



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent February 14th, 2016

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10:00 AM to 4:00PM (M - F)

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MASSES

Monday to Saturday
9:00 AM in the Chapel

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM in the Church

Sunday
English Mass
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Creole Mass 12:45 PM

Holy Days
English Mass 9:00 AM
Bilingual Mass 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Saturdays at 4:00 pm in the Church
Every 1st Friday after the 9 AM Mass



Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Church, Cambria Heights is a diverse, vibrant, family united in faith. Drawing from our rich cultural backgrounds, we proclaim Christ as Lord, celebrate His living presence in the Sacraments, and serve others in his name.

A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My dear parishioners of Sacred Heart,

We begin the great season of Lent provided by the Church to remind us of our faith, and if possible deepen it. Like Christmas and Easter the Church gives us time to prepare for all its seasons. Advent prepares us for Christmas, and Lent for Easter.

In the long history of the Church, Lent was introduced by the Council of Nicea in 325, forty days before Easter. The time chosen seems to have been based on the forty fasting days of Moses, Elijah, and especially Jesus. It was a time not only of fasting, but also of prayer and of giving alms to the poor when possible. Its overall task was to make all of us holy so that we can understand and celebrate the feast of Easter that is quickly approaching.



This season of Lent calls us to Renunciation and Self-Denial. We are to renounce ourselves for the sake of God's kingdom. This must not be simply a Lenten discipline, but it is living our baptismal life in Christ, crucifying the old and bringing the new to life, refocusing our habits, our priorities, and our direction. This self-renunciation during this Lenten Season is much more than the renunciation of some of our petty practices; it is renouncing our old way of life, our bad attitudes and perspectives. It is renouncing all that prevents us from being children of God and servants to our neighbors.

I am excited to share with you this graceful season of spiritual enrichment, practicing the Lenten disciplines of prayer and fasting, while showing genuine concerns and offering prayers for the issues of the Church, the community, and the least fortunate around the world.

I pray that this Lenten Season be a special time of grace for all of us at Sacred Heart Parish.

May God ever bless you!

Fr. Hilaire,
Pastor

Weekly Readings

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Pray For

Myriam St Louis Juste, Yolande Pierre, Hubert Mills, Mythe Ste Rose, Rosa Wright, Irma Ali, Saintecile Joseph, Sade Jean-Raymond, Jahlil Nahser, Mrs. Kenneth Baptiste, Brenda Alleyne, Elliot Haynes, Ann Gutman, Candie Olmstead, Augustina Pitt, Gloria John, Clarence Hoggard, Lela Moton, Narque and Patrick Jean, Carolyn Keller, Carolin Edith, Steve Ste Rose, Raymond Bertrand, Carmene Muscad, Genevieve Morin, Marie Kernisant, Cecile Campayne, Monarque Jean, Ucile Pierre-Louis, Kingsley Joachim, Denise Briggs

Facility

Wish to reserve a room for your next function? Please call Fritz Kernizan at 718-406-5277.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 13th, 2016

5:00 pm Alexander Matiuk (B)
Kettly Souffrant (B)

Sunday, February 14th, 2016

8:00 am Married Couples
10:00 am Mettelus Jean Simon &
12:45 pm Edmide Louis (D)

Monday, February 15th, 2016

9:00 am Lionel Joseph (*In thanksgiving*)

Tuesday, February 16th, 2016

9:00 am Geraldine Louis Prince (B)

Wednesday, February 17th, 2016

9:00 am Alexandre Bernard (D)

Thursday, February 18th, 2016

9:00 am Yves Jean-Michel (*In Thanksgiving*)

Friday, February 19th, 2016

9:00 am Irlande L. (*In Thanksgiving*)

Saturday, February 20th, 2016

9:00 am Louis & Amantha Lecorps (D)

Sacred Heart Church
would like to invite
everyone to the annual
Black history month
Mass which will be held
on **February 28th, 2016**
at **4 PM.**



The mass will be led by our Youth Ministry. Please come and show your support as we honor those who have influenced our black history.

The creole Lenten retreat will be held from February 29th to March 2nd at 7:00 PM
By Father Firtio Regis coming directly from Haiti.
The English retreat will be held from March 8th to the 10th at 7 PM by Monsignor Anselm from New Jersey . This year's theme is " Be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful", "Soyez miséricordieux comme votre Père Céleste est miséricordieux".

SUNDAY READINGS AND BACKGROUNDS FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

In response to Pope Francis' urgent call to the new evangelization and his challenge to families to love according to Gospel values, each week in the bulletin our parish will offer a great opportunity to involve the entire family. There will be a short explanation of the three readings with possible questions to help us reflect on and apply the Gospel message to our lives. There are suggested questions for children, the youth and adults. May this parish endeavor help all of us deepen our relationship with the Lord.

Reading 1 **Deuteronomy 26:4-10** *Worship the Lord your God.*

Lent is more than a season of preparation for Easter. It is a time for the Christian community to repent and be reconciled with God and one another. It is a time of journeying with and praying for the catechumens who will be initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We also pray for those baptized candidates who will be confirmed and/or will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Finally, it is a time to appreciate and profess our faith, as God's people do in today's first reading. As they celebrate a liturgy of thanksgiving, Moses retells the story of the marvelous way God guided and saved them. He reminds the people that God sees their suffering and hears their cry for help.

Reading 2 **Romans 10:8-13** *There is only one God.*

Just as Moses wanted the people to express their faith, Paul calls on the Christians of Rome to "confess with their lips that Jesus is Lord." He reminds them and us that we must truly believe that Jesus rose from the dead if we hope to be saved. Through Jesus, God's great mercy embraces us and makes us "justified," or right with God.

Gospel **Luke 4:1-13** *Jesus is led into the desert and tempted.*

Lent is a period of forty days during which the whole Church renews itself through prayer and fasting. Today we are reminded that the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert after God led them out of captivity. We are now observing the forty days of Lent. During the Easter Triduum, we will celebrate being led from slavery into freedom.

According to today's gospel, Jesus retreated to the desert for forty days to prepare for his mission after being baptized by John the Baptist. Luke dramatically describes what happened to Jesus while he was alone in that deserted place. The devil tempts Jesus with promises of bread (a symbol for material comforts), of power (authority over others), and of false glory (to be gained by daring to test God). But Jesus defeats the devil by defending himself with God's word from the Old Testament. Even then the devil does not give up. He "awaits another opportunity" to tempt Jesus.

Questions of the Week

Theme: Lent is time to open our hearts more fully to Jesus.

Question for Children: When you feel tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?

Question for Youth: What is one thing you will do during Lent to become more open to God in your life?

Question for Adults: As you come to understand the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which one of the devil's offerings is hardest for you to resist?



SOMETHING TO DO THIS LENT...

Please remember to pray or send a note or card to our:

Catechumen - **Mercy Obasan**

Candidates (for Full Communion into the Catholic Church) - **Eric Addy & Margaret John**

Candidates (Baptized Catholic preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist)

Guerlony Aly

Chioma Ezekwen

Theoroda Danso

Dareena Saint Amand

Sending a Bon voyage is French for "Good journey!" Usually this means a journey by sea, but not always. When a friend goes on a long trip, we might have a bon voyage party. We express our good wishes for a safe and happy journey.

The catechumens and candidates in our parish are also going on a journey. The *catechumens* are journeying toward the *Sacraments of Initiation* (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) and the *candidates* are journeying towards **full communion to the Catholic Church** (those baptized candidate from a Christian religion—not Catholic) and *candidates* (teens and adults baptized in the Catholic Church) journeying towards **completing their initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist** at the Easter Vigil.

Design and send a "Good Journey" card to a catechumen or candidate. Let that person know that you are with him or her in prayerful support on the Lenten journey to Easter. Ask in your daily prayer that this person will become a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

You may send your card to the rectory and it will be handed to the catechumen and candidates personally. The Lenten journey may seem long at times, but it is really only a few weeks until Easter!

In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: May this Lenten journey be spiritually fruitful! May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you!

Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement

The Ministry of Consolation is a group of caring and compassionate volunteers who assist you and your family in planning the funeral liturgy of your loved ones. If you have recently lost someone, we invite you and your family to join us for prayerful support on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in Father Nolan's Unity Room. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Gwoup Konsolasyon

Gwoup Konsolasyon la pou sipòte w ak fanmi w lè nou gen lanmò. Nou ede w prepare litiji antèman an, e nou gide w pandan sèvis yo. Nou la tou pou sipòte w ak fanmi w menm apre antèman an. Nou rankontre chak dènye Jedi nan mwa a anba presbitè ya a 7è diswa. NOU PAP LAGE W!

Rituel de L'initiation Chrétienne Des Adultes

Si vous voulez devenir Catholique, ou si vous avez été baptisé et n'avez pas encore reçu les sacrements de la Sainte Communion et la Confirmation, inscrivez-vous au programme «RCIA ». Durant ce processus, les candidats et les catéchumènes se rapprochent du Seigneur et se joignent à la communauté chrétienne. Les cours sont offerts chaque mercredi soir à 7:00. Pour plus d'informations ou pour vous inscrire, appelez ou écrivez au presbytère et quelqu'un vous rappellera.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Reconciliation/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 PM in church, or by appointment in the rectory.

Matrimony

If you are planning to get married, please schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. If you are not in a valid marriage (a marriage not celebrated in church by a priest or deacon), please call or write the rectory for an appointment to see a priest.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in English on the 2nd Saturday at 1:00 PM, and in Creole on the 4th Saturday at 1:00 PM. If you are planning to have your child baptized in the parish, please call the rectory.

Communion for the Homebound

Anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Please call the rectory.

Sacred Heart Parish Mission Project

It's that time of year when we kick off our Parish Mission Project. From Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, the Lenten offering boxes will be available at every mass. Please remember to pick up one or two, and return them on Holy Thursday at the evening mass dedi-



cated to the poor. These contributions will be distributed to meet the needs of some of the worthy projects that Sacred Heart parishioners support in various parts of the world.

"The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).

Recollection Weekend 2016

The English Charismatic Prayer group will be organizing a Recollection weekend on

February 19th-21st, 2016.

It will be held at the Villa of our Lady Retreat House in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania:

Single room occupancy- \$230

Double room occupancy-\$210

which includes transportation.

For more information please contact Elisa Ward 516-462-6589, Michael Mekako 917-593-5108, Claudette Archer 718-217-1982 or the rectory

Generations of Faith

If you have already submitted your pledge card for the Campaign, please send all future payments directly to the Generations of Faith office at : Generations of Faith: Diocese of Brooklyn

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