



Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

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

Public Masses have resumed at no Greater than 50%, or 250 persons in the Church due to COVID-19 in accord with Gov. Walz' protocols

Mass Live Streaming will continue for Daily Mass and for one weekend Mass.

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To attend Mass in Church a sign-up must be used. It can be found on our Website.

Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass - In Church

5:30 PM - Parking Lot Mass

** Tune Radio to FM 104.9 **

Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church

10:00 AM Mass - In Church

11:30 AM Latin Mass - In Church

Daily Mass Live Stream

Tuesday — Friday:

8:00 AM Mass - In Church

Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9 AM - 2PM
N.B. When restrictions ease we intend to return to the former schedule.

Parish Office Hours

Open to the General Public.

Parish Web Site: shrmn.org

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

December 6, 2020



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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

Advent Themes

In the holy season of Advent, the Church reads and hears the great prophecies of Isaiah which express the hope of the entire people of Israel in the coming of the Messiah. The message of St. John the Baptist bids us all prepare the way of the Lord through repentance and works of mercy. St. Paul commands us to rejoice “for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed” Romans 13:11b. The Archangel Gabriel announces to St. Mary God’s plan for our salvation, a plan crafted with the divine heart of love. These four themes are likewise represented by the four advent candles which mark the time of this short season.



As a Flocknote message recently sent to all parishioners noted: The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

- The first candle symbolizes our **hope** which comes from God’s promises.
- The second candle reminds us to prepare for the Lord bringing **peace** to our conscience through repentance.
- The third candle represents the **joy** that Jesus brings to us through His incarnation.
- The fourth candle represents the **love** of the angels who

announced the good news, and the fruitful response in the “yes” of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Love begets love. *The white candle in the center which some wreaths include such as the one in our sanctuary represent the Nativity of our Lord.

Unlike the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday, Advent usually catches us by surprise coming as it does amidst Thanksgiving celebrations and the transition to the secular holiday season. Marking time liturgically and remembering the importance of Advent as a season of expectant hope and preparation, roots us deeply in our Catholic identity. Perhaps you have yet to get out your family Advent wreath. It is ok. Fetch it from storage and place it on your dining room table or another appropriate table. Each Sunday gather your family, or if by yourself take a moment to mark the time. Light the candles and follow the provided prayers in the **Magnificat Advent Companion** which hopefully you were able to pick up at Church on the first Sunday of Advent. Prayers for the lighting of each Advent Candle was also found in last weekend’s bulletin. (Link Below)

<https://shrmn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/11-29-2020-W-First-Sunday-of-Advent.pdf>

Appointed Sunday Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent-12/6/2020

First Reading: A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

Psalms: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading: The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire,... (2 Pt 3:10)

Gospel: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Brethren, What things soever were written, were written for our learning: that, through patience.... (Rom.15:4-13)

Gradual: Out of Sion the loveliness of His beauty:...(Ps.49:2,3,5)

Gospel: At that time, when John had heard in prison the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples, he said to Him:.... (Matt.11:2-10)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Dec. 7—Saturday, Dec. 12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers

Those Who Are Ill: Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Bunny Dargis, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Bonstock, Shelly Steward, Gregory Dahlgren, Michael Dahlgren

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:

Steve Smaciarz,

Administration

Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for November 21 & 22 2020 (week 21)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$ 3,350.00	49
Electronic Donations	\$ 747.50	14
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$ 727.00	
Total Collections for week 21	\$ 4,824.50	63

Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	This Year	Last Year	Behind
Actual versus last year Nov 22, 2020 (week 21)	\$ 227,318	\$239,227	\$(11,909)
	This Year	Budget	Ahead
Actual versus Budget Nov 22, 2020 (week 21)	\$ 227,318	\$225,643	\$ 1,675

Year-End Giving

It's not too early to start thinking about year-end giving for 2020. Many of you are starting to make these decisions during this time. There are various ways to maximize the benefits of your year-end giving for you and your parish, e.g., stock contributions, employer matching funds, Christmas envelopes. Many of you also like to make year-end contributions from your IRA accounts. In response to COVID-19, there were some changes made to the tax code to incentivize charitable giving in 2020. Please speak with your financial advisor, accountant or attorney to find out more about this and any other options you might have for year-end giving.

You can also make an on-line gift at any time at www.shrmn.org – Click the **Donate** button.

Attention Please– Note on Mass Sign-Ups

Watch the bulletin, website and Flocknote in the coming week for new information on Mass Sign-up after Dec. 12/13 and also Christmas Mass sign-up. If you have any questions at this time, please contact the Parish Office.

Advent/Christmas Guide

The annual Advent/Christmas Guide has been mailed to all active households. It is also on our website under Announcements. If you need an extra copy, please stop in the Parish Office.

Additional Weekend Mass Slots Added

We have added additional Mass sign-ups for the Weekend Masses through mid-December.
Links can be accessed on the Sacred Heart Website

Mass times will be as follows:

Saturday – 4:00PM in Church **Saturday - 5:30PM** Parking Lot (FM 104.9 in car)

Sunday – 8AM, 10AM, 11:30AM (Latin) all in Church **Daily Masses - 8AM Tue. – Fri.**

One of the Masses will be live streamed and posted for viewing.

MASS SIGN-UP & PROCESS

You will be required to sign-up for a pew slot The SignUp link is available on the Sacred Heart website (www.shrmn.org) and through flocknote e-mail messages. You can also contact the Parish Office if you need assistance in using SignUp.

- **Wednesday Individual Communion Dates: December 9, 16, 23, 30**

Sacred Heart Catholic School



We will be enrolling students for the 2021-2022 school year beginning December 3rd

It is not too early to start thinking about the 2021-2022 school year. We have had a very successful first trimester with in-person learning. Our students are thriving academically and socially by being in school each day, learning from our teachers. We planned and met all summer long to write our safety protocol plan and it is working! Please call Pat Moore to set up a virtual tour or an in-person tour after school.

Wish List

We are in need of new or gently used children's gloves and mittens for our students. Often, our students forget them at home or lose at school. We would appreciate any donations.

2020-2021 Aim Higher Scholarships

The Aim Higher Scholarship is awarded to students from families seeking tuition assistance and the scholarship follows students through 8th grade. The application window is Nov. 1-Feb. 20th.

Visit mytads.com to create an account or login to an existing one. Scholarships will be awarded early March.

Schulze Early Learning Scholarship Program

The Schulze Family Foundation has created scholarships to assist middle-income families in gaining access to excellent preschool programs for their children. Sacred Heart Catholic School has an 4-Star Parent Aware program. You are eligible to apply if your child will be attending an eligible Catholic preschool, your child will be in their last year of preschool in 2021-2022 and your family is middle income.

Apply---<http://schulzefamilyfoundation.org>

Like our Facebook Page - [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](https://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale)

<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

Follow us on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdal1>

Youth Ministry

We have replenished our supply of Guatemalan coffee. You can purchase the coffee at the Main Reception desk for \$13 per bag. We have a variety of Dark Ground/Bean, French Ground/Bean, Medium Ground/Bean. Thank you for supporting the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Program!



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The Church of the Sacred Heart is served by the clergy of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Priest Staff: Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

Deacon: Dr. James Ramsey

Mass Intentions

****This Schedule is subject to change****

DECEMBER

Sun. 6	8:00 AM	Leslie & Rita Joseph+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:30 AM	Rev. David J. Scheidler+
Mon. 7	5:30 PM	Theresa Maus+
Parking Lot		
F.M.104.9		
Tues. 8	8:00 AM	Gladys Reisdorfer+
	12:00 PM	Carol Hanson+
Latin	6:00 PM	Parishioners
Wed. 9	8:00 AM	Bruce Johnston+
Thu. 10	8:00 AM	Fr. Aaron Loch
Fri. 11	8:00 AM	Patricia & Albert Kempf+
Sat. 12	4:00 PM	Darlene Johnston+
Parking Lot		
	5:30PM	Bill Fannon+
F.M.104.9		
Sun. 13	8:00 AM	Dave Bonicatto+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:30 AM	Marie Whalen

Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am - Noon
- Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30a-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am - Noon

****Note: No more than 10 people in the Chapel for prayer at any given time.**

Practice physical distancing.

Use disinfectant provided in Chapel to wipe your area after you leave**

Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Friday 7:30-7:45a.m.
Saturdays 9-10a.m. and 2:30-3:30pm
Sign is on Door #8 with Instructions.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am-2:00pm

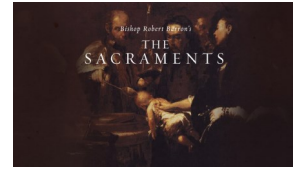


Faith Formation

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S THE SACRAMENTS

Until further notice these sessions will be in Virtual Mode. Seminarian Nick Stark will send out a Flocknote to registered participants with a link to the Session and an email will be sent with the Handouts.

Session 3: The Sacrament of the Eucharist is scheduled for Wednesday December 16 starting at 7pm. If you have any concerns or questions please email or call Bunny in the Parish Office. Email: bbrouillard@shrmn.org.
763-285-6247 (Direct Line)
763-537-4561 (Main Line)



Pre-Baptism Class



PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

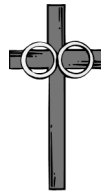
Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is

Tuesday December 8 at 7pm in the Activities Building. **If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office 763-537-4561.**

"Survived 25 Club"

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Please keep the following couples and their intentions in your prayers:



Ray & Kathie Swadner 59 years
Larry & Bernie Novak 58 years
Tim & Margie Moline 50 years
Charlie & Anne Hedlund 46 years
Mike & Laurel Murry 46 years

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

These amazing marriages are being brought to you by the "Survived 25 Club". If you would like your December or January marriage of 25 years or more recognized please call us now, Laurel Murry 763-535-4101 or Anne Hedlund 763-535-4275.

Yes, our faces show the traces of the years that have gone by.

But it's hard to see the wrinkles with a twinkle in your eye.

And though the vision may have softened, one thing still is crystal clear, older love looks so much better when you hold it very near.

From the book "Older Love" by Warren Hanson

Flower Christmas Fund



FLOWER CHRISTMAS FUND

Once again it is time for our Christmas Flower Fund to make donations for flowers to decorate the church. You can drop off your Christmas Flower Fund donation in the Offertory Collection or drop off in the parish office on or before Sunday December 20 to be included in the Christmas insert.

Thank you!

Respect Life Ministry

THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION (HALO) A Voice for the Medically Vulnerable

HALO's mission is to promote, protect, and advocate for the rights of vulnerable patients facing the grave consequences of unjust healthcare rationing and unethical practices, especially those at risk of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

HALO addresses a wide array of bioethical issues including hospice fraud and abuse that sometimes hastens death, organ transplantation and the flawed criteria used to diagnose "brain death", elder abuse, withholding of food and water from patients, and much more. The 24/7 HALO Helpline (1-888-221-4256) offers free and confidential information and referrals for anyone who has concerns about the treatment and care a patient is receiving in any healthcare setting, at home or in a facility. For more information, visit www.halovoice.org.



"Christmas Caroling for Life" (St. Paul/Mpls)

December 12, 2020, 8-9:30 a.m.

Three locations:

*Robbinsdale Clinic (Chapel of the Innocents parking lot) 3821 W. Broadway Robbinsdale, MN 55422

*Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia Street, Saint Paul, MN 55114

*Whole Woman's Health, 8053 E Bloomington Freeway, Bloomington, MN

Caroling for Life brings the Christmas message of peace and joy to the darkness of the abortion facility. Join other pro-lifers at abortion facilities across the country as we sing our favorite carols reminding abortion-bound mothers that the salvation of the world became possible through the tiny baby Jesus! All are welcome!

News From Other Sources



Do you or a family member or friend need to learn about resources to help with an addiction concern? Or you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX.

HELP IS ONE CALL AWAY

CALIX is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program.

On a confidential basis, you can call # 651-779-6828 or 612-383-8232. The contact is a CALIX member and you need not provide your name. You can receive information on CALIX, meeting times, resources and events.

Perhaps this one call will be a crucial recovery path action. And save a life.

*Let go of the past and reach forward. There is yet...
more life to live,
more love to give,
more joy to share and
more happiness to know.*

Calendar of Events

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 6– 2nd Sunday of Advent;
St. Nicholas**

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:30 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, December 7–St. Ambrose; Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

5:30 PM Parking Lot Mass

Tuesday, December 8– Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

12:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

6:00 PM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Wednesday, December 9–St. Juan Diego 1548

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Thursday, December 10– St. Melchiodes 314, Trad.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Friday, December 11– St. Damasus I 384, Trad.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Saturday, December 12– Our Lady of Guadalupe 1531

4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

5:30 PM Parking Lot Mass

**Sunday, December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent;
St. Lucy 304**

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:30 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen



PLEASE CHECK THE SACRED HEART WEBSITE Covid-19 Update 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: cshadmin@shrmn.org

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (AL, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COLOR THE
PICTURE.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

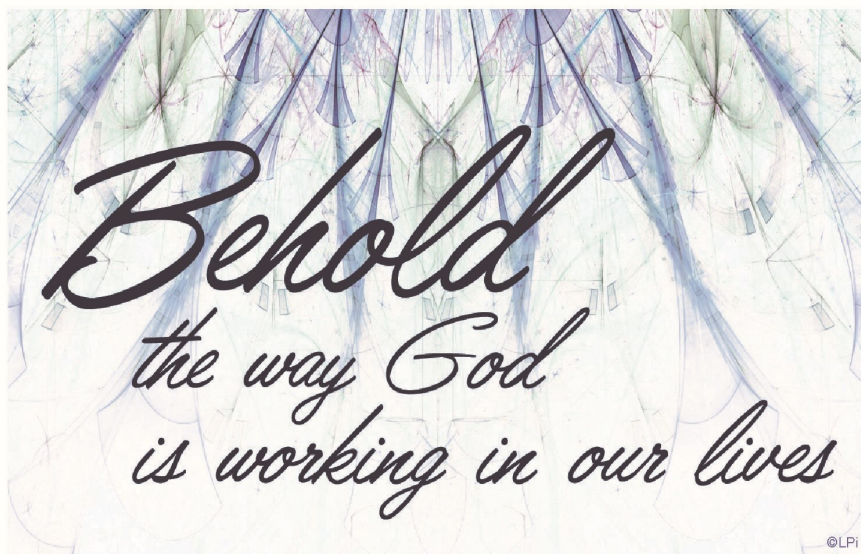
John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.



THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

~ DECEMBER 2020 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>See Bottom Right For subsequent months or extra copies-call or write</i>		<u>1</u> POPE FRANCIS	<u>2</u> YOUR PASTOR	<u>3</u> REV. DOUGLAS EDWARD DANDURAND ORD 1982	<u>4</u> REV. BENABE VINCENT DAVILA OP ORD 2017	<u>5</u> REV. DENNIS JOSEPH DEASE ORD 1969
		<u>6</u> REV. JAMES ROBERT DEBRUYCKER ORD 1982	<u>7</u> REV. JAMES DAVID DEEGAN OMI ORD 1970	<u>8</u> BP. DONALD EDWARD DEGROOD ORD 1997	<u>9</u> REV. DENNIS KEITH DEMPSEY ORD 1980	<u>10</u> REV. RONALD G. (RON) DESROSIER SM ORD 1963
<u>13</u> REV. GORDON MATHIAS DOFFING ORD 1960	<u>14</u> REV. JOHN GREGORY DONAHUE ORD 1960	<u>15</u> REV. JOHN MATTHEW DREES ORD 2013	<u>16</u> REV. THOMAS WILLIAM DUFNER ORD 1983	<u>17</u> REV. GERALD LEO DYORAK ORD 1979	<u>18</u> REV. DOUGLAS ALLEN EBERT ORD 2009	<u>19</u> REV. JOHN PAUL ECHERT ORD 1987
<u>20</u> REV. LYLE MATTHEW (MATTHEW) EHMKE ORD 1970	<u>21</u> REV. DALE WILLIAM EHRMAN ORD 1990	<u>22</u> REV. ALLAN PAUL EILEN ORD 2009	<u>23</u> REV. JOAH TIMOTHY ELLIS ORD 2013	<u>24</u> REV. JOHN PAUL ERICKSON ORD 2006	<u>25</u> REV. MICHAEL ANTHONY BERLANDER ORD 1968	<u>26</u> REV. GREGORY LEE ESTY ORD 1975
<u>27</u> REV. BRYCE ANDREW EVANS ORD 2017	<u>28</u> REV. <u>DENNIS</u> <u>D</u> <u>EVENSON</u> ORD 1967	<u>29</u> REV. JOSEPH LEO FEDDERS OSB ORD 1999	<u>30</u> REV. PAUL F FEELA ORD 1978	<u>31</u> ABP. BERNARD HEBDA BP. ANDREW COZZENS	Frank Renshaw 2450 Merrimac Lane N Plymouth MN 55447-2118	Phone: 763-473-4096 Email: frenshaw@ hnoj.org

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTION

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the World. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and Holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Mass, Rosary, Fasting,
Day of Offering,
Eucharistic Adoration,
Offering of Sufferings,
Or - *whatever the Lord
inspires you to offer Him...*

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

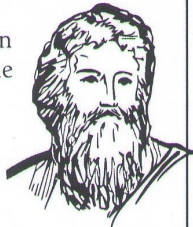
December 2020

Sacred Heart Church
Robbinsdale MN.

One Minute Meditations

Holiday advice

The holiday season is an important time in the Church but, in the midst of a pandemic, it can also be a time when health worries, money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, *"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."* (Philippians 4:8).



Unborn joy

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb ..." (Luke 1:40). Even in the womb, John was filled with joy to serve God. With the coming of Christmas, look for ways to do God's will and then leap for joy as you fulfill His plan.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



God is love

We call God "Creator," "Savior," "Father," yet when we really want to understand who He is, one word is enough. God is love.

"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love."

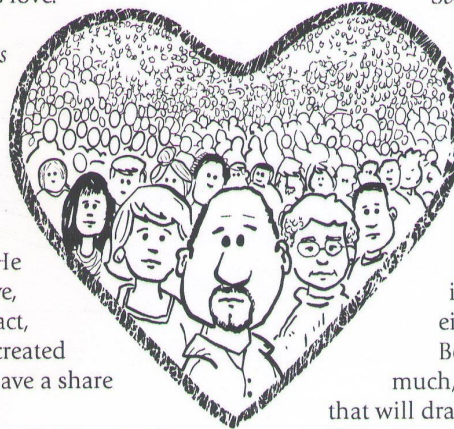
(1 John 4:-8). Love is the very nature and essence of God Himself. He doesn't just love, He is love. In fact, that's why He created us, so we can have a share in that love.

We are not simply swept up in the good will God has toward all his creations. He loves each of us as individuals and that love is never-ending and unconditional. *"Can*

a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name" (Isaiah 49:15-16). This is not necessarily because we are good; we can't possibly earn the vast love He has for us. But the good news is we can't lose it either.

Because He loves us so much, He denies us nothing that will draw us closer to him and to life in Heaven. *"For God so loved the world,"* Jesus declared, *"that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in a "virgin birth?"

Before Jesus was born, Isaiah was told, *"the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel"* (Isaiah 7:14). The virgin birth was documented in Luke 1:34.

Had Jesus been conceived like the rest of

us, He could not have been a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).



Awaken to the presence of God on Christmas morning

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). An amazing truth occurred at the first Christmas; God came and lived among us. Even more amazing, He continues to live among us. During Advent, take steps to become more aware of His presence.

Begin each day in his presence. Before you get out of bed in the morning, place yourself in His presence. Take a few minutes to focus on a sacred picture or an image that will help you to



"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

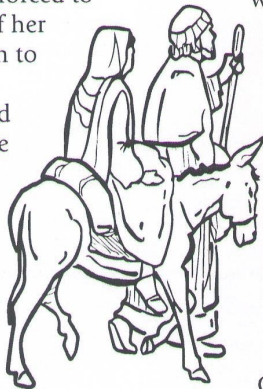
Seek God's Word. Start your day with Scripture such as the daily Mass readings (found on www.usccb.org) or another reading you choose. Ask God to teach you during the day from that selection.

Speak to him throughout the day. Picture the Lord next to you throughout your day and talk with Him as you experience the day together. Brother Lawrence, a 17th century monk, suggested prayer shouldn't be confined to formal times.

from Scripture

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, God chooses each of us in a special way.

Mary and Joseph were forced to travel in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On foot or donkey, it was a dirty and exhausting journey. Once there, they had no option for decent housing and had to stay in a stable with animals. Young Mary gave birth in crude conditions with no friend or family to help.



After a short time, they fled to Egypt with their newborn to escape threats from the government, and stayed there for several years. There

were no friendly faces to greet the family once they arrived and they had to make their own way in an unfamiliar land.

Refugees all over the world flee violence like the Holy Family. Catholics have a special charge to protect them and those who are vulnerable: children, elderly, and poor.

Like Mary's and Joseph's, God has a special place for each of us in his plan of salvation. Prayerfully ask God what he wants you to do for him and his kingdom.

Q & A How do Catholics benefit from praying the Rosary?

The Rosary is a simple prayer adapted from the complex prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us. In addition, the



mysteries of the Rosary introduce us to the lives of Jesus and Mary. Each mystery is associated with a fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the Rosary opens us to the graces to be more Christ-like.

A prayer with roots in Scripture, the Rosary begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic Faith. The Our Father that introduces each mystery is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary that follows is from the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross (1591). As a Carmelite, St. John led a reform in the Order to encourage more prayer and simplicity. Briefly jailed over a misunderstanding, some of his best spiritual writing came from this experience.

Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, he was ordained into the Society of Jesus and vigorously safeguarded the Catholic faith through writings and teaching. His work, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, is still used today.

Dec. 26 – St. Stephen (first century). A deacon of the early Church, St. Stephen preached that God can be found everywhere, not just in one place like the temple. He angered the Jewish authorities and became the first martyr of the Catholic Church.

Dec. 27 – The Holy Family (1st century). On the feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. By their love and support of one another the Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.



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