

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.

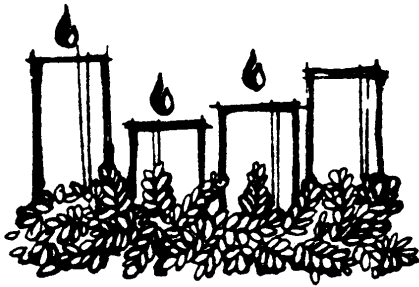


Third Sunday of Advent December 13-14, 2009

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. — *Isaiah 12:3*

REJOICE!

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a). **Psalms** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12). **Second Reading** — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591) December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools; and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Avila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul*, through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love." —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Be a Sponsor and Support our Church Renovation

Chairs for Handicap Seating (16) – \$ 250.00 (each)

Wood Wall Mount Statue Pedestal – \$1000.00

New Kneeler - \$200 (each)

Refinish a Pew - \$400

Restoring Exterior doors - \$500 (each)

In the spirit of Christmas generously donate any amount towards construction of a new ADA Restroom, new Confessional, Painting, Tiling and Carpeting of the church.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES... *A wise person once said, "Flowers are for the living. Memorials should be eternal." As Catholics, we believe in the Resurrection, life after death, and that we will spend eternal life with Jesus Christ and our departed loved ones. We miss those who have died and passed into God's hands. Our memories of them are precious, and we seek ways that will not only memorialize them, but also celebrate their lives and what they represented. A gift in memory of a loved one can be a fitting tribute, and can also benefit the mission and future of our parish.*

A COUPLE OF ADVENT THOUGHTS:

1: **Memory Awakens Hope**: Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, (*Seek That Which Is Above*, 1986):
"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope.... It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

2: **An Advent Examination** (Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, p. 196): "Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. "Daily we can make an Advent examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts. May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world does leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge in the pear tree have to do with Christmas? Today, I found out. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtledoves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today.

**ALL COMMITTEES NEED VOLUNTEERS!
OUR PARISH COMMITTEES**

ALTAR SERVERS: Brian Sagraves 298-7437

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Judy Stevens 448-2413

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - HOMEBOUND:

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Kenneth Goodrow 448-6542

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Bert Blais 448-3311

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Joe Labrecque 632-4305

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MARTHA MINISTRY:

Joan Cornell 448-1749

Ann Smith 448-1390

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PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE:

Connie LeBlanc: 448-5129

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
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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

OUR ALTAR MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 Ann House, Theresa

Hunnewell **8:00** Brian Sagraves, Karen Sheehan

10:30 Clara & Donel D'Cruze, Michelle Gilliatt

Lectors: 4:30 Phil Langan, Jennifer Gosselin

8:00 Cathy Lacombe, Ellie Downing

10:30 Jeremy Stout, Colleen Gilliatt

Altar Servers: 4:30 Juanita Barrera, Meredith Melendy

8:00: Juan & Christian Hernandez, Jordan Koloski,

Hannah Mahon **10:30** Kevin & Kyle Kosiorek, Nicholas

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY -
DECEMBER 13th - 4:00 PM**

**THE EASTMANAIRES under the direction of:
Joanie Whiting.**

MIDNIGHT MASS

"O COME LET US ADORE HIM"

We are planning on forming a choir to help Herald in the Christ Child. For the Midnight mass, here at Sacred Heart. We would like instrumentalists as well, such as brass, strings and key board. If interested, either notify Joe Labrecque, organist at his home 632-4305 or see him or Patty Nolette after the 8:00 Mass on Sundays.

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.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
MONDAY DECEMBER 21st at 6:30 PM**

**Part time Religious Education Coordinator for
St. Helena/St. Mary Parish**

We are looking for a dedicated Catholic to coordinate and oversee the religious education program for the children and youth of the parish. Please submit a letter of interest, resume and two letters of reference on or before January 15, 2010 to the following address:

St. Helena/St. Mary Church

36 Shaker Hill Road

Enfield, NH 03748

Attn: Search Committee

For further information call the church office at 632-4263.

OUR MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 15 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
 7:00 PM Phil Langan / Jim Morlock
WEDNESDAY 16 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
 7:40 AM Novena to Our Lady of La Salette
 8:00 AM In Thanksgiving/Anne Fair
THURSDAY 17 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
 7:00 PM Alice Laramie / Rita Perra
FRIDAY 18 ADVENT WEEKDAY (P)
 8:00 AM Arlene Owsianik
 / Husband & Family
SUNDAY 20 FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT
 4:30 SAT Terry Leahy / Family
 8:00 All Parishioners
 10:30 Arthur Lambert, Sr. / Family

\$\$\$ STEWARDSHIP REPORT \$\$\$
To meet our weekly budget expenses we need \$5,500
 Offertory Collection: \$4,490.00
 Twinning India School: \$1,637.00
 The Finance Board wishes to thank you for your support in helping to meet the expenses of our parish!

Developing Perseverance

Even when you try to pray and God doesn't seem to show up, don't stop praying; rather you should see this situation as his helping you develop perseverance.
 — from *God Help Me: How to Grow in Prayer*

OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 13 -Retired Religious Collection
 -Relig Ed Gr. K-8 – 9-10:15 AM
 -Eastmanaires Concert 4 PM
MONDAY 14 -RCIA 6:30 PM Rectory
 -Youth Ministry 7 PM
TUESDAY 15 -Community Dinner 5-5:45PM
 -Youth Choir Practice 3:30 PM
 -Choir Practice, 5:30 PM
THURSDAY 17 -Community Dinner, 5-5:45 PM
 -Divine Mercy Mtg. 6:30 PM
SATURDAY 18 -Confessions 3:30 – 4:20 PM
 -Youth Group Apple Sale
SUNDAY 20 -Relig Ed Gr. K-8 – 9-10:15AM
 -Anniversary Celebration at 10:30
 -Christmas Flower Collection
 -Youth Group Apple Sale
 -Gr 7-10 Rel Ed 6PM Mass 7PM

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We ask those who have celebrated an anniversary in October, November and December to attend the 10:30 Mass on December 20th. Please call 448-1262 if you plan to attend.

Church Renovation: We need your Help

A few weeks ago, a letter was sent to your homes explaining about the upcoming renovation of our church. We plan to begin this renovation after Christmas and hope to finish before Easter. During the renovation and painting time we will celebrate the Eucharist and all other sacraments in the parish hall. In order to prepare the parish hall for worship, we need your help on **Sunday, December 27 at 2:00 pm**. Please come to help us and be part of this church renovation. Thank you for your support and participation.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Next weekend there will be a second collection for those wishing to contribute towards the expenses of the Christmas decorations in the Church. Persons may donate an individual Poinsettia plant in memory of loved ones. Those wishing to donate a plant may indicate on the envelope the name of the person(s) in whose memory it is being donated and the name of the donor. All donations are appreciated.



YEAR END GIVING

Many people enjoy using Christmas and year's end as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions and also positively impacts their federal and state income taxes.

All gifts made on or before December 31 is tax deductible for the tax year in which your gift is made. Make a return to God of your blessings at Christmas and support our parish or our outreach ministry.

CONCENTRATE ON THIS SENTENCE

'To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.' When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence... 'The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.'

CHRISTMAS DINNER will be served in the hall on Christmas day at Noon. More info to follow.