

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I must confess to a degree of awkwardness in writing this. The company that prints our bulletins puts us on a special schedule for the Sunday's surrounding Christmas and so I am having to write this on Dec. 22nd. That means I can not write about our wonderful Christmas Masses (even though I am sure they will be terrific!) or report on our end-of-year giving (which has started off well!).

In short, I am still stuck in Advent.  
Is there a lesson in that?

Most of us can recall anticipating Christmas as a child or some life moment as an adult. That anticipation can cause us to miss the events leading up to the event. In other words, we are so focused on what is ahead that we are unaware of what is happening in the moment.



My time of hiking mountains in New England brought this lesson home to me. Brian, my climbing partner, and seminarian friend would set out on hikes that would lead us to the top of one or two mountains. We quickly learned that there is great beauty on the trail up the mountain – often more than what we experienced at the summit. The grove of pine trees covered with ice cycles lit by a bright sun on the side of Mt. Graylock, the cascading ice formations we frequently encountered, walking through the forest in light snow, and so many more non-mountain-top moments are what really made the effort to hike and climb worthwhile.

And so, I need to remember that Dec. 22nd is a day with its own joys and memorable moments. Happiness is not confined to the 25th. It is certainly not confined to an hour or so of opening gifts.

There is routine in our days just as hiking trails have routine sections. Perhaps as we enter 2022, we can learn to see beauty in the routine. “In everything give thanks” is how St. Paul put it (1 Thes. 5:18).

May God bless you with the gift of joy in the New Year!

Fr. Kevin



## Weekly Mass Intentions



### **Saturday, January 1, 2022**

12:01 a.m. For our parishioners  
8:00 a.m. For our parish volunteers  
4:00 p.m. †Lester & Jeanne Yarnell  
6:00 p.m. For the Sacred Heart Spanish community

### **Sunday, January 2**

7:30 a.m. Eufemia Ramos-Lopez  
9:30 a.m. †Alan Bibb  
11:30 a.m. †James Masterson

### **Monday, January 3**

8:00 a.m. Sass family

### **Tuesday, January 4**

8:00 a.m. †Stelbasky family

### **Wednesday, January 5**

8:15 a.m. Mark Sauette  
6:00 p.m. Kenneth Soucy

### **Thursday, January 6**

8:00 a.m. †David Lamond

### **Friday, January 7**

8:00 a.m. Adolfo Mancol  
9:00 p.m. For unity

### **Saturday, January 8**

8:00 a.m. †Helen Greenbaum & †Marge Gregorsky

4:00 p.m. †Anthony Balcastro

6:00 p.m. †Efron Castro

### **Sunday, January 9**

7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for all God's blessings

9:30 a.m. For our parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Johnson Eileen

### **Sanctuary Candle**

The sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of James Masterson

## Stewardship

### **December 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

Offertory: \$10,404.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Capitol Improvements): \$962.00

His Heart: \$488.00

Other: \$3,669.15\*

Total: \$15,524.15

Mass Attendance: 815

*\*Includes several end-of-year gifts toward replacing our church air conditioner. Thanks!*

## A terrific example of stewardship!

Our parish can be proud of all that we do for those who struggle to find adequate food, clothing, and shelter. We are, of course, only doing what Jesus commanded us to do, but it is still helpful to occasionally take stock of these good works and celebrate the work. Recently, Pinellas Hope presented a group of our parishioners with their Hunger Hero award. Each month, upwards of 30 people prepare and take a meal to feed the residents at Pinellas Hope. They have been doing this for several years! Thanks for your great example!



## Parish office hours are expanding

Beginning the week of January 16th, the office will be open from 8am to noon, Monday through Thursday. In addition, the staff will be available many afternoons for appointments.

Also, Fr. Kevin has changed his day off to Friday. As a result, the Friday morning devotions have shifted to Thursday beginning this week.



# Quick Takes

## Coming Soon!

Sunday, Jan. 9th, 8:30-11am, KOC Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 5-8pm, KOC Spaghetti Dinner  
Sunday, Jan. 23rd, Word of God Sunday (bring your Bible to Mass!)  
Jan. 30th - Feb. 4th, Catholic Schools Week  
Saturday, Feb. 12th, 11am-2pm, Parish Picnic  
Saturday, Feb. 26th, Suncoast Catholic Men's Conference

## Two new Bible Studies!

**Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life** starts January 5, 2022. This new group will meet in the Marion Room from 9-11:30 am each Wednesday for 11 weeks. Steve Douglas will facilitate the group. The cost is \$29.95 for the book and study guide. (We will happily help with that expense if needed. Please do not let cost come between you and studying the Bible.) Sign up by email [sacredfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:sacredfaithformation@gmail.com).

## Men's Morning Out! A Bible Study for those men of the parish who are early risers.

The tentative start date is January 12, 2022 at 5:30-6:30 am in the Parish Hall. The group will study the book of Romans and will be led by Steve Douglas. Each session will include a video stream presentation followed by discussion. Handouts will be available to help with study. There is a cost for the study guide. Sign up by email [sacredfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:sacredfaithformation@gmail.com).

## An Evening of Prayer and Discernment – Be a Part of History in the Making

Pope Francis is asking people to come together to dialogue and pray about our Church's future. Everyone is invited to gather for a time of learning, praying, listening and sharing as we consider how the Holy Spirit is leading the Church in the third millennium. Your voice is needed!

Sacred Heart will be offering several opportunities for small groups to meet and discuss. We will have those dates and times available next week. Or you can attend larger gatherings at nearby parishes. To learn more about the Synod that Pope Francis has called, visit [JourneyingTogether.org](http://JourneyingTogether.org)

## Christmas at Sacred Heart



*Santa's workshop might look like this - all the toys sorted and ready for distribution!*

*Residents at Grand Villa enjoy the party and open the gifts sent by our parishioners.*

*Our outdoor rosary gets a Christmas look with a change to poinsettias for the rosary "beads."*

## Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

### Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am

Tues: 6pm (*Spanish*)

Wed: 8:15am (*live-streamed*) & 6pm

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm (*Spanish*)

#### Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am (*live-streamed*), & 11:30am

### Confessions

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

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

Saturdays: 5:30-5:55pm (*Spanish*)

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

### Morning Devotions

Monday & Friday at 9am (*live-streamed*):

*Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.*

### 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 Friday Exposition:

8:30-10am, 6pm-9pm, Mass 9pm

Exposition continuing until 8am Saturday

### First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am (*includes Adoration*)

### Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

### Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

*Live-streamed liturgies and devotions 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).*

## From Pope Francis



Dear brothers and sisters, let us learn from Saint Joseph how to cultivate spaces for silence in which another Word can emerge, that is, Jesus, the Word: that of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, and that Jesus brings. It is not easy to recognize this Voice, which is very often confused along with the thousand voices of worries, temptations, desires, and hopes that dwell within us; but without this training that comes precisely from the practice of silence, our tongue can also ail. Without practicing silence, our tongue can also ail. Instead of making the truth shine, it can become a dangerous weapon. Indeed, our words can become flattery, vainglory, lies, backbiting and slander. It is an established fact that, as the Book of Sirach reminds us, “many have fallen by the edge of the sword, but not so many as have fallen because of the tongue” (28:18). Jesus said this clearly: whoever speaks ill of his brother or sister, whoever slanders his neighbor, is a murderer (cf. Mt 5:21-22). Killing with the tongue. We do not believe this, but it is the truth. Let us think a little about the times we have killed with the tongue: we would be ashamed! But it will do us good, a great deal of good.

Biblical wisdom affirms that “death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits” (Pr 18:21). And the Apostle James, in his Letter, develops this ancient theme of the power, positive and negative, of the word with striking examples, and he says: “If anyone makes no mistakes in what he says he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also... So, the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things... With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing” (3:2-10).

This is why we must learn from Joseph to cultivate silence: that space of interiority in our days in which we give the Spirit the opportunity to regenerate us, to console us, to correct us.

*Pope Francis’ weekly Wednesday audience, delivered on Dec. 15, 2021*

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**Proverb of the Week:** Prov. 12:18: “There is one who speaks rashly like the trusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”



## The Feast of Santo Nino



*We are pleased to celebrate the Feast of the Santa Nino this Sunday, at the 11:30am Mass. Don't know about this Philippine devotion? Read on!*

The Santo Nino de Cebu is a Roman Catholic title of the Child Jesus that is associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics. It is one of the oldest Christian relics in the Philippines. The dark wood statue depicts the Child Jesus, with a serene countenance, in the attitude and dress of a Spanish monarch. The statue bears imperial regalia including a gold crown, globus cruciger, and various scepters, wears fine vestments, and possesses jewelry mostly offered by devotees over several centuries. It is approximately twelve inches tall and is carved in the Flemish style.

On April 14, 1521, the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, on a voyage to find a westward route to the spice islands, gave the statue as a gift to native leader, Rajah Humabon and his wife when he landed on the island of Cebu in the Philippines.

The Spanish left after a failed war and the death of Magellan, but another Spanish expedition, led by Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, arrived on April 27, 1565. Legazpi sought to establish a colony to trade spices. The natives rejected his attempt at a peaceful colonization and so he opened fire on Cebu and burnt the coastal town destroying 1500 homes and possibly killing 500 people. In the ruins of this destruction, the Spanish mariner Juan Camus found the image of the Santo Nino in a pine box. According to the local legend, the survival of the statue was seen as a sign of miracle by the colonizers, and ever since it has been believed to have miraculous powers.

A cross given by Magellan and the image of the Santo Nino is the oldest surviving Catholic relics in the Philippines. A church to house Santo Nino was built on the spot where the image was found by Juan Camus. The church, originally constructed with bamboo and mangrove palms, claims to be the oldest parish in the Philippines. Pope Paul VI granted a Canonical Coronation of the statue on April 28, 1965, and later raised its shrine to the status of Minor Basilica on May 2, 1965 via his Papal bull *Cubanula Religionis* which marked the 400th anniversary of its arrival on the islands.

The image is replicated in various parts of the country with different titles and is one of the most beloved and recognizable Filipino cultural icons. The annual dancing feast of Sinulog is held every January on the third Sunday in its honor. Today, the original image is permanently encased inside its chapel within the Minor Basilica del Santo Nino.

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## Preparing for Next Week



Next Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This event is extremely important in the life of Jesus. When Jesus was baptized a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." This statement is what defines who Jesus is to the public and it is the official beginning of his public ministry.

Every time I read this passage in the Gospel it prompts me to reflect on my own identity and purpose in life. Who do I say I am? Who do people say I am? What would a stranger say I am if they watched a video recording of me for an entire day?

It is important to remember that what was said of Jesus when he was baptized was said of us when we were baptized. During our baptism God looked down upon us and said, "Behold my beloved." By virtue of our baptism we are beloved daughters and sons of God. This identity we are given at our baptism implies immense responsibility. It requires action.

Being a beloved daughter or son of God requires a different way of living. I could write paragraphs about things we can do as the beloved. But to sum it up, at the heart of what it means to be the beloved is, to be love and mercy.

As the beloved we have the responsibility of being love and mercy not only to our wife or husband or kids or extended family members, but to those that we find it difficult to love and forgive. Our love will be measured by the extent to which we are able to love those who are difficult to love and forgive.

St. Thomas Aquinas said, the majority of sin is ignorance. This makes sense considering that one of Jesus' last words were, forgive them for they know not what they do. Like Jesus, as the beloved, we are required to also love and forgive those who have wronged us.

Our identity as the beloved requires great responsibility. It requires us to live differently than the rest of the world, it requires us to love and forgive greatly.

-Riley Arnemann



## Our Parish Prayer List

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Casey Staton  
Helen Sullivan  
Norman & Leonette St. Germain  
Sherry Taylor  
Josephine Underwood  
***Bold indicates new name  
added to prayer list.***

*To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to [fikevinyarnell@gmail.com](mailto:fikevinyarnell@gmail.com)*



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January

#### For true human fraternity

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