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## Bulletin

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

The **first reading** is taken from 2 Samuel 7:1-5; 8-11;16 and refers to when David was anointed king in Hebron by all the tribes of Israel and Judah and his first step was to capture Jerusalem from the Jebusites and make it the political capital of his kingdom.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 26:25-27 where he introduces himself to the Christians in Rome and he gives an incomplete synthesis of his theology. His words remind us to give glory to God this Christmas and always, for the marvelous things he has done for us.

**The Gospel** is from Luke 1:26-38. At the moment our Lady said: "be it done to me according to thy word" the most stupendous event that ever happened, or ever could happen on earth, took place on this planet of ours. The Son of God took on human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. We are familiar with this story from childhood. We often say the Angelus in which this tremendous act of God's love is described. Although familiarity, in this case, does not breed contempt, it does help to blunt the real impact on our minds of such an extraordinary occurrence. If God had created a very special child, and made him into an outstanding saint, so that he could intercede with God for us, this would be a great act of love for us on God's part. Or, if he had sent an angel from heaven in human form, to teach us all about God and to help us to lead holy lives, this would deserve our deepest gratitude. But neither a saintly man nor a holy angel

could do for us all that God wanted. No man or angel could make us adopted sons of God and heirs of heaven. It was necessary, in God's plan for us, that his divine Son should become man, should share our humanity so that we could share his divinity.

Could infinite love have gone any further? Our creation, the fact that we exist as human beings on earth, is a great gift to us on the part of God. Of what value could eighty, a hundred, even seven hundred years of a continuously happy life on this earth be for us if we learned that we had to depart life forever one day? In a world tormented by sin and its evil effects our normal span of life would be less satisfying. However, when God created us, he so planned that our stay here would be but a stage, a stepping stone in fact, toward our everlasting home. We are well aware indeed of the lengths to which God's love has gone in order to make us his children and heirs to his kingdom. Are we, however, grateful to him for the love he has shown us? Are we honestly and sincerely trying to make ourselves worthy of the great future he has in store for us?

Today is a suitable occasion to look right into our hearts, to see how we stand with God. During the week we shall be keeping the feast of Christmas. The Baby in the manger will remind us of what God has done and is still doing for us. What are we doing in return? Have we shown our gratitude by living as true followers of Christ? If most of us must answer: "no," this is the time to change our course and return to the right road once more. God is asking this of us today. Shall our answer be: "behold here I am Lord, your humble and grateful servant, let it be done to me according to your word"?

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

**From the Bishop's Dec. 8 letter** in which he announced Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter re the Year of St. Joseph.

"With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

At the conclusion of his Letter issued today, Pope Francis adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Let us now make our prayer to him: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**Collection: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>
<b>Missals</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Donation to Shrine</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Heat for Hall</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>
	<b>\$745.00</b>

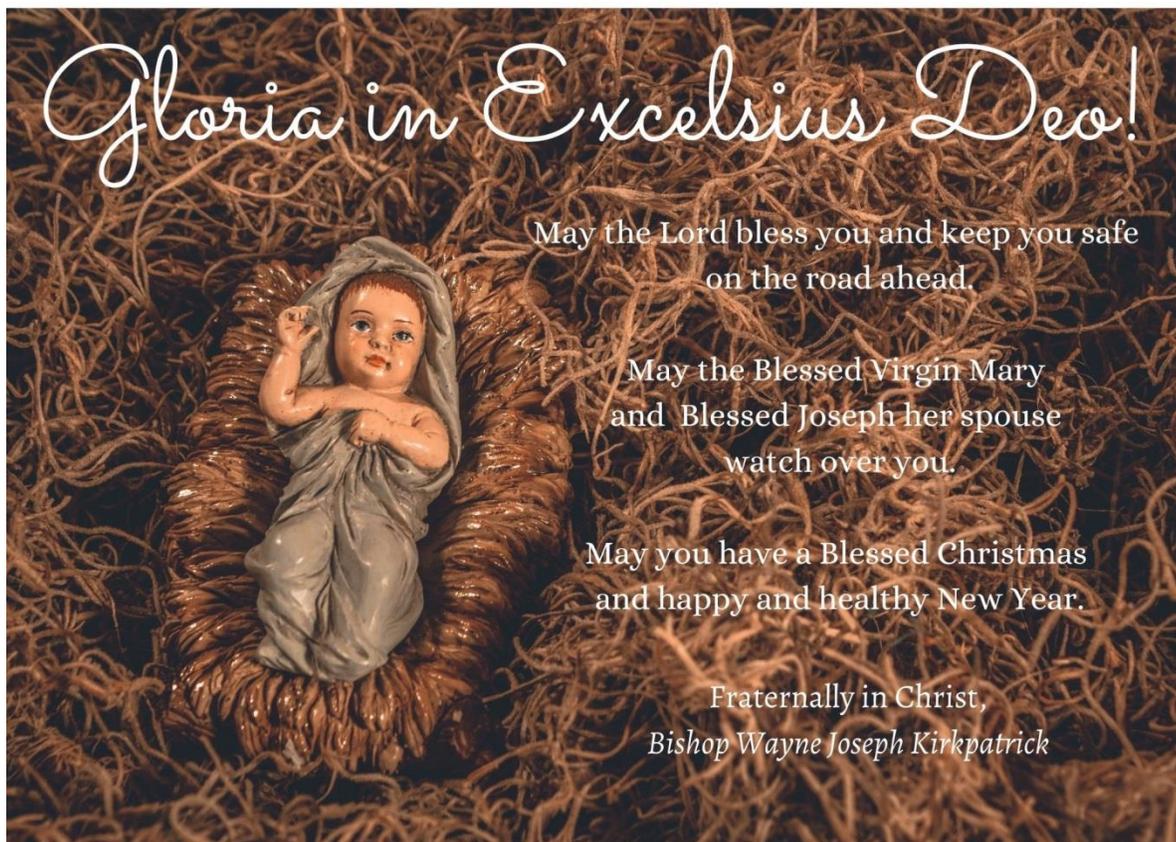
**Notices:**

**1: Church Decorating:** We will decorate, the church, for Christmas on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10am. All volunteers are welcome to come and help.

**2: A COVID CHRISTMAS:** To register for Christmas Eve, please call 535-3107, or email [louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com](mailto:louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com) – **Only a few seats are left.**

**3: Winter 2021:** Due to Covid19 self-distancing regulations we will not be able to have mass in the Guadalupe Chapel (vestry) this winter. At a recent parish council meeting it was suggested that we move to the Parish Hall for January – March. We decided to check with our regular church goers to see if they would prefer to stay in the Church (Main church) or move over to the hall. You can leave a note in your envelopes as to your preference. This decision will not need to be made until January, but the sooner we know the better. – **Last chance to vote**

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**5: Christmas/New Year's Schedule:**

**Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec 24, 2020:**

L'Ardoise: 4:00 pm – Sacred Heart: 6:00 pm  
Potlotek: 12:00 am Celebrated by Rev Duncan MacIsaac

**Christmas Day: Friday Dec 25, 2020**

River Bourgeois: 9:00 am – St. Peters: 10:30 am

**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 - Holy Day of Obligation**

River Bourgeois: 5: 30 pm  
St. Peters: 7:00 pm

**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 - Holy Day of Obligation  
World Day of Peace**

**New Year's Day**  
L'Ardoise: 9:00 am – Sacred Heart: 11:00 am