

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent



Synod  
2021  
2023

For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

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8:30 a.m. to 12:00 & 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Drawing People Closer  
to God Through you



**Masses:** Saturday: 5:00 p.m. &  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday/ Thursday 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 9 a.m.  
Friday 6:30 Stations of the Cross  
followed by Mass

Ministries are needed. Would you consider  
signing up? Call Parish Office.

**Weekly Bulletin:** Check out Sacred Heart – Edson  
Facebook and and website view our information



We ♥ love  
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch  
with us via  
email & text

- Choose to get updates from groups you're interested in
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**TO SIGN UP PLEASE SCAN  
THE QR  
CODE**



## SYNOD 2021-2023

As you have probably heard Father mention, Pope Francis  
has called a synod.

So, **what is a synod?** A synod is a gathering, traditionally of  
bishops, that helps the Church to walk forward together in the  
same direction.

However, in this case, Pope Francis has called for  
the **entire** Church, including me and you, to gather in order  
to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us, the Body of  
Christ, to help us discern who God is calling us to become as  
a Church within the reality of today's world.

This process is going to take two years and all the baptized  
are invited to be involved. No one is to be excluded from this  
process. That includes even those who are not normally  
coming to church. Every part of the Body of Christ is needed  
and necessary.

**Humour:** The Bible proves that men made monkeys of  
themselves, but science proves that monkeys made  
men of themselves.

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## ANNOUCEMENTS

The **Children's Choir** is starting up again. Any  
children/youth aged 6 and up are welcome to join.  
Practices will be on Thursdays, time to be determined.  
Please contact Eva Kuefler at 780-712-3391  
or [garva@telusplanet.net](mailto:garva@telusplanet.net) to register your child or for  
more information.

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting a **Lenten  
Mission** on **March 22, 23, 24** from 7-9 pm each  
evening. We will begin with mass, followed by a  
presentation, group discussions and fellowship. Please  
spread the word and invite a friend. All are welcome!

**2022 Collection Envelopes have been placed on the  
table in gathering space. Please pick up from there.**  
**2021 TAX Receipts are available at gathering space  
of the church.**  
**2022 – Sunday Missals – Available on the table in  
gathering Space. Cost \$5.00 each.**  
**2022 – Calendar – There is one left. It is on the  
table in gather space at a cost of \$12.00.**

## Masses this week (+Repose); (-Intention)

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> + Kevin Homann  
By: Paul & Ann Steffes  
and + Doreen Tange  
By: Aline & Paul Andre  
Tuesday, Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - Marcel & Twyla Bachand & family  
By: Paul & Ann Steffes  
and + Doreen Tange  
By: Mary Tilby  
Wednesday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. + Kevin Homann  
By: Sacred Heart  
Thursday, Mar 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. + Angela Banack  
By: Lorraine Symes & family  
and + Dennise Banack  
By: Lorraine Symes & family  
and + Kevin Homann  
By: Paul & Ann Steffes  
and + Anna Lovell  
By: Sandy Fischer  
Friday, Mar 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. + Anna Lovell  
By: Betty Quinlan  
Saturday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. + Doreen Tange  
By: Betty Quinlan

**If you wish to offer a Mass for a special Intention or for a deceased member, do come into the Office to express your wishes.**

## Sacrament of

**Baptism:** Preparation Course is required before a Baptism can take place. You must obtain a long form birth certificate –



which has the mother and fathers name on the form from Government before you celebrate Baptism. If you are going to be a sponsor for the child baptized you must give your Confirmation date. **Next Baptism Preparation Class: Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.** Call the Parish Office to Register.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** If you or someone in your family will be entering hospital for surgery and you wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office or pastor. Many of the hospitals do not note a religious affiliation therefore it has to be the family who requests it.



## Collection for: February 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup>:

**Regular Collection: \$1617.25**  
**Building/Maintenance: \$360.00 TWS: \$20.00**  
**E-Transfer: \$100.00**

E-Transfer information:  
sacrhear@telus.net  
We do have the forms available for debit from your bank account to make things easier. Call the Parish Office for details.



- **For Catholic Education:** That our Catholic schools may make known God's plan for all creation, we pray to the Lord

## First Week of Lent

**During the Lent season, Stations of the cross will be every Friday starting at 6:30pm followed by mass. There will be no morning mass on Friday's during Lent.**

## Discovering God in the Spiritual Desert

By Evan Ponton

If you could only take three things on a desert island, what would you bring? A common question at parties, dates, and job interviews, it's not so different from what we might ask ourselves during the season of Lent. Lent, as our Catechism says, is "a span of forty days when the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." Just as the "desert island" question invites us to stop and consider what we really need and want in life, Lent invites us to consider our truest desires, what matters most, when it comes to uniting ourselves to Christ Jesus. To help us answer this question during Lent, our Catholic tradition gives us three spiritual keys, known as "penitential practices," namely, Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

### **Prayer**

Before deciding what to "give up" during Lent, first "pick up" a new way to pray. Be specific: pick a time, place, and form of prayer. Don't commit to more than you can do, but don't be afraid to stretch yourself some. Lent primarily focuses on the practice of penitential prayer, humbly acknowledging our sins with sorrow and contrition, and turning our hearts back to God's forgiveness and mercy. Don't forget Lent is a powerful time to receive the Sacrament of Penance (also called Reconciliation, or Confession). Penitential prayer isn't meant to leave us discouraged, but should increase our desire to love and serve God. The Psalmist sings, "As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God" (Psalm 42:2-3). Lent is a kind of "spiritual desert" that highlights our thirst for God, which may lead us to experience what the saints of our Church call "dryness in prayer," times when we lack feelings of comfort and consolation. Rather than a sign that God isn't listening, as Mother Angelica and others have described, dryness in prayer can be a gift and invitation to find deeper satisfaction in God.

### **Fasting**

Fasting is the spiritual practice of voluntarily abstaining from food or some other bodily need or pleasure (now we can talk of "giving something up"). Fasting is rooted in our Church's scripture and tradition, especially in imitation of Jesus who fasted for forty days in the desert (Matthew 4:2). While the Church only asks members to fast from food on occasion, I'm convinced fasting is more relevant than ever as we live in constant temptation of becoming more gratified while less grateful, more satiated while less satisfied. Fasting can be a practice of slowing down. This can mean we intentionally consume and do less, thus allowing God to speak to our souls with less interruptions from the myriad distractions and lesser goods that demand our time and attention. Spend some time in prayer considering what things or activities God is calling you to fast from.

### **Almsgiving**

When asked, "How much money is enough," industrialist and oil magnate John D. Rockefeller famously replied, "Just a little bit more." The practice of almsgiving, on the other hand, can actually be freeing—showing that we can be happy with a little bit less. Jesus warned his disciples of putting stock in material possessions (Luke 18:18-30). Almsgiving turns the spiritual fruit we inwardly gain through prayer and fasting outward into material fruit shared with the poor and those in need. The point isn't spring-cleaning or making room in the closet for new summer fashions, but to make room in our heart for the poor and to de-clutter the way that leads to the Kingdom of God.