



SACRED HEART PARISH

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2015



Now Playing: *Father Kevin's Liturgy Workshop Videos!*

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and parishioners are invited to watch the newly produced videos of Father Kevin's

Liturgy Workshop on our Sacred Heart **YouTube** channel.

Father Kevin offers a wide-ranging introduction into the bits and pieces of the Mass and how they come together in one great prayer of the Church. He follows by presenting an explanation of the minor changes in our manner of celebrating Mass here at Sacred Heart along with a walk-through of the changes. *All EM's and Lectors who missed the workshop itself are asked to take the time to view the videos as soon as possible.*

You can access the videos from the *Home* page of our website, shparishspokane.org.

Attention All Parish Volunteers:

As many of you know, the diocese has been working hard to get volunteers trained in sexual abuse awareness and prevention and to convert our records to the new **VirtusOnline** system. If you have previously been trained in sexual abuse awareness and prevention and your initial training was over a year ago, you should have recently received an email from **VirtusOnline** asking you to update your training by reading a passage and answering some questions online. If you DID NOT receive this email, we need to either update your account (we may not have your email on file) or you may need to attend an in-person training. If we need to update your account or if you are not sure if you need additional training, please contact Paul Macias at pmacias@dioceseofspokane.org or (509)251-5818 and we will get you all caught up.



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.



Mass Intentions This Week

SAT, Nov 28- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
SUN, Nov 29- 10:00 a.m. Irene Dufort (Birthday)
by Pete & Nancy Kleweno

WEEKDAY MASSES—7:30 A.M.

TUES, Dec 1 +Sophia Burton by Dorothy Uzelac
WEDS, Dec 2 +Marion Alward by Mike & Mary Alward
THURS, Dec 3 +Mike Wirth by Marge McFaul
FRI, Dec 4 + Albert & Lelia Stone by the Kleweno Family

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, jfelgen@comcast.net.

Our Parish Sacrificial Offerings This Week:

Envelope & Plate Offering: \$ 4,912.50

Outreach: \$ 55.00

Children: \$ 19.44



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.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Advent Fast for Peace

Our parish contemplative prayer group invites you to join them in fasting on each Friday of Advent for peace in our world during this time of heightened concern over terrorism and the on-going wars in the Middle East. You may choose the kind of fast that best suits your health, age, and spiritual situation. For more information, contact Jan Eberley.



Retrouvaille Weekend

You can help your marriage... Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the Feb 12-14, 2016 Spokane weekend call (509)4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org



EWU Newman Center Breakfast Wednesday, December 2nd, 8:00 am

You are invited to attend a breakfast at St. Peter Catholic Parish in support of the revitalization of the Catholic Newman Center at EWU and FOCUS (Fellowship Of Catholic University Students).

The breakfast will feature keynote speakers Curtis Martin, Founder and CEO of FOCUS, and Bishop Daly. Please RSVP to hbhammett@comcast.net.

Gonzaga Prep is accepting 8th grade applications for the 2015-16 school year!

All 8th grade applicants must attend the Placement Exam either Friday, Dec 4th from 5:00 – 8:30pm or Saturday, Dec 5th from 9:00 – 12:30pm. Application deadline is Dec 5th. For more information regarding the admission process and the Placement Exam, call the admissions office at 483-8512 or contact Corrina O'Brien Kelsey, Admission Director at ckelsey@gprep.com.



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.

November 29—Thanksgiving NO YOUTH GROUP

December 6—Junior High Night 7:00-8:15 PM

December 13—Senior High Night 7:00-8:15 PM

December 19-- Christmas Bureau, 9:00-12:00 or 12:00-3:00 (or both!)

RSVP to Paul by December 12

December 20 —Christmas Break NO YOUTH GROUP

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

A Word from Father...



Dear Friends,
Happy New Year!

Well, it certainly seems a bit on the early side to be wishing one another a happy new year, and by civic standards, it is. But as many of you know well, from the Church's point-of-view new years begin on the first Sunday of Advent rather than the first day of January. Instead of "Auld Lang Syne", we tend more toward, "Veni, Veni, Emanuel" as our anthem for the occasion. Rather than fireworks lighting up the night sky, our new year is welcomed by the apocalyptic fireworks of the gospels' "there will be signs in the skies". Our new year is not marked by the making of resolutions that will be seldom fulfilled, as it is by the sure and certain hope that God will have his way in this old and often dark world of ours.



Among that which is new for us in this liturgical new year is the source for our gospel readings at our Sunday Masses; we move from Mark's text, the first of the Gospels to be written to that of Luke, scribed many years later and the longest of the four Gospels, even without including its continuation in the Acts of the Apostles. Luke takes plenty of time to fill out the story of Jesus and the early Church, including in its early chapters his sensitive and lovely version of the Christmas story, beginning with the birth of John the Baptist and continuing on through Jesus' later youth when he is found in the Temple teaching the scribes rather than the scribes teaching him.

One of the best things about Luke's Gospel is the opening line; he addresses his version of the Jesus story to someone named "Theophilus," which in Greek means, "Lover of God." No one is quite sure if Luke had a particular person in mind or if the name applies in a general way to the whole company of his readers, all of them "Lovers of God" who want to know the whole truth of the God they love, that truth found, of course, in Jesus. I'd like to think that all of us and each of us are Luke's "Theophilus." Do we not love God? Are we not among those who find ever new life in the telling of the Jesus story? Do we not form among ourselves in our gathering his Body an ever-reforming and always grace-filled family that is the Church? Yes, we are "Theophilus" and on this New Year Day of our Church family, let us look to Elizabeth and John, Mary and Joseph, Jesus and his Twelve, Paul and Luke, and all who come after them in the great story of Jesus and his Church to strengthen us in hope, confirm us in faith, and lead us forward through the coming year of feasts with joy!

Happy New Year!

Fr. Kevin