



Sacred Heart Church

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December 10, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish)
Monday - Friday: 12:00pm in the church
Saturday: 9:00am in the church,
5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Daily: Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should contact the parish office to schedule an interview and register for the required baptismal preparation session.

Preparation: in the church at 7:00pm

Sacrament: in the church at 3:00pm
Jan. 7, Feb. 11, Mar. 30 (8:30PM), Apr. 14, May 5, Jun. 9

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for Marriage in all Catholic parishes of New Jersey requires couples to begin preparation at least one year prior to the planned wedding date. It is advisable to contact the parish office before any other arrangements are made.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is available for all seriously ill members of our parish family. Please call the parish office.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please call the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION / OFFICE HOURS

We invite all new members of our parish family to register at the Parish Office during regular office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays and Sundays Closed.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We listen, and wonder and pray while we get caught up in the flurry of activities that accompany our preparation for the Christmas holiday. Scriptures remind us that Advent can be an important time to pause, reflect and rest in the Lord. Throughout the season, we hear words of promise and of exhortation. What Isaiah saw in prophetic vision we have learned from history. He described what the person and mission of the Messiah would be like. And we know from apostolic witness how perfectly Jesus fulfilled that vision and promise.

But the coming of the Messiah is an ongoing mystery. He needs us and uses us to "make straight His paths." Like John the Baptist, we are called to hasten His coming in our own time and place, continuing to "prepare the way of the Lord."

Perhaps we still walk the crooked way. We take detours around the challenges of Christian justice. There are hills of conflict and valleys of depression on the road we walk. But there is something that we need to remember. It is the face of Jesus we see when we look at the poor, the sick and the homeless. It is the face of Jesus we see in courage and selflessness of health-care workers and first responders. It is face of Jesus we see when confronted with troubles, suffering and failure.

We see His beauty and power in all good things. We sense His crucified presence when touched by pain and sorrow. We are energized by the power of His resurrected presence when we are buried by weakness, defeat, or death in any form. Life is beautiful, but it is a struggle.

The voice of God echoes in the words of Isaiah: "Comfort, comfort to my people. Fear not! Cry out: Here is your God! Like a shepherd he feeds his flock." If there was ever a moment in our lives for the need of comfort, now is that moment.

The Christmas message of peace and justice, of love and joy cannot be mere empty words written on a card or sung in a carol. We must make these words real, tangible, visible in our actions, in our concern, in our sharing and giving and in our stewardship of Christ's Gospel.

Advent reminds us of our mission:

Advent is not just a season of the year but a way of life for those who wait in happy expectation of the day when "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed." We already know the One who is returning. We remember his first coming with rejoicing.
- Sister Genevieve Glen, OSB

While Advent calls us to wait with eager expectation for the coming of Christ, there is another waiting. The paradox is that the One for whom we are waiting is likewise waiting for us. It is in and through us that Christ enters our world today. For Isaiah, we are the ones who need comfort. But we are called by the One we are expecting to give comfort to others. He waits on us to do that and empowers us with His Spirit so we can.

"Comfort, give comfort to my people!"

**CHURCH BELLS
CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE**



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Nicole Breedlove

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

**SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL
ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY - FRIDAY, Jan. 12, 2024**
Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Avenue

Doors Open 5:30 pm - No Tickets at Door.
**Raffles scheduled to begin Approximately
8:00-8:15 pm**

No one under 18 will be Admitted
NO ALCOHOLIC Beverages Allowed

** Kitchen Will Be Open **

\$15 per person (nonrefundable)

Deadline January 4th

Ticket includes: 1 sheet for 1st level prizes,
coffee/tea/dessert

For tickets or more information call
Patty 201-803-9580

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**Take a Coffee Break with us and get
10% Off on Sun., Dec. 10th with this offer.**

**St. Patrick's Celebration - March 9th
Your Unwanted Christmas Gifts Needed**

Before you put those unwanted Christmas gifts that you received in the back of your closet, consider donating them to our parish. A new items will be used to make baskets for raffle that we will have at our St. Patrick's Day Celebration. All items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church.

**THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THE
PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING**

Make a donation to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry as a gift or remembrance to a favorite loved one. You can obtain a gift any time of the year, for any occasion, and help the needy families of the Sacred Heart Community. Please visit the Parish Office, Monday thru Friday, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

At Christmas our thoughts naturally turn to those friends and members of our family who shared their faith with us and helped to make each Christmas so special. If you would like to remember your deceased relatives or friends by donating Christmas Flowers and Decorations used to decorate the Church of the Sacred Heart throughout the Christmas Season, just fill in the form below and put it in a plain envelope marked "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS" and drop it in the collection or return it to the parish office at your convenience.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

In Memory of: _____ **Other:\$**_____

_____ \$50

_____ \$35

_____ \$25

_____ \$20

_____ \$15

_____ \$10



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Bucu, Sr., Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Grace Dacchille, John Scivetti, Ken Stone, Timothy Yushak, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Norma Altreche, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Scorre, Fely Czeslowski, Ely Ongoco, Perpetua Aspille, Anne Montillo, Margot O'Hara, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Hector Cruz, John Du Bois, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, P. Darmiento, Elyse & Lauren Branigan, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Colleen Branigan, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Raymond Santelli, Sr., Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Joann Di Giovanna

DECEASED: Saverio "Sam" Piccininni,

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of Decmber 10th, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

SANCTUARY LAMP:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Mom & Dad

BREAD & WINE:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Mom & Dad

MASS CANDLES:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Mom & Dad

THE GIVING TREE

REMINDER: Giving Tree Gifts Are Due Back this weekend, December 9th & 10th.

For security reasons, we are asking that all gifts be brought to the church on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings only so that volunteers can pick them up promptly and store them in a secure area.

DECEMBER 10, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Ernest Steven Ramirez (Living)

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Virginia Pezzolla

10:30 am Michael Samarelli

12:00pm Joaquin Caamano

1:30 pm Familia Barone

MONDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Damasus I, Pope

12:00pm Adam A. Sauser, Jr.

TUESDAY - Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00pm Frank Carucci (English)

7:00pm For Peace In The World (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

12:00pm John Pavlica

THURSDAY - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

FRIDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Angel Pagan (Living) &

Perry Cerf (Living)

SATURDAY - Advent Weekday

9:00am Lorenza & Julian Duran

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Gloria Roche

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rosemary Groszman

10:30 am Charles A. Muldoon

12:00pm Wendy Khin

1:30 pm Horacia Jimenez

STEWARDSHIP

Collection Totals Not Available
At Time Of Publication

Reminder: We need \$7,900 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses.
Thank you for your continued generosity!

**THE PARISH FAMILY OF
SACRED HEART
INVITES YOU
TO FIESTA GUADALUPE**

In Honor Of The Patroness Of The Americas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

FOLLOWING 1:30 PM SPANISH MASS

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA

620 VALLEY BROOK AVE

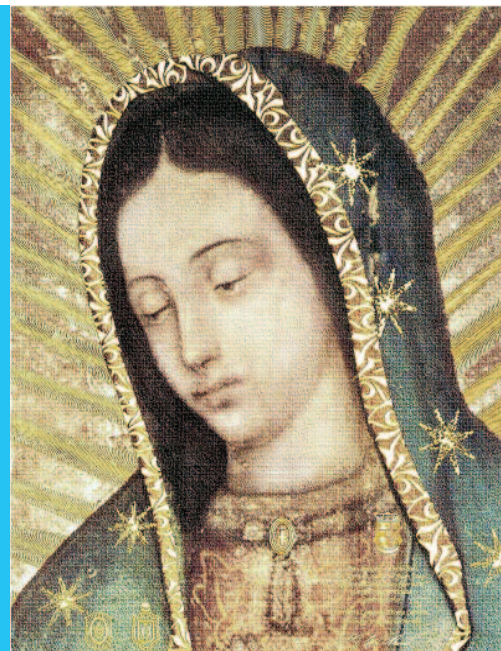
Join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe
with GREAT MUSIC and FOOD with a LATIN FLAIR, raffles
and other entertainments.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

Adult \$25.00 Children \$10

MASS on the FEAST DAY, Tuesday December 12

12:00 Noon - English & 7:00 PM - Spanish



CHRISTMAS

BEGINS WITH

Christ

**Christmas Mass
Schedule**

Sunday, December 24th

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

12:00 AM - Midnight Mass

(Masses during day on Sunday are NOT
Christmas Masses and DO NOT fulfill the
obligation to attend Mass on Christmas)

Monday, December 25th

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM

10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM (Spanish)



Food Pantry Update

*"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40*

**Our Parish Family Food Pantry food distribution
date for Christmas is December 16th.**

**We are stocking up the pantry for Christmas and
the winter season. Can you help us assist our brothers
and sisters struggling with food insecurity to
have a merrier Christmas?**

Items needed most, at this time, are: Cereal, Fruit,
Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes
(small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regu-
lar and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly. Food items
can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the
back of the church.

Thanks to all for the donations which help keep our food
pantry stocked! **We would not be able to help local
families without your generosity. As a reminder, we**

PEACE

This week in Advent we light the
second candle and ask for
peace. The Lord loves you and
wants to bring you peace within
this world of chaos. He has so
much in store for you and wants
nothing more for you to give Him
the opportunity to prove His love
for you.



**Second Sunday
of Advent**