

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Sacred Heart,

Are we “there” (i.e., Christmas) yet? Not quite, but our journey reaches half way on the third Sunday of Advent. Today’s readings bid us to be joyful. Why? Because of God’s profound love for you and me, in spite of persistent pain or life disappointments or wounded memories! During this week, allow yourself a gift: Reflecting on one “daily reading” each day (in the bulletin) to savor God’s goodness again ... and again. How about the gift of Reconciliation? Your soul certainly deserves it. And it’s refreshing and joy-filled!

A concrete joy to share God’s goodness is through the “giving tree” or “warm clothes drive.” Your kindness helps many families & children in Seattle a bit warmer, a bit more hope-filled.

Another joy is the Simbang Gabi this coming Saturday. Come to celebrate with us a Filipino tradition of preparing for the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Details are in this bulletin.

Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kickoff is only three weeks away, starting with the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 5, 2014. Fr. Harry Grile, C.Ss.R. (former pastor and current provincial) will lead us into this historic year. Please mark your calendar, and invite family and friends to celebrate this joyful moment together.

A heartfelt gratitude to Pam & Craig Nim, along with the “Amahl and the Night Visitor” cast, for a touching performance this past weekend! Your devotion, skills, and joy drew many of us much closer to the beauty and spirit of Christmas! The proceeds to the parish is noted in this bulletin.

Starting at 6 p.m. this Thursday, the YAMS will be cleaning the carpet in the church. On Friday, after the noon Mass, we’ll do a general cleaning on the sanctuary area, pews, doors, etc. Please share an hour or two, either day, to get our church ready for the birthday of Jesus our Savior.

May you know God’s deepest joy this week...and always!  
Fr. Binh T. Ta, C.Ss.R.

### Year-End Charitable Giving

As we near the end of the year, please consider Sacred Heart in your charitable giving as a way for you to claim it on your 2013 tax return. Please contact Val Valmonte at 206-284-4680 for more information.

### Typhoon Haiyan

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), would like to send their deepest thanks for the amazing response of the people in Western Washington. Updated information on relief efforts are on: <http://crs.org/typhoon-haiyan>.



### The Stewardship Of Treasure

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| Annual Goal | \$ 264,615 |
| Y-T-D Goal  | 117,070    |
| Weekly Goal | 5,090      |

### Collections for the Week Ending Dec. 8

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Dec. 8th Weekend Offering         | \$ 3,774 |
| Year to Date Collections          | 112,114  |
| Parish Improvement                | 13,300   |
| Food Program (Net of Expenses)    | 7,447    |
| EFT (YTD)                         | 21,947   |
| Proceeds from the “Amahl” Concert | 1,030    |

### Electronic Funds Transfer or Online Donations

- \* Electronic Funds Transfer: setup & maintained by parish staff
- \* Online Donations: setup & maintained by you (account holder)

Did you know that you can support Sacred Heart parish on a weekly or monthly basis by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or online donations? They are safe & convenient ways to sustain your heartfelt contribution to your parish.

For Online Donations, please go to [www.sacredheartseattle.com](http://www.sacredheartseattle.com) and click on “Donations” on the left of the screen. For EFT, please check the EFT line and provide the needed information on your pledge card or on the EFT forms found in the vestibule.

## Daily Mass Intentions

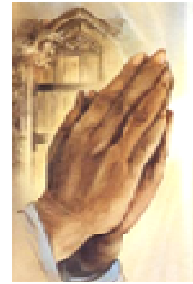
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| Sun Dec.15 | 9:00am  | †Ted & Elizabeth Folk                            |
|            | 11:00am | †Millie Hokanson                                 |
|            | 5:30pm  | Sacred Heart Parish                              |
| Mon Dec.16 | 8:00am  | †Sr. Nelle O'Connor, SNJM                        |
|            | 12:10pm | †Fr. Brian Gilles, C.Ss.R.                       |
| Tue Dec.17 | 8:00am  | †Jack A. Harvey                                  |
|            | 12:10pm | John Bartell                                     |
|            | 5:30pm  | †John Rigney                                     |
| Wed Dec.18 | 8:00am  | Mehmood & Beryl Taqui                            |
|            | 12:10pm | Elizabeth Tamayo's Birthday                      |
| Thu Dec.19 | 8:00am  | Jess & Myrna Canon's<br>43rd Wedding Anniversary |
|            | 12:10pm | †Doug McBroom                                    |
| Fri Dec.20 | 8:00am  | Fleur McMillen                                   |
|            | 12:10pm | McMillen Family Thanksgiving                     |
| Sat Dec.21 | 8:00am  | Fr. Binh Ta's Birthday                           |
|            | 5:30pm  | †Domenica Picinich                               |

### Daily Readings

|                            |                           |                  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 12/16 Numbers 24:2-7,15-17 | Psalms 25:4-9             | Matthew 21:23-27 |
| 12/17 Genesis 49:2,8-10    | Psalms 72:1-4,7-8,17      | Matthew 1:1-17   |
| 12/18 Jeremiah 23:5-8      | Psalms 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 | Matthew 1:18-25  |
| 12/19 Judges 13:2-7,24-25  | Psalms 71:3-6,16-17       | Luke 1:5-25      |
| 12/20 Isaiah 7:10-14       | Psalms 24:1-6             | Luke 1:26-38     |
| 12/21 Song of Songs 2:8-14 | Psalms 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 | Luke 1:39-45     |

## Please Pray for the Following People

Dawna Bell  
Lynne Brierley  
Anne Carroll  
Paul Dargan  
Ellen Donohoe  
Diedre Evans  
Vito Grieco  
Rose Ann Haas  
Joy Mugot



Allison N.  
Liby P. Reyes  
Dan Rosenberg  
Elizabeth Rugaber  
Louise Steuart & Family  
Paul Sweeney  
Dorothy Usher  
Jerry Usher  
Joseph Usher

**HIPAA Laws require permission to publish names**

## This Week at Sacred Heart

### Dec. 15, Sunday

- Coffee Hour after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses
- Legion of Mary, Visitation Room, 12:30pm
- YAMs Gift Wrapping Party, Fellowship Room, after 5:30pm Mass

### Dec. 17, Tuesday

- MPH Novena at the 8:00am, 12:10pm, & 5:30pm Masses

### Dec. 18, Wednesday

- RCIA, Fellowship Room, 7:00pm

### Dec. 21, Saturday

- La Luz de Cristo, Adoration Chapel, 10:00am - noon
- Simbang Gabi Mass, 11:00am, Reception follows in the Fellowship Room

## 2013 Holiday Events and Mass Schedules

- Dec. 15 YAMs Gift Wrapping Party, after the 5:30pm Mass  
In the Fellowship Room
- Dec. 21 Simbang Gabi Mass, 11:00am  
Reception follows in the Fellowship Room
- Dec. 24 Regular Mass with Confessions: 8:00am  
Vigil Mass, No Confessions: 7:00pm
- Dec. 25 Christmas Masses: 9:00am and 11:00am
- Dec. 31 Regular Mass with Confessions: 9:00am  
Vigil Mass, No Confessions: 5:30pm
- Jan. 1 Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God Masses:  
9:00am and 11:00am

## Simbang Gabi at Sacred Heart December 21 at 11:00am

All are invited to attend the Simbang Gabi, a traditional Filipino Advent Mass, on December 21, Saturday at 11am. Reception at the Fellowship Room follows after the Mass.



## Giving Tree



Please bring your gifts and tags for the Giving Tree to Mass or drop them at the parish office by Tuesday, December 18. For all who participated, thank you for your generous spirit!

If you would like to volunteer to help distribute, please contact Roberta at:  
[Roberta@sacredheartseattle.com](mailto:Roberta@sacredheartseattle.com).

## Warm Clothes Drive

We have collected a good number of warm winter clothes which the Food Bank will distribute to the men and women who will need them this very cold winter season. Thank you!



## Christmas Flower Offerings

Christmas Flower Offerings envelopes are available in the vestibule. Your contribution will keep the sanctuary "fresh" throughout this holiday season (until January 5, the Epiphany).

*Happy Birthday, Fr. Binh! Chúc mừng sinh nhật! (December 21)*