



The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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God is with You!

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 9:00 am

Weekdays:

Wednesday@ 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Saturday of each month@ 3:15 pm –3:45 pm

Or by appointment

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday @

8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

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BEHOLD



“This is the one about whom it
is written: Behold, I am
sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your
way before you.”

MATTHEW 11:10

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Salvo D'Acquisto is being considered for beatification for sacrificing himself to save 22 civilians from being executed by German soldiers. Salvo was born in Naples, the eldest of eight children. He left school at the age of 14 as was customary for working-class boys at the time.

He volunteered to join the Carabinieri in 1939 and left for Libya a few months before the start of the Second World War. After being wounded in the leg, he returned to Italy in 1942 to attend officer school. He graduated as a vice-sergeant and was assigned to an outpost in a little rural center not far from Rome.

On July 25, 1943 Benito Mussolini was overthrown and the new Italian government negotiated secretly with the Allies to switch sides. An armistice was officially announced on September 8th.

After fighting in Rome, elements of the German 2nd Parachute Division were detached to coastal defense duties. A small unit was camped near an old military installation previously used by the Guardia di Finanza.

On September 22 German soldiers were inspecting boxes of abandoned munitions when there was an explosion. Two died and two others were wounded.

The commander of the German detachment blamed the death on "unnamed locals" and demanded the cooperation of the local Carabinieri post under Salvo's temporary command. The next morning, Salvo having gathered some information tried in vain to explain that the death was an accident. The Germans insisted on their version of events and demanded reprisals according to a standing order issued by Field Marshal Kesselring a few days before.

On September 23rd the Germans conducted searches and arrested 22 residents. An armed squad took Salvo by force from the station to an ancient watchtower where the prisoners were gathered. Under interrogation all the civilians said that they were innocent. When the Germans again demanded the names of the responsible persons, Salvo replied that there were none – the explosion was accidental. The Germans ridiculed, insulted, beat him, and tore his uniform.

Suddenly the prisoners were handed shovels and forced to dig a mass grave for their own burial after execution. The digging went on for some time. When it was completed, it was obvious the Germans meant to carry out their threat. Salvo then "confessed" to the alleged crime, declared that he alone was responsible for the "murder," and that the civilians were innocent. He demanded that they be released right away. One of those freed 17-year-old Angelo Amadio witnessed the execution by firing squad. Salvo was 22. He has a simple tomb in Santa Chiara, the most beautiful church in Naples.

In Italy, they are waiting for him to be canonized. When that occurs, Salvo D'Acquisto will be the first soldier saint of the Second World War. He is one of many buried in beautiful Santa Chiara. By the altar there's Robert of Anjou, on the other side of the nave lies Blessed Cristina, Queen of Naples. Salvo D'Acquisto is in exalted company.

He is considered to be a Roman Catholic martyr and has been proposed for beatification by the Holy See. On February 26, 2001 Pope John Paul II in his Address to the Italian Carabinieri stated, "The history of the Italian Carabinieri shows that the heights of holiness can be reached in the faithful and generous fulfillment of the duties of one's state. I am thinking here of your colleague, Sergeant Salvo D'Acquisto, awarded a Gold Medal of Military Valor, whose cause of beatification is under way."

There are monuments honoring D'Acquisto, including in his native Naples, on the Via Aurelia near Rome, and in front of the train station at Cisterna.

Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is near.

For some of us, the great grace will be to ask that expectant hope - and the joy that this can bring - will fill our hearts and replace whatever is heavy or dark or sad there. We can only let our Lord bring good news to us who are poor, if we acknowledge our poverty. He can only proclaim liberty and release to us if we can admit that we are captives and prisoners to so many habits and patterns that inhibit joy.

A week of recognizing ourselves and recognizing our need for a Savior is a wonderful way to prepare. We can only turn to our God and trust in the safety we find accepting our God as the only god of our lives if we first can name the place in which we are in danger, with the choices we are making. We can surrender our fear of being put to shame by humbly coming face to face with who we can sometimes be. The depths of gratitude and joy come when we can experience the tenderness with which our Lord keeps taking us back.

This is a wonderful week to examine our consciences as we let our daily, prayer-filled background moments interact with some of the places in our daily lives in which we discover the need for mercy and peace. Wherever we encounter some experience of darkness or fear, some struggle with faith or hope, some discouragement about my own generosity or freedom, it is there that we have an opportunity to pause, in the briefest way and pray, "Come, Lord Jesus; come and visit me here, in this place. "Preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, individually or in common, can be a powerful Advent religious experience. And the one who forgives us deeply desires to heal us and give us his peace.

Celebrants

Wednesday, December 18th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, December 21st

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 5:00 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 22nd

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 9:30 AM

See the work of God!



S.H.
Rosary
Devotion

Rosaries Said:

12/8: 22
To Date: 2282

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Dec. 21st at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Kevin Smith

Communion: Mary Stenger, Rick Kosloski

Gifts: Kosloski Family

Ushers: Tim Morris, Ron Faber

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 9:00 am

Lectors: Broderick Larson, David Prickett

Communion: Audrey & Clarence* Larson, Kristie Frazier

Gifts: Frazier Family

Ushers: Joe Moore, Don Belland, Dennis Kaufmann

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

Mass Intentions



Dec. 18th

Open

Dec. 21st

† Michelle Stenger-Fisk

Dec. 22nd

† Richard & Ricky Lehman

Christmas Schedule

The Nativity of The Lord

Tuesday, December 24

Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM (with incense)

Wednesday, December 25 (no incense)

Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 AM

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31, Vigil Mass at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, January 1 At 9:00 AM

Financial Update

Totals for weekend	12/8/2019
Plate	457.50
Envelopes (22)	1131.00
Bldg. maint. Env.	90.00
Anniversary Bldg. Improv.	295.00
MN Energy Rebate	35.00
Liturgical Enviro.	30.00
Immaculate Conception	300.00
Children's Donation	20.00
Food Shelf	10.00
Total	\$2368.50

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NOEL
ANGEL
JESUS
PEACE HOPE
WISEMEN
CHRISTMAS
BELIEVE FAITH
PRINCE OF PEACE
THANK YOU

"Capital Campaign Corner"

Financial Update:

Project Goal	\$ 100,000.00
Pledges Received (50)	\$ 55,510.00
Paid to Date	\$ 35,860.00

If you have not returned your pledge card please do so soon.

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NEW ENVELOPES FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Envelopes are now in the back of church for use in remitting installment donations for the Capital Campaign.

They are green in color and should be used as follows:

1. Be sure to put your name (s) where indicated.
2. Write in the amount for a check or cash placed in it.
3. Write in your envelope number if you have one. If not, circle the N/A.
4. On the left, mark the type of donation, monthly, quarterly, etc.
5. When complete, drop in the collection basket.

If you have already made a one-time donation, these envelopes need not be used (unless you would like to add to your previous one, in which case check the "Special Donation" category).

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." — Mt 1:20-21

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Needing our Prayers



Jim Thorn
Gerald Mollberg
Danielle Peter
Judy Strandmark
Matt Yurick
Jean Isackson

Sue Roth
Jim Kirchberg
Elaine Schneider
Margaret Brooke
John Hatcher
Savannah Yurick



**Free Community
Christmas Eve Dinner
Sacred Heart Church
In the Wey Hall
Tuesday, December 24th
At 6:00 pm**

Donations of any desserts
would be greatly
appreciated.
Thank you!