

## REFLECTION for the Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the manifestation or the making known of Jesus to the Magi; which in turn represents an affirmation of universal salvation to us. Our trust, our hope, our faith, and our future, all lie in the Word made flesh-Jesus the merciful Savior.

As we enter into this New Year, we should ask ourselves if we have enough confidence and trust in the Lord's guiding hand as it pertains to our lives. Like the Magi, let us ask God to allow us to see the bright blazing Star, the Light that is, and points the Way, to Jesus. May He reign in our lives.

These are challenging spiritual times for each of us personally. The world in which we live offers many temptations enticing us to forget our faith and our trust in Jesus. It tells us the we are the real bosses of our lives. God's Way only restricts us and holds us back.

These are challenging spiritual times for our local church.

It is so easy to find reasons to stop attending church; our church leadership disappoints us, scandals rock our church and our faith on a seemingly regular basis. The Diocese has no priests in training, foreign priests comprise about 80% of our pastors, and many parishes are struggling financially.

Here at Sacred Heart, there have been 4 different priests in the past 4 years, and now the Diocese has undertaken a Pastoral Planning Program.

Yes, all this is enough to shake our faith. I believe that re-visiting our history as a parish can help us realize that God is good and that God helps those who persevere. We have a legacy.

What is our future? Can we determine it or control it?

Only one thing is true and sure- God loves us unconditionally and will provide and protect!

Let us leave it in the hands of Jesus; let us continue to gather and pray as God's children.

Like Mary, let us say-let it be done unto me according to your Word. And with humble and faith-filled hearts let us say, Jesus I trust in you.

Trusting in the providence of God for all to experience a grace-filled and holy New Year.

Fr. Don

# Sacred Heart Parish

## Parish Information

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## Liturgical Celebrations

### Weekend Masses:

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

### Masses this Week:

Mon., Tue. & Wed 7:00 p.m.  
Thur. & Fri. 10am.

### 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

January 4, 2015  
The Feast of the Epiphany

### RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection Dec.24/25	\$3,653.00
Dec. 27/28	1,587.00
Building Fund [ combined ]	60.00
Dues	140.00
Flowers	20.00
Votive Candles	20.00
Advent Folders	814.75
Garden Party	30.00
In Mem. of Dennis Murphy	100.00

### THANK YOU

The parish priest would like to thank everyone who gave him a card/gift during the Christmas season. It is very humbling to receive so many goodwill wishes.

### 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

Some seniors have asked if we can provide

a ride to our 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.

### MEN'S GROUP

The first meeting of the New year is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, Jan.5 at the rectory. All men are asked to please try to attend.

### MASS TIMES

Please note below some **new changes in the times for weekday Masses in our parish**. These changes are to accommodate the ills of your parish priest.

Monday and Wednesday times remain at 7pm. But for the month of January only, due to morning IV treatments, Tuesday Mass time is changed to 7pm.

Thursday and Friday, and Tuesday in February, will all be changed to 10am.

Mass times will be given next to the date (as below) for a while.

Hope I have not confused any of you.

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Jan 5	7pm	Dr. Tony O' Connor
Jan 6	7pm	John/Helen Careen
Jan 7	7pm	Marie Manuel
Jan 8	10am	John Leonard
Jan 9	10am	Bernadette/Anthony George
Jan 10	4:30pm	Edith/Thomas Hackett
Jan 11	11am	Parish Community

**BINGO:** The next game is this Sunday, Jan. 4th. at 2pm. We are back to List One which will be last names starting with A, B, C, D, and E. The list is posted at the back of the church. You may give your donation to Theresa , Joan , or Veronica or put it in the collection. Please come & join us for a fun afternoon. Thanks everyone.

**A PARISH HISTORY:** has now been completed by Mr. Tom Collier and is in the possession of the Parish.

It contains a well documented history, with photos, of our Parish up to the 1960's.

We are still looking for photos and/or stories from the 1960's through until today. Please take time to look into your old picture albums. If you have old photos or other information of past parish life that you would like to share, it can still be added to our Parish history.

Items we are looking for include photos of past parish priests and lay leaders who have served us. They may be in your collection from such events as parish celebrations, baptisms, confirmations, school photos, garden parties, concerts, and any other social functions.

### ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box of envelopes at the back of the church if you have not done so already. I would like to remind everyone that it is not necessary to put your name on the envelopes, but it would be very helpful if you entered the amount.

### CONFIRMATION 2015

The Parish will soon begin preparing young men and women for the sacrament of confirmation. The Bishop will confirm them at a special Mass in May.

Please pass the word among your families and friends. Classes will start in a few weeks. Please help us in recruiting those eligible to receive this sacrament.

### BAPTISMS

Over the last few weeks we have been blessed to add three new members to our Parish community:

**Dominic Bernard Gillingham**

**Wyatt Hugh George**

**Lucas Jeffrey Companion.**

May God bless and grace these children and their families all their lives.

We assure them that we, as their baptismal parish, will keep them in our prayers.

### ADVANCED NOTICE of MEETINGS

**Parish Council meets on Monday Jan. 12 in the priest's house after 7pm Mass.**

**The Liturgy Committee meets on Sunday Jan. 11 at 7pm in the priest's house**

**The Ladies Group will meet in the Parish House on Monday, Jan. 19th.**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR