide support.. Students in grades PreK-3rd grade, received homework packets to take home and they will also be using some websites that allow for individualized learning in all subject areas. Teachers have worked hard planning lessons that are meaningful so that students can be successful learning at home using our current curriculum and online resources

Gerten's Plant Sale -Orders due on April 14th

Our students are selling plants through Gerten's Plants, including large planters, hanging baskets, annuals and perennials. Start thinking about your garden and get your green thumbs ready to plant. Order forms are due April 14th. Plants will be delivered on May 7th, just in time for Mother's Day. You may drop off forms and money at the parish reception desk.

Like our Facebook Page - Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent

http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale Follow us on Twitter - <u>https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdal1</u>

To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Initiation - RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman in the Parish Office.

Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

MARCH		
Sun. 29	8:30 AM	Richard Piazza+
	11:00 AM	Parishioners
Tues. 31	8:00 AM	James Lanier+

APRIL

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Wed.	1	8:00 AM	Bruce Johnston+
Thu.	2	8:00 AM	Kenny Lehn+
Fri.	3	8:00 AM	Helen Kiedrowski
Sat.	4	8:00 AM	Fr. John E. McGrath+
		4:00 PM	Richard Larson+
			Paul Schleisman+
			Diane Carter
Sun.	5	8:30 AM	Ronald Raskob &
			Jacqueline+ Raskob
		11:00 AM	Parishioners

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

- 1. Go to formed.org/signup
- 2. Select your parish
- 3. Register with your name and email address
- 4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Check out the many

Children's Videos Youth Programs Documentaries Modern-Day Saints Saints of History Men & Women of Faith Audio Dramas Audiobooks Faith Formation Bible Studies So Much More!!!!



Adult Faith Formation



CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Journey through the Scriptures Session 5– The Ark of the Covenant

In this session we're going to focus on the connections between Mary and the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament. This is going to lead us to see why she is referred to as the Ark of the New Covenant. Session 5: Tuesday March 24, two sessions will be offered. During the day from 1– 2:30pm and an evening session 7-8:30pm.

Religious Education

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES OR SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Continue checking your email and wait for more information concerning classes in the weeks to follow. Families can pick up their child's workbook and lesson plan guide in the parish office. Please take time to work on the lessons with your children at home. If possible, it might help maintain some normalcy to work on these lessons on Wednesday evenings. You can find additional resources and activities at: <u>https://</u>

Pre-Baptism Classes



PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are

required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. In case of emergency contact Fr. Pedersen at <u>fr.bpedersen@shrmn.org</u>.

Youth Ministry

All in person Youth Ministry Events ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

But just because we can't meet in person, that doesn't mean Youth Ministry will be stopping! We will be transitioning to online ministry to keep everything going. What does that mean for everyone? We will be having a variety of great opportunities to stay engaged to the Sacred Heart community, grow in your faith, and have fun! Check your email for all the details on what will be going on. If you aren't receiving Youth Ministry email updates please email Matt Kruc at <u>mkruc@shrmn.org</u> to be added to the email list. Also be sure to follow Sacred Heart Youth Ministry on Instagram @sacredheartmn to keep up to date with everything that's going on.

Sacred Heart Raffle

Tickets are now available for the Sacred Heart Raffle. A total of \$20,000 is available in cash prizes, with a grand prize of \$15,000 cash. The tickets are \$100 per ticket and only 600 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 11:00a.m. in the Parish Commons. You need not be present to win. Ticket order forms are available at the main reception desk and also on our website (<u>www.shrmn.org</u>). We have already received some ticket orders, so don't wait – get your tickets now before all 600 are sold!

THANKSGIVING THE SESSION OF THE MASS PETITION

Respect Life Ministry



Jericho March & Solemn Good Friday Vigil CANCELLED

From Pro-Life Action Ministries: Permits have been revoked or not granted For our Jericho March, March 30 – April 5, 2020 and our Solemn Good Friday Vigil, April 10, 2020. This will be the first time in 37 years that our Good Friday Vigil will be cancelled. Our staff is working on creating an <u>online alternative for Good Friday</u>. Check PLAM.org for details.

Though the mandates from governments prohibit our organizing large events, we still must be present sidewalk counseling and in **prayer support** outside these places of death **to pray and do our best to reach out to save the lives of the babies about to be killed**. We can do this with "social distancing," taking care to avoid contracting or spreading COVID-19.

thru Sunday, April 5, 2020

PLANNED PARENTHOOD, 671 VANDALIA ST., ST. PAUL, MN 55114 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.

"Survived 25 Club"

MARCH ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Please keep the following couple and their intentions in your prayers.

Rob & Terri Fleck 27 years

May God continue to bless you and keep you strong in your vocation of marriage!

This amazing marriage is being brought to you by the "Survived 25 Club".

The past few weeks the St. Joseph Altar has been adorned with the names of members of the Survived 25 Club. St. Joseph being the patron of these couples. This amounts to 68 couples married a grand total of 3,135 years!

St. Joseph pray for us especially in these times!

If you would like your marriage of 25 years or more recognized please call, Laurel Murry 763-535-4101 or Anne Hedlund 763-535-4275.

"SHCCW SPRING LUNCHEON UPDATE

Annual SHCCW style show cancelled for 4/18/2020. We are sad to report that due to new restrictions for groups gathering as well as dining restrictions, we have decided to cancel this year's style show. It is a difficult decision as the style show generates a good deal of money used to contribute to Sacred Heart and the surrounding community. The health and wellbeing of our parishioners and guests, food preparers and servers and models is a high priority. We hope you will join us again next spring.

Never be afraid of giving. There is a deep joy in giving, since what we receive is much more than what we give. Saint Mother Terese of Calcutta

Calendar of Events

****THERE ARE NO PUBLIC EVENTS SCHEDULED****

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29 –5th Sunday of Lent, New; 1st Sunday of the Passion, Traditional

Monday, March 30– St. John Climacus 605, Historical

Tuesday, March 31-St. Benjamin 421, Hist.

Wednesday, April 1– St. Hugh 1112, Historical

Thursday, April 2- St Francis of Paola 1507

Friday, April 3-Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Traditional*

Saturday, April 4– St. Isidore of Seville 636

PLEASE CHECK THE SACRED HEART WEBSITE <u>Covid-19 Update</u> And Our Facebook Page For most up-to-date info.

Like and Follow the Church of the Sacred Heart on Facebook



https://www.facebook.com/ shrobbinsdale/

Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: <u>cshadmin@shrmn.org</u>

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this

LIVE THE LITURGY

We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love (or someone we don't even know), a failed relationship, the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our own mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences is going to say volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people who were struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or see God's presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and be given new life. Walk with God and listen to Him call you. Tomorrow, there awaits another surprise.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE DO THAT? -CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer: Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

Third Scrutiny

Our catechumens are excited about their impending celebration of the Easter Sacraments at our Easter Vigil. Let us keep them close to our hearts as they enter into final, intense preparation for the sacraments. Let us pray. Good and forgiving God, The Easter Sacraments are drawing near and your children who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist confess their faith in you. Help them to strive against worldly desires and rescue them from ignorance of you. Give us courage to walk with them as they approach your altar

for the first time and receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Help us to be models of Christian life for them and welcome them to the Mystical Body of Christ. We ask all this in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

CREATING A VANCO ACCOUNT

Step 1: Start by visiting <u>www.shrmn.org</u> and clicking on the "Donate" Button in the right hand corner of main page. You will then view this page.

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Step 6: Select the type of account and enter payment details on subsequent screen. Select "Process" once all payment details have been input.

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