

Sacred Heart Parish

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Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00-4:30; anytime on request.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the Parish Office 3 months before the birth

Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact the Pastor 6 months before the wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the parish office immediately if any one in the family is seriously ill.

Communion for Homebound: Please keep us informed of our sick and others who may be incapacitated so that we might minister to those in need, at home, in the hospital or a nursing home.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time. If you attend Sacred Heart regularly and consider this your parish, please take time to register at the parish office. Make our church a home away from your home.

Parish Mission Statement

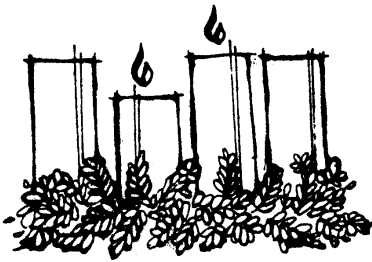
We, the People of Sacred Heart Parish, have the welcoming, loving presence of Jesus Christ as the center of our life, especially in the **Eucharist**. Through the ministry of the La Salette Missionaries we are committed to continuing the reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ.



Second Sunday of Advent December 6-7, 2009

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low.— *Isaiah 40:4*

WRAPPED IN SPLENDOR



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Today's readings begin with the announcement by the prophet Baruch: "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever" (5:1). This Advent scripture reading summons us to be wrapped in splendor. During this time of year when we purchase wrapping paper and wrap our Christmas gifts, the Church asks us to look at what has been "wrapped" around us. Are peace and justice, the hallmarks of God's splendor, the wrapping that others see when they see us? Saint Paul reminds us that this "wrapping" should show that our love for one another increases with the passing of each day. As we await the coming of the One who was wrapped in swaddling clothes at his birth, we pray that we will be wrapped in the splendor of God. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548) December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like An Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

—Peter Sagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness. —Henry Ward Beecher

A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vanney

A CATHOLIC CHARITY STORY

As part of our resident-centered care in New Hampshire Catholic Charities nursing homes, residents are encouraged to continue hobbies and pursue individual interests. Recently, a woman struggling with Alzheimer's bonded with one of our nursing assistants. The young woman was assigned to monitor the health of this resident. Soon the short visits turned longer as the resident taught her young nurse how to crochet during daily lessons, and together they made doilies and other items. The young nurse also began to bond with the woman's daughter while she was visiting. It helped the daughter to learn and understand the limitations and progression of Alzheimer's through chats with her mother's new friend. The immediacy, concern and warmth helped our resident's daughter to worry a little less about her mother.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY



This coming Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This feast reminds us of the important role given to Mary in God's plan of salvation. Considering the dignity God gave Mary, to be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, it was fitting that God made her the holiest of all human beings "full of grace". The angel Gabriel, at the moment of the annunciation that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High", salutes her as "full of grace" (Luke 1,28). Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, through God's grace, was redeemed from the

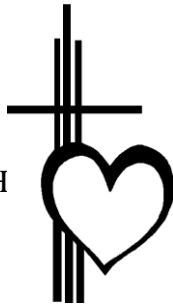
moment of her conception. This is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses as Pope Pius IX proclaimed it in 1854.

Advent prepares us for the coming feast when God took on a body like ours so that He could communicate with us on our level. Mary had a very important role in God's plan. She became the instrument, a "partner" in redemption. She became the Christ-bearer. As Mary brought Jesus into this world, through the "Power of the Holy Spirit" she continues to bring Him to people of every generation. As the first Christian, Mary teaches us that we also must be Christ-bears to others.

Tuesday, December 8th Masses at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEMBER

NEIL & KAREN AQUINO
DANIEL & MARY BROWN
BRENDAN & MARLENE COLLINS
RAYMOND & COLLEEN DIXON
RICHARD & LAURETTE DUPREE
MORRIS & HAYLEIGH HERCHENBACH
DAVID & NANCY MORLEY
STEVEN & SARAH SCHNEIDER



MARVIN & CATHERINE AVELINO
EDGAR & MARIA CANAVERAL
ROBERT & JANET CARNEY
WILLIS & ELLIE DOWNING
HOWARD & MIRIAM FROJD
JAMES & LESLIE MANSFIELD
JEFF & JULIA NEILY
ANDY & MARION VINCENT

PRAYER OF SPOUSES FOR EACH OTHER

Lord Jesus, grant that my spouse and I may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony. May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of one's self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to you through our love for each other. Let our love grow to perfection. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES - If you would like to have your name added to our list of anniversaries that we publish each month in our parish bulletin, please call the Rectory 448-1262.

MASS OFFERING

MASS INTENTION: If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular person (deceased or living) or for a special intention, call the parish office. If you would like to have a note sent to indicate that a Mass is being said for someone, be sure to include their names and address and a note will be sent to them. **PARISH MASS:** - A Mass will be offered for a deceased loved one on a particular day and time as arranged with the parish office. The suggested donation will be \$10 per Mass. **LIVING** - The Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered for someone who is living. The arrangements are the same as for an announced or unannounced Mass except the notation that the person is living. The donation is \$10.00.

ALL COMMITTEES NEED VOLUNTEERS!

OUR PARISH COMMITTEES

ALTAR SERVERS: Brian Sagraves 298-7437

BAPTISMAL PREP:

Greg & Karen Ogrinc 448-3642

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

Jeanne Childs 643-4440

CHOIR: Joanie Whiting 526-2674

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: Karen Boucher 448-1262

COMING HOME: Fr William 448-1262

DECORATING COMMITTEE:

Donna Christy 448-2427

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Judy Stevens 448-2413

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - HOMEBOUND:

Diane Andreas 448-3555

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Kenneth Goodrow 448-6542

FOLK GROUP: Jackie Gesek 448-6149

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Bert Blais 448-3311

LAZARUS MINISTRY:

Joe Labrecque 632-4305

LECTORS: Sharon Guaraldi 632-7172

Gail McDonald 448-2797

LITURGY COMMITTEE: Patty Nolette 448-1795

MARTHA MINISTRY:

Joan Cornell 448-1749

Ann Smith 448-1390

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Paul Greeley 863-0512

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE:

Connie LeBlanc: 448-5129

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS AND FAITH FORMATION:

Mark & Madeline Kelley 632-5069

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Judy St Hilaire 448-5239

TWINNING COMMITTEE:

Melissa Robinson 448-4691

USHERS: Bruce Turner 448-5625

YOUNG ADULT EXTENSION:

Madeline Kelley 632-5069

YOUTH CHOIR: Christina Haidari 448-5065

YOUTH MINISTRY: Debra Campbell 863-2120

WELCOME VISITORS



Welcome

Help to make the parish a more evangelizing community of faith. Welcoming newcomers is important if we are to help people feel at HOME in our parish. Greet those around you and introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before. Tell them you look forward to seeing them again next week and that you will be looking for them - and do it! Make someone feel at home! Chances are they will want to come back! You can make a difference in making our parish a home.

REGISTER AND BE PROUD: If you are an unregistered member who comes to worship with us, we ask you to register using the blue registration form found on the pews. We are in the process of updating our parish data. Your cooperation and support is appreciated. Please do not let your children play with the registration forms and pencils. Help us maintain the cleanliness and orderliness of our worship place. We thank you for coming to worship at Sacred Heart.

OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	6	-La Salette Twinning India -Relig Ed Classes K-6 9-10:15 -Gr. 7-10 Rel Ed 6:30 PM -Gifts due for Giving Tree
MONDAY	7	-RCIA 6:30 PM Church
TUESDAY	8	-Feast Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses 8 AM&7PM -Community Dinner, 5-5:45 PM -Youth Choir Practice 3:30 PM -Choir Practice, 5:30 PM
THURSDAY	9	-Community Dinner, 5-5:45 PM
SATURDAY	12	-Confessions 3:30 - 4:20 PM
SUNDAY	13	-Retirement Fund for Religious -Relig Ed Gr. K-6 - 9-10:15

BLOOD DRIVE

Please give blood at Lebanon Armory, 180 Heater Road, Lebanon, NH **Friday, December 11th 12:00-5:30.** (Please bring Blood Donor Card, Photo ID or Two Forms of ID).

For more info 1-800-843-3500.

OUR ALTAR MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 Paul Cote, Robert Ferranti

8:00 Christi O'Brien, Randy Parla

10:30 Samantha Bessette, Debra Campbell, Cathy Filiano

Lectors: 4:30 Ursula Davis, Janet Lloyd

8:00 Fred Stevens, Frank Tamburrino

10:30 Paul Edson, Dominic Filiano

Altar Servers: 4:30 Jonathan Seguin

8:00 Jesse & Miguel Hernandez, Michael White

10:30 Nicholas, Ben & Lucas Gerow, Alec Greely

Pray For

We ask for your prayers for the following individuals:
John Crane, Miriam Creighton, Howard Frojd, Liz Hannah, Lammie Leahy, Michael Quinn, Kathy Rhodes, Fran Tremblay. For Captain, Chris Denardo, John Craven, Tanya Tedeschi and all who have been deployed and their families.

OUR MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 8:00 AM Gerard & Pauline La Bombard / Family
 7:00 PM All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY 9 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
 7:40 AM Novena to Our Lady of La Salette
 8:00 AM Isabel McNamara & Maureen Hiner
 Martha McNamara Cox

THURSDAY 10 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
 7:00 PM Lillian Decato (40th Anni)/
 Doug, Tom, Ron & Families

FRIDAY 11 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
 8:00 AM Evelyn Kimball/Theresa Boisvert

SUNDAY 13 THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT
 4:30 SAT Edward & Yvonne St Jean /
 Daughters
 8:00 Janice Dutille Camp/
 Rita & Richard Camp
 10:30 Barbara Whitman / Elaine Tedeschi

THE CANDIED APPLES RETURN!



Remember how delicious they were? The Sacred Heart Youth Group will be selling these yummy treats after all Masses **on December 19-20**. Remember

to buy some for teachers, co-workers....and yourself!

YOUTH MINISTRY:

We invite all junior and senior high youth to come to the exciting youth gatherings at Sacred Heart. We gather every Monday from 7-8:30 PM at the Bethany House (building behind the Church). Bring a friend. For more information call the Youth Minister –Debra Campbell 863-2120

\$\$\$ STEWARDSHIP REPORT \$\$\$
To meet our weekly budget expenses we need \$5,500
 Offertory Collection: \$5,032.00
 Campaign Human Development: \$ 574.00
 The Finance Board wishes to thank you for your support in helping to meet the expenses of our parish!

DIOCESAN RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION



Next weekend a second collection will be taken for the Retired Religious.

Please remember our elderly religious in your prayers and at the collection for the

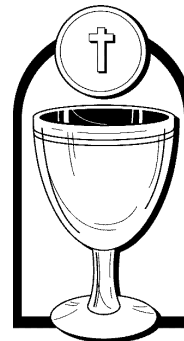
Retirement Fund for Religious. Now in its 16th year, the Fund addresses the needs of more than 40,000 religious who are past age 70. Please give, especially in memory of the religious mentors and guides in your own life. Your generosity in this collection is an important way of saying Thank You for a Lifetime of Service.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AT MASS...

If you are having a special Mass intention on the weekend, please see an Usher 10 minutes before Mass if you wish to bring up the gifts during the Offertory.

HOMEBOUND If you are aware of any homebound parishioners who are not being visited by a priest and/or Eucharistic Minister, please call the rectory (448-1262). It's important that these people do not feel isolated and abandoned by the parish.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION



“The act of adoration outside of Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself.” – Benedict XVI

You are invited to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration the second Sunday of the Month from 9-10 AM just after the 8AM Mass. Jesus himself awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go meet him in adoration and to listen to Him speak to our yearning hearts. Jesus, help us to know you better through this peaceful time.

UPPER VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

The Upper Valley Senior Center needs more volunteer drivers for our Home Delivered Meals program. If you are available for approximately 1 1/2 hours (11-12:30) on a weekday and would like to help deliver meals in the Lebanon or West Lebanon area, gas mileage paid through the senior center. Please call Victoria Weeks at 448-4213 or stop by the center at 10 Campbell Street in Lebanon. Your help in your community is much needed and very much appreciated by all you serve.