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The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." — Mt 2:1b-2



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 9:30 am - noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

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

Or by appointment

January 8, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

On being a Christian- Part I

Before a daily Mass a few weeks ago, while getting ready for the day, one of my fingernails broke a little. I didn't do anything with it. Then, during Mass as the first reading was being read, the fingernail began to bother me. At that point, I decided to chew the broken nail off with my teeth. It was done quickly! I was able to tear the cracked fingernail and get part of the nail off my finger. However since I ended up pulling out more of the fingernail than I needed to, the finger started to throb. As the Mass proceeded, my pinky finger continued to cause me pain.

After Mass there was no change in the intensity of the pain, even though the piece of fingernail chewed off was minimal, it was nonetheless felt. At this point I started to think how low my tolerance for pain is. I then began to reflect about our persecuted and suffering Christian brothers and sisters, who not only have a lack of freedom to worship publically, but are also suffering and persecuted throughout the world, especially in such areas as Sudan, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, and many other countries. The reason these modern day persecuted and martyred Christians came to my mind is that I realized at this point how they experience far more pain and even death for their belief in Jesus Christ. My minimal pain is nothing in comparison, and really quite insignificant to those faithful Christians.

I had been contemplating a lot about our suffering Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world before my torn fingernail. Hardly a week goes by without hearing that someone or a group of Christians have been persecuted, tortured, and/or put to death. For these Christians, to worship the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, they must think seriously about what they are doing and professing when attending religious services in a church building. Moreover, for these Christians to wear a symbol of being a follower of Christ, such as a cross hanging on a chain in front of them, can have dire consequences.

All the Catholic Christians who have given up their lives by the shedding of their blood made a choice, knowing if they continued to be a follower of Our Lord, they could be martyred. Some modern day martyrs include a fourteen-year-old boy from Mexico, Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio, who was killed in 1928. Another martyr was Father Stanley Rother, who in 1981 at the age of forty-six was slain in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala, where he served as the parish priest. A good book about him is called: *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run: Father Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma* by Maria R. Scaperslanda.

More recently, there have been hundreds of Christians killed or persecuted, kidnapped, or driven out of their homeland. For instance, last March, Father Tom Uzhunnalil, a Salesian (a religious order) from India is still believed to be abducted by a radical Islamic group in Aden, Yemen. Another example is that sixty percent of the Christians in Aleppo, Syria have fled the area and become refugees. When I think about these brothers and sisters in the Lord, not only do I feel foolish for complaining about my fingernail pain, but also how fortunate I am that I live in a country where I can worship my God freely without any fear. However, because of this freedom, I...to be continued.

In my prayers, Father Shane

PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

We are seeking individuals to help with our Money Counter Ministry and our Usher Ministry. Training Provided! Please contact Steve in the parish office for more information. We are in need of Altar Servers. Please talk to Janet Yurick after Mass on Sundays if your child is interested, or you can call her at: 763.689.3018 or cell 763.244.0771..

UPCOMING CCW MEETING

There will be a CCW meeting this Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grant House. All women are welcome and invited to attend. If you have questions, please call Brenda Dahl at 320.267.0369.

THE PURPOSE OF MUSIC

The Bible explains that every good gift comes from God (James 1:17). Music is one of God's good gifts. The purpose of music and singing is to rejoice in and worship the Lord (Psalm 95:1-2).

Please join us in song during the Mass. Singing is a ministry that belongs to *all* the people of God.



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

Psalm 98:4-5

PRAYERS

ANSWERED

Cecelia Shinler thanks all for their prayers as well as her doctors for their caring work during her recent bout with cancer. It worked! Her doctors have just given her the prayed for results.....she is cancer free!

Our prayers have been answered regarding our open secretary position. Marsha Marcussen will be returning in mid-January (date to be determined). Our thanks to Mary Petschl and Janet Yurick for filling in during the interim.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Just a "heads up". All items to be published in the bulletin will need to be in the office by 9:00 am each Tuesday prior to the following weekend beginning Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Additional reminders for this new deadline will appear in subsequent bulletins and on the website.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist, other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures.

We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

*Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
(Mt 2:10-11)*

†Bill Sempel

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 14
4:00 p.m.

Lector: Al Walz
Communion: Mary Stenger, Ginny Thorn
Gifts: Drevecky Family
Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin Murphy
Servers: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, January 15
9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Kevin Smith
Communion: Mary Pat Hesbeck, Liz Herberg, Jean Peno,
Gifts: Solorz' Family
Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ted Stathes, Joe Wegleitner
Servers: Elena Herberg, Maggie Roth

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 1/3/2016

Plate	298.10
Envelopes (38)	1,056.00
Bldg. Maint Env (2)	28.00
Stipends/stole	60.00
Mary, Mother of God	326.00
Christmas	140.00
Initial Offerings	68.00
Total	\$1,976.10

Thank you for your generosity
in supporting our parish!

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Cards are available for you to pick up in the back of church. This devotion is an excellent way to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

MASS INTENTIONS



January 11
January 14
January 15

Open
†Wayne Peshia
†Louisa Rose Perreault

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 11

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, January 14

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm

Sunday, January 15

Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	10:30 am



Please Note:

There will not be Eucharistic Adoration until further notice due to the weather.

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

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Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Bill Peno	Arlene Greenhagen	Ethel Thomas-
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Eileen Kost	Betty Erickson
David Gaul	Jim Noon	Rose Peloquin
Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Cathy Gamache	Gerald Mollberg	Tom Solorz
Shirley Kirchberg		

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed. Thank you.

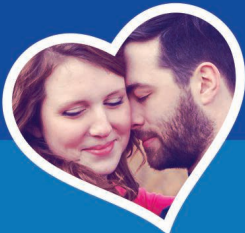
"Loving God, we ask that you enfold in your tender compassionate care all those in our community whose hearts are breaking and whose worries consume them."

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION OPEN

The St. Gregory Rectory is seeking a housekeeper.

Two to three days a week,
part time flexible hours.

See Fr. Shane for more information.

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