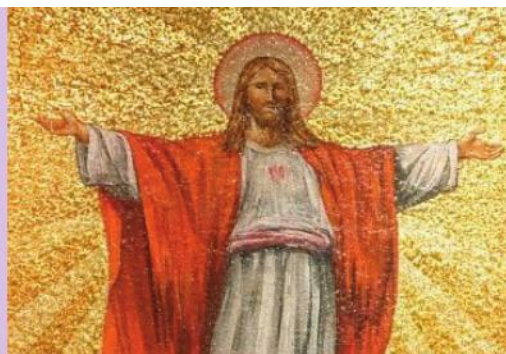


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Second Sunday of Advent

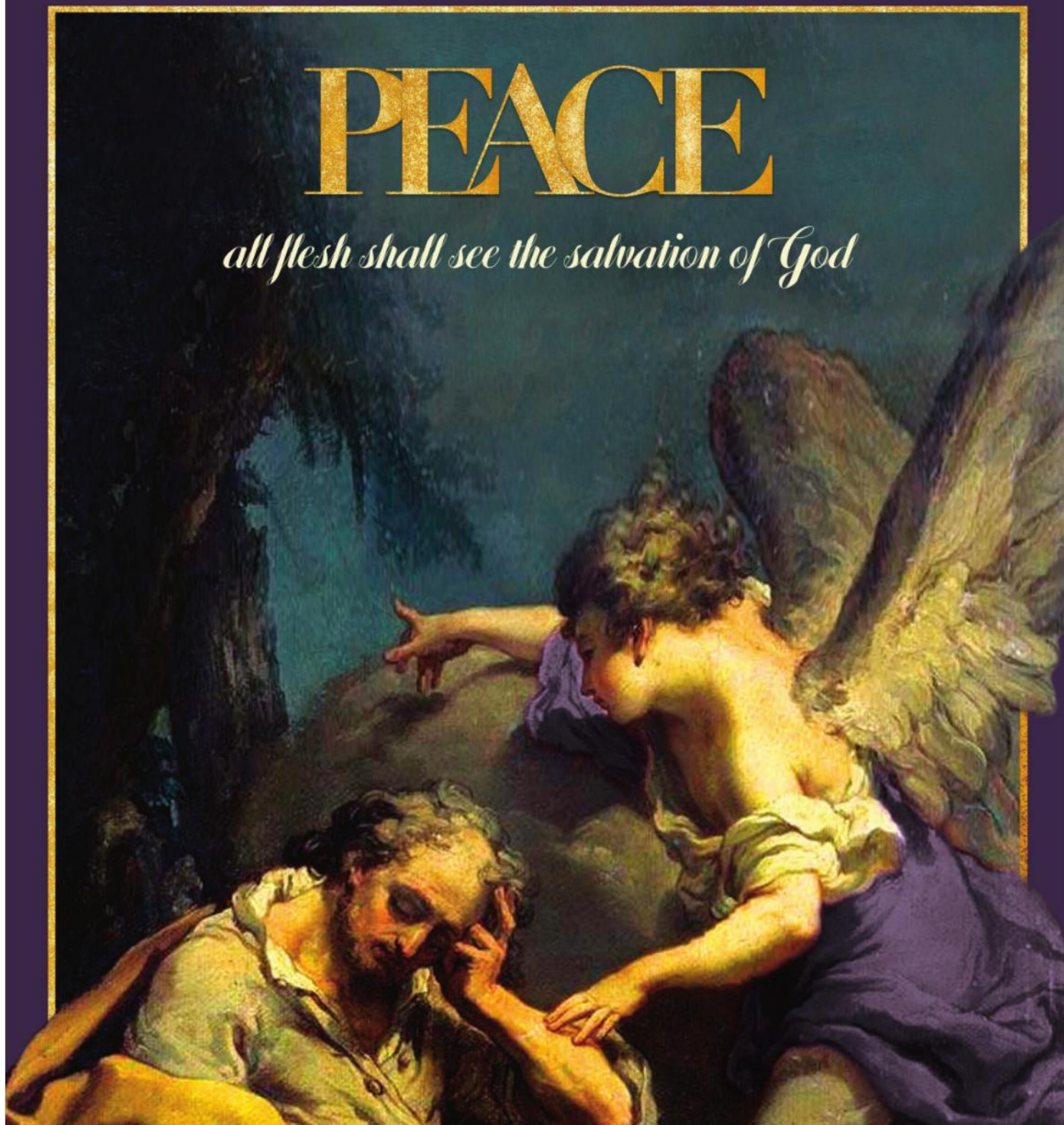
December 10, 2023

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



PEACE

*all flesh shall see the salvation of God*





## Weekly Mass Intentions



### Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m. †Ricardo Herrera

6:00 p.m. †Jose Rafael Lassalle

### Sunday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Diane Hosman

9:30 a.m. For our parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Brooks Robinson

### Monday, December 11

8:00 a.m. †Mary J. Costa

### Tuesday, December 12

8:00 a.m. †Billy Peterson

### Wednesday, December 13

8:15 a.m. †Ilda Brum

6:00 p.m. For vocations

### Thursday, December 14

8:00 a.m. †Arlene Richmond

### Friday, December 15

8:00 a.m. †Ralph Hoener

### Saturday, December 16

4:00 p.m. Lu & Marc Croteau

6:00 p.m. TBD

### Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. †Bob Chittenden

9:30 a.m. †The Barbuti Family

11:30 a.m. For our parishioners

#### Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Nicholas Stinvianni

## Our Stewardship

December 2 - 3:

Offertory: \$13,152.00

His Heart: \$512.00

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Other: \$722.98

**Total: \$15,245.98**

Attendance: 1,175

### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

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those who have  
given a lifetime.**



### **The 4th Sunday of Advent is on the same day as Christmas Eve?**

Confused about your obligations? The Church wants us to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent as a way to complete our preparation for the Lord's coming. Of course, we will want to celebrate Jesus' birth at either a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass. This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. You'll honor the obligation to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent by attending either the 4:00 pm vigil on Dec. 23rd, or the 8 or 10am Mass on Sunday. You'll honor the celebration of Christmas by attending a Christmas Eve Mass (4pm, 6pm, 8pm (Spanish) or Midnight/Carols at 11:30am or a Christmas Day Mass (8 am or 10am).



### *Christmas Schedule*

#### **DECEMBER 24TH (CHRISTMAS EVE)**

4pm, 6pm, and Midnight in English  
Christmas Carols at 11:30pm  
8pm in Spanish

#### **DECEMBER 25TH**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

8am and 10am

# This Week at Sacred Heart

*If you need information about a ministry listed, call the office. We'd be happy to get you connected to them!*

## Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent:

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

## Monday, December 11th:

- Legion of Mary, 8:30am, Marian Room
- Junior Legion of Mary, 6pm, Parish Center

## Tuesday, December 12th:

- Parish Bible Study, 9:00-10:15am, Parish Center. Continue the study "Preparing the Way".
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Spanish Prayer Group, 7pm, Retreat House

## Wednesday, December 13th:

- Bingo, Parish Center (doors open at 10am, first game at noon)
- Columbiettes General Meeting, 7pm, Parish Center

## Thursday, December 14th:

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House
- God's Housekeepers, 1pm, Church

## Friday, December 15th

- Toy Party, 6pm, Parish Center

## Saturday, December 16th:

- Stations of the Nativity, 9am, Festival Lane

## Sunday, December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent:

Readings: Is 61:1-2A, 10-11, 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

# JOY

# Save the Date

## Sharing the Joy of Christmas

Sacred Heart Church has a tradition of making Christmas special for the residents of the local Senior Living Facilities. This year we will host Christmas parties at:

- Baywood - Dec. 14th
- Bayside Terrace - December 16th

Thanks to the kindness of the parishioners, we provide a specific gift for each resident - something they've asked for. Our gift is often the only thing these residents will receive for Christmas and is a tangible way for us to show God's love to them.

## Christmas Party & Toy Collection

Some years ago a small group of friends began hosting a Christmas party for the purpose of collecting toys to be given to kids who might go without. The party has grown over the years and so has the pile of toys! You are welcome to stop by, Friday Dec. 15th, beginning at 6pm in the Parish Center. Be sure to bring a toy or two! If you can't make the party but would like to donate a toy, place the unwrapped toy under one of the Christmas trees in the Narthex. Suggested items: Teens (gift cards to fast food, movie, amazon, etc.), board games for all children age categories, or any type of toy that you would like to donate is welcome. Thank you!



## Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The office will be closed beginning December 25th and will reopen on Tuesday January 2nd.

## Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

### Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8am

Wed: 8:15am & 6pm

*(Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)*

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm *(Spanish)* *(Rosary prayed in Spanish at 5:30pm)*

#### Sunday

8:00am, 9:30am *(live-streamed)*, &

11:30am

*(Rosary prayed at 7:30am)*

### Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 5:15-5:45pm *(Spanish)*

*(If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment)*

### Our Chapel is Open for Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am-5pm

Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

### First Fridays:

Exposition: 8:30am-6pm

Masses: 8am and 6pm

### First Saturdays:

Mass: 8am

Rosary and Marian Devotions 8:30 to 9am

### Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

### Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

### Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

*Livestreamed liturgies can be found at [sacredheartpinellaspark.com](http://sacredheartpinellaspark.com) (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).*

## Parish

### ATTENTION, BOWLERS!



Sacred Heart is trying to establish teams for a bowling league at Seminole Lanes! The league would bowl on Sunday evenings at 6pm, and it would be an adult mixed handicapped league. If interested, please contact Carol Silvey at 727-415-6515 or [cap106@outlook.com](mailto:cap106@outlook.com) or Bruce Silvey at 727-366-6969 or [bsilvey@aol.com](mailto:bsilvey@aol.com).

### Diocesan Safe Environment program

Information about the Diocesan Safe Environment program is published on the diocesan website, [dosp.org](http://dosp.org). Full instructions on how to file an abuse complaint are at [www.dosp.org/safe-environment/how-to-file-anabuse-complaint/](http://www.dosp.org/safe-environment/how-to-file-anabuse-complaint/).

Following is a summary:

- If you are a victim of abuse, or you suspect that a child or a vulnerable adult is being abused by anyone, call law enforcement (911) or the Florida Abuse Hotline (Department of Children and Families) at 800-962-2873.
- To report abuse within the Diocese of St. Petersburg involving church personnel (clergy, church employee, or volunteer) or a contractor/vendor, you may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, John Lambert, L.C.S.W., via the Victim Assistance Hotline at 866-407-4505 or via email to [jl@dosp.org](mailto:jl@dosp.org).

### Help Needed at the Missionaries of Africa Retirement Home

The Missionaries of Africa Retirement Home in St. Petersburg (located near the Cathedral of St. Jude) has an opening for a full-time cook. The hours are Monday-Friday from 10:30 am – 6:30 pm, cooking for 8 retired priests. Health, dental, vision and pension benefits apply after a 3-month probation period. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this position, please send your resume to [star30@verizon.net](mailto:star30@verizon.net). Please contact Denise Starkey at 813-215-9535, if you have any further questions.



# Announcements

## Junior Legion of Mary Meetings - All Invited!

All are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary in praying the rosary after the following Masses: (Rosaries will be provided.)

Sunday December 24: the Rosary will be recited after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Chapel.

Sunday December 31: the Rosary will be recited after 9:30AM Mass in the Chapel.

**\*\*There will be NO Monday night Junior Legion of Mary meetings December 25, 2023 or January 1, 2024 because of the holidays.**

## Santa Nino Novena and Mass

Mass will be held on January 7th, 2024 at the 11:30am Mass. A novena will be held from December 29th thru January 6th. More details to follow.

## Sacred Heart Women's CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish)

Do you sense that something is missing in your life? Are you feeling called to deepen your relationship with Christ, or discover more of his love for you?

Join us for our 2024 CRHP retreat! It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other women in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from your everyday, you will find what you are looking for and more.



**SAT, Jan 27 • 8:45 AM to 8 PM**  
**SUN, Jan 28 • 8:45 AM to 4 PM**

*For more information and to sign up,  
stop by the CRHP table in the Narthex  
Dec. 16 and 17 after each Mass*

Email, call, or text with any questions  
[sh.crhp@gmail.com](mailto:sh.crhp@gmail.com)  
Stacy 727-459-8797

Register for the weekend here!



## Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 11th at 3:00pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 5th anniversary as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of marriage during the 2024 calendar year. To RSVP, please call our parish office by Tues. January 16th.



**Bible Verse for the Week:** "Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
in his arms he gathers the lambs." Is 40:11

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# Grow In Faith

## Second Week of Advent

God of peace, during this Advent season, keep us from getting caught up in the busyness and chaos of the world around us. Help us to slow down, so that we may find rest in the Prince of Peace, your son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare for his coming, make us instruments of your peace in our homes, in our schools, in our work and in our world. Amen. (Light two purple candles; hope and peace).

## Holy Hour for Vocations

The Office of Vocations and the Serra Club of St. Petersburg host a monthly Holy Hour for vocations at the Cathedral. The next Abundance Holy Hour is Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 pm. Join us in person or by livestream at [www.stjudesp.org](http://www.stjudesp.org) All are welcome to join in praying for an abundance of vocations in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. For more information contact: Fr. Chuck in the Office of Vocations 727-345-3452 or [spvocation@dosp.org](mailto:spvocation@dosp.org)

## Prayer for Vocations

God Our Father, you made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Messa in Italiano

Cathedral of St. Jude in Our Lady's Chapel Sunday,  
December 17, 2023 4:00 pm Please come to pray and sing  
in ITALIANO! Celebrant: Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato,  
OdeM

## Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin Date	Submission Due Date	Email bulletin announcements to the Parish Office: <a href="mailto:shcc7809@gmail.com">shcc7809@gmail.com</a>
Dec. 17	Dec. 6	Submissions may be edited due to limited space. Refrain from sending pre-formatted PDF documents; when we shrink to fit into bulletin, words are often unreadable. Photos welcome; include your name. Submissions outside of parish may/may not be used.
Dec. 24	Dec.13	
Dec. 31	Dec. 20	



## Our Parish Prayer List

Sheryl Acunal      Jean Sloskin  
Rita Belcastro      Helen Sullivan  
Kathy Chabot      Mickey Wickenheiser  
Dee Charpentier      Randy Wisdom  
Gerry Grasso  
Lou Horn  
Clara Johnson  
Patsy Piech  
Geri Piver

*\*Bold indicates new name added to prayer list.*

**The sick will be listed in the bulletin for eight weeks.** Should the sick need prayers beyond eight weeks, you may write their name (s) in the Prayer Request Book in the narthex. Names will remain in this book until December 31st of the current year. If prayers are needed beyond December 31st, re-enter name(s) in the book the following year.

If you need to add a new name to the Prayer List in, please call the parish office 727-541-4447 or email [shcc7809@gmail.com](mailto:shcc7809@gmail.com). Remember that we must have the person's permission before adding his/her name to the list.



### Pope Francis December Prayer Intention

#### For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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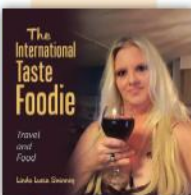
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