

# Sacred Heart Parish

## REFLECTION for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Can you feel it. The anticipation and joy of Christmas. It never gets old, nor we too old for it. Here are a few quotes I found concerning Christmas:

Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.  
~Author unknown

This is the message of Christmas: We are never alone. ~Taylor Caldwell

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. ~Burton Hillis

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. ~Charles Dickens

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself. ~Norman Wesley Brooks

Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. ~Calvin Coolidge

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly. ~Andy Rooney

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, — not even a mouse:  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.... ~Clement Clarke Moore

## Parish Information

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:  
Mon. to Friday 7:00 p.m.  
During Advent only.

Holy Hour of Adoration:  
Third Sunday of each Month  
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation  
Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:  
Six month notice is required.  
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:  
Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

## Current Date

December 21, 2014  
The Fourth Sunday in Advent

### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

Last week 's Collection	\$2,092.00
Building Fund	50.00
Shepherd's Fund	50.00
Donations in memory of deceased [too many to list here]	635.00
Flowers	150.00

### **THANK YOU**

Our parish has so much to thank God for as we enter into this festive season. As we take a rest from the fund-raising activities, the meetings, and all that keeps the parish vibrant, we step back and look at the big picture. So, this week, Christmas, it is fitting that we give thanks to the source of all our graces, blessings, and gifts. Yes, we thank God for the gift of His Son, our Messiah, and our all-in-all.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

If you, or someone you know, wish to inquire into the process of being received as new members of the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil next Spring, please contact the Office. Preparation will begin as soon as interested people come forward

### **SICK VISITING**

Our visiting is going well. Because of the restrictions on visiting at the Hospital and Long-Term Care Home, we have been unable to provide this ministry there. Do you know someone who is sick at home and shut-in and would like to receive Holy Communion and a visit from our ministers?

If so, then let us know. You can contact the Office or Fr. Don at home.

### **NEED A RIDE**

Christmas is a time of grace; it is a time of new beginnings/ opportunities. It is a time to listen to the voice of the Lord. His voice can come from unexpected places. Some seniors have asked if we can provide a ride to our Christmas and week-end Masses. This has led to a new ministry that we are happy to offer freely and lovingly. If you know a senior who would like to have a regular ride to and from Mass arranged, please call the Office or Fr. Don.

### **PARISH CALENDARS**

There are only 70 calendars left of the 500 that were ordered. We ask those who have purchased one to help us advertize by showing them to your family & friends over the holidays as this is our profit to be given to the parish. If you wish to buy one please call Joan P. (785-7465) or the Parish Office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Dec 22 Mon	Shane Larkin
Dec 23 Tues	Elizabeth Brake
Dec 24 7pm	Jerome/ Elsie Beales
Dec 24 12 am	Geraldine/ Edward Bennett
Dec 25 11am	Parish Community
Dec 26 Fri	No Mass
Dec 27 Sat	John Leonard
Dec 28 Sun	Parish Community

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

<u>Dec 24 (Wed)</u>	7:00 pm, 12 midnight
<u>Dec 25 (Thurs)</u>	11:00am
<u>Dec 26 (Fri)</u>	No Mass

<u>Dec 27 (Sat)</u>	4:30 pm
<u>Dec 28 (Sun)</u>	11:00 am
<u>Dec 29 &amp; 30 (Mon &amp; Tues)</u>	No Masses
<u>Dec 31 (Wed)</u>	4:30 pm
<u>Jan 1 (Thurs)</u>	11:00 am
<u>Jan 2 (Fri)</u>	Lohnes_ 2 pm
<u>Then back to regular schedule</u>	

**A PARISH HISTORY** We are preparing a history of the Parish. Mr. Tom Collier is working on this and has gathered a lot of information. We are looking for a photo Fr. St. Croix. As well, if you have old photos of parish life, former priests, the convent, prominent people, and/or activities from the past, we would like to have copies of them. With your help, we can make this historical record more complete. Contact the Office.

**TREE OF GIVING:** A small tree is placed at the back of the church. On it you will see tags with a grocery item written on them. You are encouraged to take one of those tags and return the grocery item to put under the tree. All food donated will be given to the food bank to help those in need.

**THANK YOU!!** Your generosity is awesome. Most of the food has been delivered to the food bank. The remainder will be delivered on Dec.. 22nd. or 23rd. Please be aware that donations are accepted for the food bank at any time of the year.

**ENVELOPES** for next year are now available at the back of the church. If you are from another parish, but attend our church frequently, you may call the office to

request a pk. of envelopes for 2015. There are only 10 extra boxes so get yours soon.

**Fr. Buckle** is currently in hospital in St. John's awaiting surgery. Please remember him in your prayers.

**FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:** To donate to this effort, please use one of the **BLUE** -- Special Offering--envelopes at the back of the church. Please remember to include your envelope # or name so you can get credit for your donation. Thank you everyone!

**THANK YOU** To the following people for your donations for flowers: Carol Reid, Marie Samms, Loretta Bennett, Valerie O'Connor, Tony Careen, Brian & Kim Sparks, Les & Theresa McCarthy, and Donna & Doug Beales.

### **BAPTISM**

At last Sunday's Mass we welcomed **Tenley Elizabeth Borden** into our Church and Parish. May God bless her and her parents Bernadine and Stephen.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS