Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022





2022 Advent Bulletin

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Advent season is off to a good start and, as our Advent theme suggests, we are being invited into something special this year. I pray that all of us will be willing and able to accept the **invitation** our Lord offers. That invitation will take many forms and not be the same for all of us.

This is especially true in the invitation to give. Christmas is a season of giving and, while a beautiful thing, it can become a heavy burden. Not many people will, for example, be able to participate in all the opportunities sponsored by the parish and there is no reason to feel badly about that. These, and the many opportunities that come our way this season are but invitations. Our task is, with the help of the Lord, to discern which ones are for us.

Allow me a few examples:

- We are so grateful that all the tags have been taken from our Giving Tree and look forward to collecting those gifts this weekend. As you know, they are intended for the residents of Baywood and Bayside Terrace care facilities. Your gift will undoubtedly show God's love to them.
- His Heart will be distributing food and toys to families in need. If children are close to your heart, bring in an unwrapped toy or drop some money into the Poor Box so that gift cards can be given with the food. (The cards are given in place of a turkey.)

Next week's second collection is for the Retired Religious Fund. Many of us benefitted from the love and ministry of religious brothers and sisters. Many Religious Orders struggle to care for their older members and this fund assists with providing for health and assisted living costs. It is our chance to repay some of what they gave to us.

But giving isn't just about presents and money. We can also give prayer. This past Monday we

started a small group devoted to praying specifically for individuals by name. We pray for the sick, other intentions sent to us, parishioners, and finally for those who do not know Christ as their Lord. Short Taizé chants are played between each set of prayers. It is a different style of prayer and one that allows us to focus on individuals and their needs. You are welcome to join us and give the gift of prayer, 5:30pm each Monday in the chapel. Youare also welcome to use our outdoor rosary, newly planted with poinsettias, to pray for others at a time convenient for you.

May we joyfully accept the invitations the Lord offers to us in this Advent season and so prepare for the great day of Christmas.

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m. **†**Todd Kosmider 4:00 p.m. **†**Barbuti Family

6:00 p.m. Nick and Karina Adams

Sunday, December 4

7:30 a.m. For the parishioners 9:30 a.m. †Napoleon Bartolazo 11:30 a.m. 45th Anniversary of Milo and Ann Santos

Monday, December 5
8:00 a.m. **†**Robert Chittenden

Tuesday, December 6 8:00 a.m. †Alice and Theodore Edelmann

Wednesday, December 7 8:15 a.m. Hazel Jones 6:00 p.m. Joey Corley

Thursday, December 8

8:00 a.m. †Henry and Irene Zolnoski 6:00p.m. For the parishioners

Friday, December 9

8:00 a.m. **†**Thomas and Steven Gray

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m. †Deceased members of the Stevens Family 4:00 p.m. James Thomas 6:00 p.m. †Angela Rea

Sunday, December 11

7:30 a.m. Barbara Jenkins
9:30 a.m. †Deceased members of the Barbuti Family
11:30 a.m. For the parishioners

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Napoleon Bartolazo.

Our Stewardship

November 26 - 27

 Offertory:
 \$9,620.50

 Maintenance Fund:
 \$1,258.00

 Thanksgiving:
 \$738.00

 His Heart:
 \$150.00

 Other:
 \$375.00

 Total:
 \$12,141.50

Attendance: 892

Second Collection

For those using envelopes or online giving, this week's additional (second) collection is for the Media Fund. Have you signed up for Flocknote yet? We use Flocknote to send texts and emails to parishioners about upcoming events and ministry business. Your gifts to the Media Fund help us pay for this valuable service.

Catholic Ministry Appeal

Sacred Heart has demonstrated our commitment to our diocese in 2022. Our goal for the Catholic Ministry Appeal – support for the diocesan helping and outreach ministries – was \$85,897.56. We smashed through that several months ago and, by year's end, our parishioners (about 1 in every 4 families) will have given over \$100,000!

Our goal for 2023 is \$90,479.10. If you gave last year, you should receive a mailing from the diocese this week asking for your continued support of seminarians, Catholic Schools, outreach ministries, and service to the poor. I hope you'll join me in renewing your pledge for another year.

Thanks for all the gifts!

You've helped share God's love at this special time of year. The Christmas parties at Bayside Terrace and Baywood (formally Grand Villa) will be held on Thurs. December 15th. It takes a lot of hands and hearts to make this happen. Anyone interested in helping at the parties please contact Patsy Piech at 727-631-6769 or Patricia Slaymaker at 727-374-4597 or call the office for more information.

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday, Dec. 4, The Second Sunday of Advent

- Thanks for returning gifts for our care facility residents!
- Columbiette Poinsettia Sale after all Masses
- Breakfast with Santa, after the 7:30 & 9:30am Masses
- Confirmation & Middle School Youth Group, 4-5pm, Parish Hall
- High School Youth Group, 5pm (special time!), We'll begin by praying the Stations of the Nativity then celebrate a birthday before lighting the Parish Christmas Tree.
- Stations of the Nativity, 5pm outside Parish Hall
- Lighting the Parish Christmas Tree, 6pm

Monday, Dec. 5

- Legion of Mary, 8:30am, Marian Room
- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!
- Advent Prayer, 5:30pm, chapel (see page 5)
- Junior Legion of Mary, 6pm, Parish Hall
- Life Ministry Group, 7pm, Retreat House

Tuesday, Dec. 6

- Advent Bible study, 9-10:15am and 6-7:15pm (see page 5)
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am

Wednesday, Dec. 7

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception, vigil Mass, 6pm
- Adoration 7-8pm; Confessions, 7-8pm
- Columbiette Officers Meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall
- Chris Stefanick, author of The Search, will speak on How to Life a Joyful Life, Dec. 7th, 7pm, St. Jerome Catholic Church.

Thursday, Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 8:15am Mass with the school students (parishioners invited)
- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook),
 9am; Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am-noon, Retreat House
- 6pm Mass

Friday, Dec. 9

- Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes Christmas Dinner, 6pm, Parish Hall
- Men of St. Joseph, 7pm, Retreat House

Saturday, Dec. 10

- Second Saturday of Service, 9-11am, meet in front of the church
- Dig into Advent with Fr. Brad, 9am (see page 5)
- Stations of the Nativity, 9:30am (see page 5)

Sunday, Dec. 11, Third Sunday of Advent, Bambinelli Sunday

- Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
- Blood drive, 8:00am-1:30 pm
- Families are invited to bring the image of the baby Jesus from their home nativity sets to the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. We will have a special time when the children (and adults!) can bring the image forward so that the priests can bless the Bambinelli (the baby Jesus).



Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am Wed: 8:15am & 6pm (Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)

Weekend Masses

<u>Saturday Vigil</u> 4pm and 6pm *(Spanish)*

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am (live-streamed), & 11:30am (Rosary prayed at 7am)

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 & Thursday at 9am (livestreamed):

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 Mother of Perpetual Help: Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

Livestreamed liturgies and devotions can be found at sacredheartpinellaspark.com (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).

Mark Your Calendar

Advent Confessions

As we approach the celebration of our Lord's Nativity, we hope you will want to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our usual weekly times of confession (Wed. 6:30-8pm and Sat. 2:45-3:45pm) this year we will offer an evening penance service on Wednesday, Dec. 14th. We will



begin with a time of community prayer which will include a short meditation and an examination of conscience. You can then choose from several priests who will gladly hear your confession. If that date or time is not convenient for you, please consider attending penance services at St. Catherine of Siena, Dec. 14, 5-8 pm, or Holy Cross, Dec. 15, at 6:00 pm

Anointing Mass, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 11am

The anointing of the sick, one of the seven sacraments of the Church, offers a special encounter with our Lord. Through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. Even if there is no physical healing, however, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany illness, the frailty of old age, or their impending death.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be sponsoring this special Mass for those who are sick, those who deal with ongoing mental and physical health issues, and care givers. We particularly want to invite those for whom the Christmas season brings sadness and loneliness. Allow us to pray that God will provide the love and comfort you need.

Diocesan Discernment Retreat

Camp Good Council, Dec. 17-18 (Flyer in the narthex)

The Chosen

View this popular video series detailing the life of Christ beginning on Thursday, Jan. 5th, at 6:30pm. Each Thursday the group will watch an episode and spend some time discussing it.

Each Week in Advent

A Time of Prayer

Advent is about waiting and expecting – two things that are found in prayer. **Each Monday, at 5:30pm** in the Chapel, you are invited to join a small group for 30 minutes of prayer and meditation. We will use Taizé chants, to help us focus on the Lord and then move to a time where we will lift up individual prayer requests given to us by our parishioners. This is a different style of prayer and may be helpful to those who find traditional devotionals lacking in some way.

Special Advent Bible Study

The **Tuesday** morning and evening Bible Study groups have paused their study of 1st Corinthians to focus on the Christmas Story. Each week we are looking at Jesus' birth through the eyes of an individual or group. Join us to learn more about the wise men (Dec. 6th), Elizabeth & Zachariah (Dec. 13th), and Simeon and Anna (Dec. 20th). The morning group meets from 9-10:15am; the evening group from 6-7:15pm.

Stations of the Nativity

Saturdays, 9:30am, or Sunday, Dec. 4, 5pm (part of the Christmas Tree Lighting program) You have prayed the Stations of the Cross. Have you prayed the Stations of the Nativity? We are so pleased to announce that we will once again have 14 beautiful scenes from the Nativity story displayed along "Festival Lane" (the road just in front of the Parish Hall). As we pray, we will meditate on each scene and seek to draw closer to the babe in the manager – our savior!





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A Letter from Fr. Joe, Pastor of St. Mary of the Angels

Dear Fr. Kevin and our twinning brothers & sisters at Sacred Heart Church:

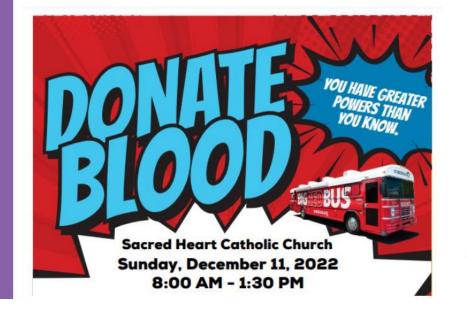
Peace and All Good! From all reports, our latest twinning event, exchanging associate pastors, was a huge success and certainly meets one of our goals of culture appreciation. We chose the right weekend for both Fr. Brad and Fr. Mike. Fr. Brad witnessed the Black Catholic Saint Month with a program at SMA and many churches attending and the awarding of the Sophie Aramburo Servant Award to deserving church members. Fr. Mike arrived at SMA with glowing comments about his welcome and experiences with the Sacred Heart Church Community. I hope you were able to view the recording of the weekend events.

We are also very grateful for sharing your Fall Festival proceeds with such a generous check in the amount of \$5,000. It came at the right time since our school gym AC unit is in need of replacement and the costs for material and labor are very high. Also, after Hurricane Ida, our insurance premiums have increased.

As a bonus or "lagniappe", thank you for supporting our Christmas Social Raffle Fund Raiser by purchasing 10 books of raffle tickets. Good luck.

In our twinning relationship, we are truly blessed and we continue to pray for each other in our Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Blessed and joy filled Advent & Christmas Season, Fr. Joe Hund, ofm Pastor, St. Mary of the Angels



Our Parish Prayer List

June Abraham Shervl Acunal Genevieve Aziz Rita Bahler Mary Barbuti Kenneth Barcomb Audrey Bentley Thomas Bourke Rvan Buck Ir. Nina Buzzone-England **Judy Cardone** Melina Carmen Chase Maryloo Carrico Sean Casev Paul & Gail Catalona Bill Cauchon Joseph I. Chase David Ciofani Mark Clements Bonnie Crisafulli Tom & Irene Dence Rita Durish Christina Fabb Brooke & Brianna

Farnsworth

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Florence Garrido

Jan Gossett James Guimond Mary Haisch Jenny Holland Jean & Gary Hossman Amy Iketani Janet Jacob David Johnson Elija Johnson Deanne Karner Liam & Jeanne Kennedy Dolores Kenney Anna Kumari Charlotte Laliberti Marie LaPointe Gail Larson Evilia Lopez Sharn Lundy Sheila Lutz Katie Malins Connie Marmaro Mary Masterson Jenna Mitcheson Mattie Mores Carol Muka

Jeff Odajewski Diane O'Neill Ann Orzel Robert Ostrenga Antoinette Passero Neil Petrocci Daniel, Sylvia, & Stella Przywalny Nicole Rizzo Judy & Mark Rucker Nvlene Santos Maria Sauls Frank Schaumann Laura Scotto Maryanne Sirrianna Renae Soale Fred & George Sontheimer Helen Sullivan Norman & Leonette

Gloria Unger Bold indicates new name added to prayer list.

St. Germain

Sherry Taylor



Who will you invite to join you?

Saturday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 6pm, Midnight

Note we will not offer an 8am Mass on the 24th

Sunday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day Masses: 9:30am, 11:30am, and 1:30pm (Spanish)

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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 frkevinyarnell@gmail.com

Susan Nguyen



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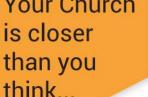
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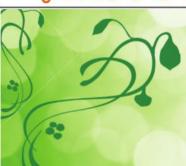
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