

Sacred Heart Parish

Served by the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette
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Parish Office Hours:

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.

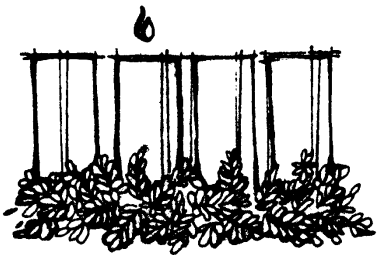


First Sunday of Advent November 29-30, 2009

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. — *Jeremiah 33:15*

ACTIVE WAITING

As this new liturgical year unfolds, today's readings are most appropriate, for they root us in what it means to live authentically as Christians. The Gospel, with its frightening predictions of the end times, invites the hearer to "be vigilant at all times" (Luke 21:36). This kind of vigilance is not at all passive for the Christian. Instead, it is a kind of active waiting. And what should we be doing while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? The second reading gives us the answer: "abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Today is all about promises made and fulfilled. May this Advent season root us all firmly in a stance of active waiting for the Lord, who brings justice and peace. © Copyright, J. S.



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SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749) December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict says that, in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim Caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

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GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve. —Anonymous

UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age. —Thomas Bailey Aldrich

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's. —St. Nicholas

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE, ENFIELD, NH

The Christmas Illuminations at La Salette Shrine, Rte 4-A, Enfield, NH will open nightly from 4:15-9:00 PM from December 4 to January 2, 2008. Children's Day November 29th 3:30 -5:00 PM. **All Events are Free.**

Saturday & Sunday Concerts will feature Fr. Pat (Dec. 5 at 3 & 5:15 pm), Mount Royal Academy (Dec. 12) and La Salette Music Ministry (both at 7:30 PM). Sunday Concerts will feature the Mid-VT Christian School (Dec. 6), Our Lady of Grace, Bristol Chapel Singers (Dec 13) and Towards Bethlehem Nativity Presentation (Dec. 20, all at 6:00 PM. Santa will be present on Friday and Saturday evenings at 5:15 PM December 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19 to tell the Christmas story, talk with the children, and to give gifts.

TRUE FAITH IS TESTED



Faith is something we as followers of Jesus have to grow in. And it is a struggle from time to time....that's one of the themes of the gospel, in fact. And the way we grow in faith is by having it tested within the circumstances of our lives.

Whether it is a relationship problem, a drinking problem, or a financial problem, we have to understand that emotions and inner turmoil do not prove we have no faith. Faith is in the heart, and that is part of our will to declare our faith in God's presence during the crisis or trial. The emotions will be roaring and our faith may sound like a mouse...but that is just part of the gospel paradox....little things can confound and overcome enormous difficulties.

Now in saying that, I'm not referring to a quick fix miracle. What faith does is enable us, with God's presence to bear with and sometimes get through the terrible times in our lives. And that is what makes faith truly faith. Who really needs faith when the sea is perfectly calm with hardly a ripple bumping the boat? It is that unexpected (often undeserved) affliction that calls us to go deep within and murmur, "Yes, Lord, I know you are with me."

Right now there are readers facing great stress and crisis, financial or otherwise. And you would be justified in initially asking, "Ok, God, where are you? I don't deserve this." God knows that and what suffering you are experiencing has not been sent by God. People suffer because it is people who cause suffering for other people. We live in a wounded world. People who have little power expect government to keep people honest. People who have wealth and power want government to stay out of their lives. It's always been that way. People with power place faith in themselves. People with faith do what they can and always hang on to God.

A newspaper in a farming area once ran an article on the benefit of praying for successful crops and harvest. Letters came to the newspaper thanking them for the reminder of God's care. But one farmer wrote: "Look, I have no regard for God in my life. But I can tell you that even though I did not mumble a single prayer, this October I have had the best crop in years and I attribute that to my work and not to any God. What do you say to that?" The editor printed the man's letter with the following brief rejoinder. "Just remember, God does not always settle his account in November."

Keep Abortion Funding Out of Health Care Reform

**Tell Senators: Follow the House's Lead on Removing Abortion Funding
Protect Conscience Rights
Ensure Affordable Health Coverage
Allow Immigrants to Purchase Private Health Insurance**

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case for genuine health care reform that will protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

- On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortion coverage.
- It is critical that the Senate adopt the House-approved Stupak Amendment language on this issue. This Amendment ensures that Americans are not forced to pay for the destruction of unborn children as part of needed health care reform.
- The Senate must address other essential moral priorities: protecting conscience rights; making health coverage more affordable and accessible for those in need; and ensuring that immigrants do not lose or will not be denied health care coverage needed for the good of their families and the health of society.

ACTION: Contact Senate and House Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress, go to www.usccb.org/action.
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices. Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov.

To stay informed about public issues of concern to Catholics in New Hampshire visit: www.catholicnh.org/fcnews

ALL COMMITTEES NEED VOLUNTEERS!

OUR PARISH COMMITTEES

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Madeline Kelley 632-5069

YOUTH CHOIR: Christina Haidari 448-5065

YOUTH MINISTRY: Debra Campbell 863-2120

OUR ALTAR MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 Bert Blais, Donna Christy

8:00 Barbara Mathewson, Janice Miles

10:30 Mary Thibideau, Susan Truman, Melissa Barber

Lectors: 4:30 Tina Avery, Fran Miramonti

8:00 Gail McDonald, Dan Dahmen

10:30 Linda Paulsen, Louise Dauphinais

Altar Servers: 4:30 Justine, Calvin & Emily Hunnewell

8:00 Nicholas & Andrew Ogrinc, Christine & Scott Jones

10:30 Garrett & Joshua Fontaine, Caleb & Keegan

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Welcome

WELCOME VISITORS

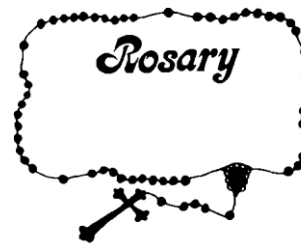
Help to make the parish a more evangelizing community of faith. Welcoming newcomers is important if we are to help people feel at HOME in our parish. Greet those around you and introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before. Tell them you look forward to seeing them again next week and that you 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.

MOUNT ROYAL ACADEMY

Christmas Shopping Night Friday, December 4, 2009, 6-9 PM Mount Royal Academy, 26 Seven Hearths Ln., (off Rte. 11) Sunapee, NH. Over 25 Fantastic Home Based Vendors, Including: Nantucket Jewels, Usbourne Books, Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia, Abonne, Partylite, Tupperware and many more! Raffle tickets available for cash prizes, local restaurant gift certificates and wonderful vendor items. We will be serving hors d'oeuvres, coffee and desserts. For more info. call Cathy Scharpf @ 865-7234 or cpscharpf@yahoo.com or Bonnie Treece 938-2786 or bonnietreece@hotmail.com

HOSPITAL VISIT...

If you or someone you know is going to the hospital, please call the rectory. We would like to pray with you and for you while you are ill or undergoing surgery. If you want a visit from a priest from the parish please specify and give your consent. This is required by the new hospital policy on privacy.



HOLY ROSARY:

Devotion to Our Blessed Mother is a significant part of the La Salette community and those of us who are served by the La Salette priests. Holy

Rosary is very essential part of our Catholic tradition. To honor Mary's role and influence in our lives and to encourage our community to pray together, the Rosary will be recited at 4 PM on the first Saturday of each month. Please join us in praying this beautiful devotion. We will be asking each committee/ministry to take a turn in leading the rosary every first Saturday of the month.

OUR MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

TUESDAY	1 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
7:00 PM	Barbara Whitman/Pearl LaValley
WEDNESDAY	2 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
7:40 AM	Novena to Our Lady of La Salette
8:00 AM	James Murphy (27 th Anni)/ Lorraine & daughter
THURSDAY	3 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
7:00 PM	George Cilbrith/ wife & family
FRIDAY	4 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
8:00 AM	Isabel McNamara & Maureen Hiner/ Martha McNamara Cox
SUNDAY	6 SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT(P)
4:30 SAT	Claire Bellavance/ Gene & Cecile Carr
8:00	Geneva Dagenais / Daughter-Joan
10:30	Anthony-Fr William's Brother-in-law/ Anne Jette

\$\$\$ STEWARDSHIP REPORT \$\$\$

To meet our weekly budget expenses we need \$5,500

Offertory Collection: \$5,340.00

The Finance Board wishes to thank you for your support in helping to meet the expenses of our parish!

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.

REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL...

Have you remembered your Parish in your Will? Please consider Sacred Heart Parish in your Will. The Future of our Church depends on our generous sharing of our wealth today. Together let us build our Church for the next generation. Remember your faith community who spiritually nurtured your journey. For more info call 448-1262.

OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	29	-First Sunday of Advent -Giving Tree -Campaign for Human Development -NO Religious Ed ALL LEVELS
MONDAY	30	-CYO Bethany 7:00-9:00 PM -RCIA 6:30 Hall -Library Committee Mtg 6:30 PM
TUESDAY	1	-Community Dinner, 5-5:45 PM -Youth choir 3:30 -Choir Practice 5:30 PM -Social 6:30 Hall
WEDNESDAY	2	-Bible Study Shrine 10AM
THURSDAY	3	-Bible Study Shrine 7PM -Community Dinner 5-5:45 -Divine Mercy 6:30PM Hall
SATURDAY	5	-Rosary 4PM lead by Pastoral Council -Giving Tree return gifts
SUNDAY	6	-Giving Tree return gifts -Rel Ed Gr K-6 School 9-10:15 AM -Confirmation 1 & 2 6-8PM