

# Sacred Heart Parish

## REFLECTION for the Third Sunday of Advent

Among the Chosen People there was a belief that one of the great prophets of old would return to herald the coming of the Messiah. In this sense of prophets proclaiming the coming of a Messiah, there are no prophets after John the Baptist. He is considered the last of the Messianic prophets and so the fore-runner of Jesus. This fact explains the line of questioned John undergoes in today's Gospel.

Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel that John is the greatest of men born of women. At the same time, in acknowledgement of John's humility, Jesus says that John is the least of men in the Kingdom of God.

We are called to imitate John. Before he began his ministry he went into the desert (wilderness) to purify himself and preparing himself to proclaim Jesus. *Remember conversion begins with yourself.*

Once converted and believing in the power and divinity of Jesus, we should spend our days proclaiming the coming of Jesus, encouraging a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and reminding people to keep alert for the Lord is near.

*And on this Gaudete Sunday we are called to REJOICE, rejoice that Jesus loves us, protects us, and sustains us. And rejoice that Jesus also ensures us that if we joyful rejoice in His name, we have the ability to move mountains, let alone change people's hearts to follow the Son of God.*

## CBWIII HYMNALS

All of the 20 hymnals have been paid for by your donations in memory of a loved one. So that you are aware of where we have placed them, all 20 are in the choir's space for their use.

Thanks to all who donated to this cause.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you spreading the message that Jesus wants all people to come to him. Thus far we have no candidates for the 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 Parish Office. Preparation will begin as soon as interested people come forward.

## 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 14, 2014  
The Third Sunday in Advent

### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

Last week 's Collection	\$1,861.62
Building Fund	125.00
Shepherd's Fund	325.00
Donations for hymn books	42.00
Donations in memory of	
John Leonard	275.00
Bingo	800.40
Pastoral Dues	240.00
Votive Candles	63.00

### **VISITING THE SICK**

Our volunteer ministers started last weekend. Eight of our sick/shut-in parishioners received a home visit and Holy Communion. Do you know someone who is sick/shut-in and who 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.

### **CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE.**

This service will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7pm.** Priests from uptown will join us. Please avail of this opportunity to go to confession for Christmas.

### **CHRISTMAS PARISH SOCIAL**

Next Saturday, Dec 20, following 4:30 pm Mass, all are invited to a soup and sandwich supper in the Rectory. Plan to come and use the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. All our volunteers are encouraged to attend. But **YOU** are especially invited.

### **PARISH CALENDARS**

There are only 80 calendars left of the 500 that were ordered. We ask those who have purchased one to show them to your family

& friends. All profit received goes directly to our parish. If you wish to buy one please call Joan Penny (785-7465) or the Parish Office.

### **MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED**

All our December Mass intentions are posted at the back. Just a reminder that you can request a Mass by putting the request in your weekly envelope or by calling the Parish Office.

### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Dec 15	<b>7pm</b>	Roy/Josephine Noseworthy
Dec 16	Tues	<b>No Mass</b>
Dec 17	Wed	<b>7pm</b> Thomas Griffin
Dec 18	Thurs	<b>10am</b> Wayne Frampton
Dec 19	Fri	<b>7pm</b> Joseph & Sylvia Hickey
Dec 20	Sat	<b>4:30pm</b> Mary Leonard
Dec 21	Sun	<b>11am</b> Parish Community

### **NOTE**

Changes to Masses on Tuesday and Thursday are because of the Penitential Services in Benoit's Cove (Tues) and here (Thurs).

### **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>	<u>No Mass</u>
<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>	<u>No Masses</u>
<u>Dec 31 (Wed)</u>	4:30 pm
<u>Jan 1 (Thurs)</u>	11:00 am
<u>Jan 2 (Fri)</u>	Lohnes <u>2 pm</u>

Then back to regular schedule

### **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 photos of pastors from years ago; especially a photo of Fr. St. Croix, Fr. Drake, and Fr. Tompkins. We would like to have copies of them.

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 Rectory.

### **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**

On a personal note, I would like to thank all who expressed their sympathy and assisted in any way to help our family as we grieve the passing of my father.

**ENVELOPES** The 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 your soon.

**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 for your donation to our Dec. bingo: Diane Hearn, Donna Eldridge, Eddie Joyce, Assumpta Roche, Marilyn Borden, Pat Jones, Veronica Stone, Eileen Buckle, Chris Moore, Roberta Canning, Frank Lewis, Agatha Poole, James Brake, Doreen Jones, Liz Parsons, Mona Specker, Donna Beales, and Margie Pennell.

### **GAUDETE SUNDAY**

- Rejoice, the Lord is near  
*'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 4 )

**Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way.  
A voice of one crying out on the wilderness**

**GOD BLESS US EVERYONE**