



# SACRED HEART PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015



## Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

This Christmas season your support brings **HOPE & DIGNITY** to our brothers & sisters in need. In 2014, 113,417 meals were served, 2899 seniors assisted, 700 families provided household goods, 433 families avoided homelessness, 3369 counseling hours provided...and so much more. Over 70,000 individuals served each year.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION  
*Providing Help. Restoring Hope. Saving Lives.*

A gift to the **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection** matters. Donation brochures are available in the back of the church. Gifts may be mailed to: PO Box 2253, Spokane, WA 99210-2253 or made online at [www.CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org).

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## An Evening with St. Nick

Please join our parish communities at Cataldo Catholic School's **An Evening with St. Nick** event in the school gym on **Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

Come sit at one of our "gathering tables" to string garland and put together ornaments to decorate our community tree which will be placed by Catholic Charities after our event. Help the children make cards to be delivered to the Veteran's Home or just sit and relax while you enjoy a cup of Christmas tea or hot cocoa.



The young and young-at-heart will enjoy Santa's arrival, lighting of our tree and reading of **'Twas the Night Before Christmas** as we remember that many of our American customs all began with St. Nicholas whose faithfulness and devotion led to extraordinary acts of kindness and generosity.

## COME IN AND REST A WHILE!



Just a reminder that our church doors are now open through the work-week from **7:30 am until 4:00 pm.** Please know that you are always welcome to come and pray in our beautiful parish home.

## Mass Intentions This Week

**SAT, Dec 19- 5:00 p.m.** People of the Parish  
**SUN, Dec 20- 10:00 a.m.** +Edward Marshall by Irene Dufort

### WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.

**TUES, Dec 22** +Richard Treloar by Joan Flaherty & Shirley Birchak  
**WED, Dec 23** +Walter Maes by Barbara Maes

Is there illness or special needs in your family? Our community prayer chain looks forward to praying for you. Send your request to Judy Felgenhauer,

## Adult Faith Sharing Group

We meet every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the downstairs classroom at the north end of the Parish Center.



## Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings This Week:

Envelope & Plate Offering: \$ 7,227.00

Outreach: \$ 245.00



In order to meet our 2015-16 budget, an average weekly collection of \$5,713.00 is needed. Thank you so much!

**NEW TO SACRED HEART PARISH? WELCOME!** We look forward to getting to know you! Please return this form to the parish office or e-mail the information to: [shparish@qwestoffice.net](mailto:shparish@qwestoffice.net).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTMAS SEASON LITURGIES

*Christmas feasts and celebrations at Sacred Heart Parish:*



December 24	4:00 pm, Family Mass 8:00 pm, Christmas Vigil Mass <i>(Incense may be used at the 8:00 pm liturgy.)</i>
December 25	10:00 am, Christmas Morning Mass
December 26	5:00 pm, Holy Family Sunday Mass
December 27	10:00 am, Holy Family Sunday Mass
December 31	7:00 pm, Solemnity of Mary Mass
January 1	10:00 am, Solemnity of Mary Mass
January 2	5:00 pm, Epiphany Mass

## Single? Catholic?

Join Catholic Singles Mingle on today, Sunday, Dec. 20, @ 5:00 at St. Joseph Church in Otis Orchards in the reception hall for Potluck/Christmas Party/Gift Exchange Bring dish to share along with a wrapped present (\$5 to \$10.). RSVP required at (509) 226-1380 or [www.meetup.com/Catholic-Singles-Mingle](http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Singles-Mingle).



## Rediscover Your Marriage

**“Married Singles Lifestyle”** The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like room-mates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org) for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 12-14, 2016 Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site at [www.Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org).



## Southside Catholic Youth Ministry

Join us for upcoming events!

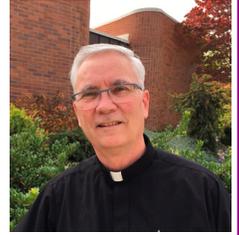
All events will take place in the Youth Room at St. Augustine's Parish building unless otherwise noted.

December 20 —Christmas Break NO YOUTH GROUP

See you in the new year!

For more information, please contact **Paul Macias** at [pmacias@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:pmacias@dioceseofspokane.org) or 509-251-5818

## A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,

As many of you well know, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th was the day Pope Francis chose to open the Holy Year on Mercy. As he opened the Holy Year Door at St. Peter's in Rome, this was his prayer and is worthy of our attention in these late days of the Advent season. There is no greater sign of God's mercy than that of the Incarnation, God becoming flesh with us and showing to us his face even as he reveals to us his heart.

May Pope Francis' prayer be our prayer, too, in these Advent days and those of Christmas to come...

*O God,  
who reveal your omnipotence above all in mercy and forgiveness,  
grant that we might live a year of grace,  
a fitting time to love you and our brothers and sisters  
in the joy of the Gospel.*

*Continue to pour out on us your Holy Spirit,  
that we might never tire of turning with trust  
to the gaze of him who we have pierced,  
your Son made man,  
the shining face of your endless mercy,  
the safe refuge for all of us sinners in need of pardon and peace,  
of the truth that frees and saves.*

*He is the Door,  
through which we come to you,  
the inexhaustible source of consolation for all,  
beauty that never sets,  
the perfect joy of life without end.*

*May the Immaculate Virgin inter-  
cede for us,  
the first and splendid fruit of the  
Paschal victory,  
the luminous dawn of the new heav-  
ens and new earth,  
the happy harbor of our earthly  
pilgrimage.*

*To you, Holy Father,  
to your Son, our Redeemer,  
to the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
be all honor and glory  
forever and ever.*

Amen.

I wish to all of you a most blessed and joyful Christmas! I look forward to celebrating the Christmas liturgies with you for the first time later this week. May your own celebrations of the Lord's Nativity lead you more and more through that Door that is "the inexhaustible source of consolation for all, beauty that never sets, the perfect joy of life without end."

*Fr. Kevin*

