



Sacred Heart Church

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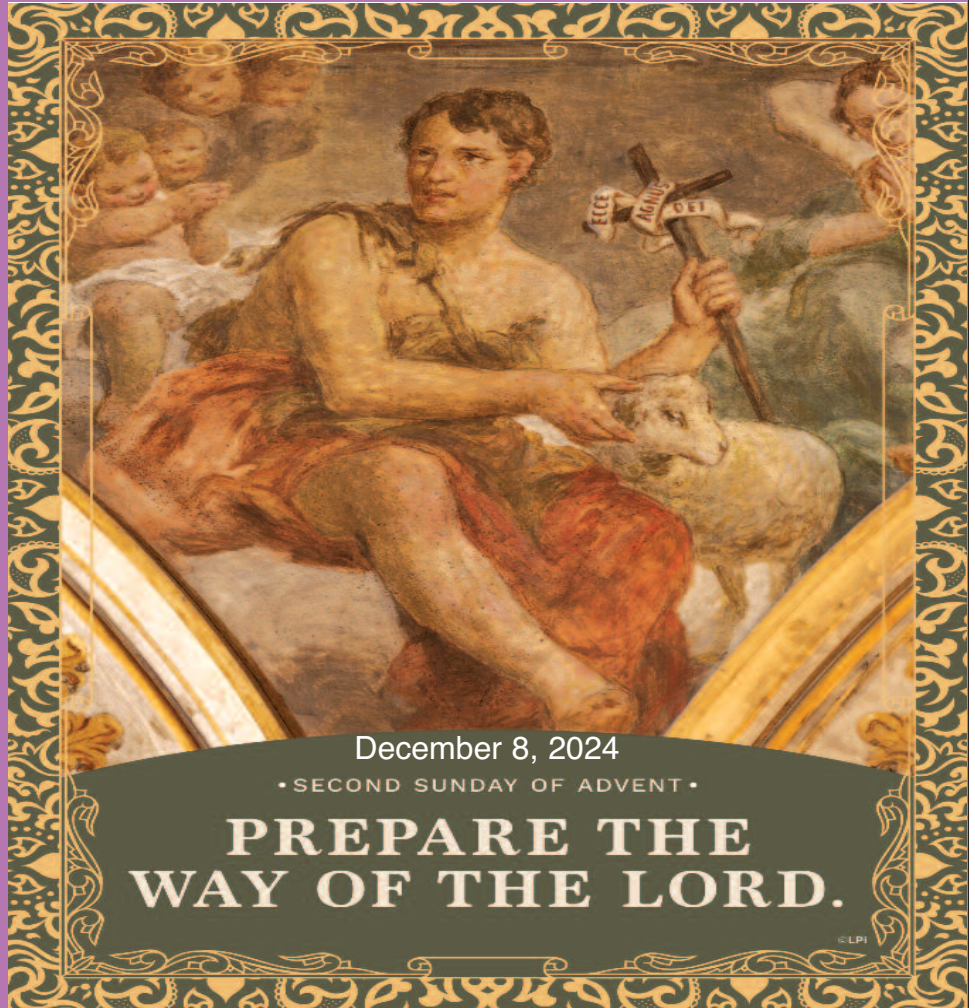
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December 8, 2024

• SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.

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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
Dec. 8

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

John the Baptist is the voice of Advent. We hear him in the gospel today crying out in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord. His message is cosmic and powerful, and it is a message of hope. But the voice of John is not the only voice of Advent. There are others more quiet and just as powerful as they echo throughout this season.

The message of the Baptist is that God is coming into this world to change things, to clean up the mess of this world. God will bring down mountains and fill valleys and gorges to level ground. His language about making winding ways straight and rough ways smooth is his way of saying that God is coming to unravel all that is corrupt and unjust in this world.

If John speaks as a prophet, Paul speaks as a pastor. If John challenges his hearers to change their hearts, Paul encourages his hearers to trust that God will be faithful.

Advent calls us to conversion, a change to our ways of thinking and acting. In our lives and in our world, there are too many valleys of despair that need to be filled. There are too many mountains and hills of pride that need to be made low, winding roads of confusion that need straightening and rough and violent ways that must be made smooth. And that's what is about to happen. God is coming to set things in right order.

This is a time for us to be filled with new hope and new courage. This hope is proclaimed by the Baptist who reminds us that "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Paul says to the Philippians, "God who has begun the good work among you will bring it to completion." In other words, when God begins something, God finishes it. God does not love us and then decide to abandon us. God does not bless us and then decide to change direction.

The central message of Advent is that the Lord has come, he has taken away the curse of our sins, he has baptized us in the Spirit, and he has comforted us.

John cries out in the wilderness. Paul whispers in our hearts. If we can hear the voice of John, we must also believe the words of Paul.

In the midst of so much chaos and turmoil we can gather as a people of faith in this holy season of hope, preparing for a new year of liberation. Let us pray that this Advent will open our eyes to see the wonderful and new things God is promising for us. Let us "make straight His paths." Let us speak with a prophetic and pastoral voice and "prepare the way of the Lord."

Change of heart is an ongoing process and we can use these Advent days to stir up the promise of hope, to bring the seed of Eternal Life to full bloom, not only in our own hearts but in the heart of the world.

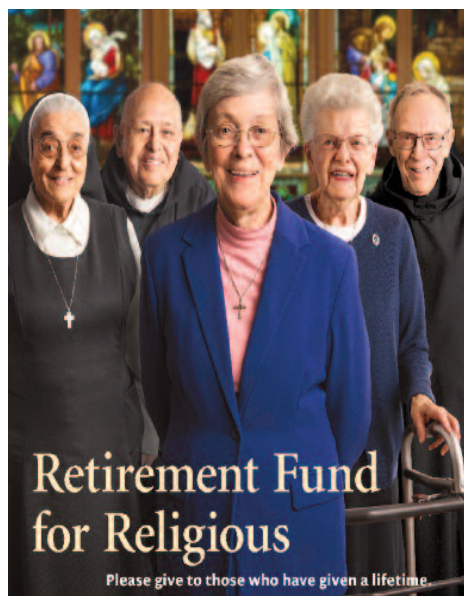


**St. Patrick's Celebration - March 8th
Your Unwanted Christmas Gifts Needed**

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 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

This year, December 8th is a Sunday so the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is moved to **Monday, December 9th**. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses on Monday will be at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon, and 7:00 PM.



**SECOND
COLLECTION
THIS
WEEKEND**

Your generosity in the second collection this weekend will assist: The Retirement Fund for Religious. This is our opportunity to give back to those men and women who have given a lifetime!

**THE GIVING TREE
BRING SOME CHEER
TO SOMEONE IN NEED**

REMINDER: All gifts need to be returned under the tree by **NO LATER THAN THIS SUNDAY, December 8th** so they can be delivered on time.

Thank you again for your generosity and overwhelming response to this wonderful project.

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.

**HOLIDAY FAVORITES AT THE CATHEDRAL
BASILICA IN NEWARK**

The 53rd Candlelight Carol Sing - Wed. Dec. 18 & Thu. Dec. 19 at 8:00 PM

The ambiance of candle light and seasonal decor, along with the Cathedral Choir, organ, instrumentalists and thousands of participants combine to create an event not to be missed. Free Will Offering

The Messiah by George Frederick Handel - Sun. Dec. 22 at 7:00 PM

The New Jersey Symphony - Jeannette Sorrell, Conductor & Montclair State University Singers - Heather J. Buchanan, Director. Tickets are required and range in price \$29 - \$105. For tickets or more info visit njsymphony.org/messiah or call 1-800-255-3476.

**SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL
ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY**

**Friday, January 17th, Sacred Heart School
Doors Open: 6:00PM Raffles Begin 8:15-8:30PM
No Alcoholic Beverages Will Be Allowed
Kitchen Will Be Open**

Ticket includes: one sheet for 1st Level Prizes. Coffee, Tea & Dessert. Call Patty at 201-803-9580 or the school at 201-939-4277. Ticket Deadline Jan. 6th. \$20 Donation per person. No one under 18.



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: 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, Francesco Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., 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, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Brian Oppici, Robert Schaefer, Eric Dietz, Marion Dietz, Jamie Brown, John Santelli, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Joann Di Giovanna, John De Stefano, Sr.

DECEASED: Lazaro Baluja

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of December 8th, 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: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

BREAD & WINE:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

MASS CANDLES:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

**CHURCH BELLS
CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE**

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Nicole Breedlove

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

**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.

DECEMBER 8, 2024



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Rocco Conzo

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am May Henderson Mc Nally

10:30 am Peter & Mathilde Favaro

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Almas del Purgatorio

**MONDAY - THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00am Peter & Carmela Sofio

9:00am Albert Marquardt

12:00pm Florence Moderelli

17:00pm Peter & Carmela Sofio

**TUESDAY - Advent Weekday/Our Lady of
Loretto**

12:00pm Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

**WEDNESDAY - Advent Weekday/St.
Damasus I, Pope**

12:00pm Adam A. Sausser, Sr.

THURSDAY - Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00pm John Pavlica

FRIDAY - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

12:00pm Virginia Pezzolla

**SATURDAY - St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:00am Frank Carucci

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Joseph Lo Scalzo

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Betty Tynan

10:30 am Darcy Kordosky

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Alejandrina Ruiz

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Nov 24

Sunday - \$5,795

Add'l Assessment - \$85



**THE PARISH FAMILY OF
SACRED HEART
INVITES YOU**

TO FIESTA GUADALUPE

In Honor Of The Patroness Of The Americas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

1:00 PM

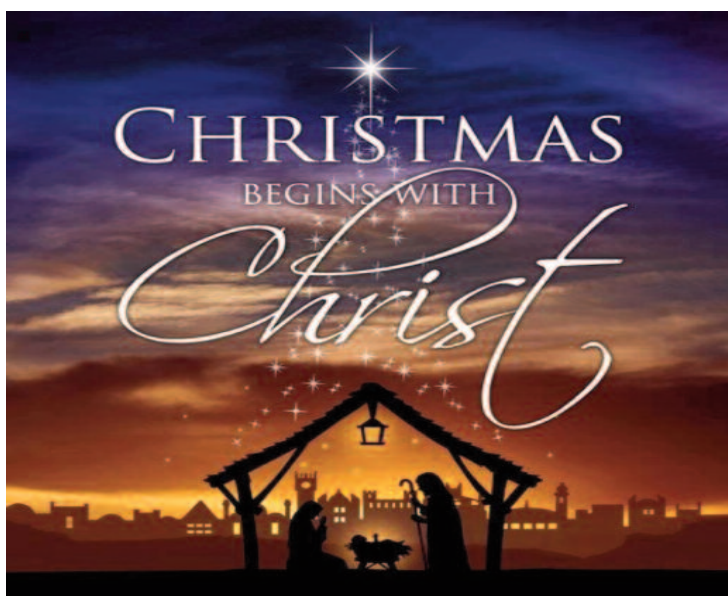
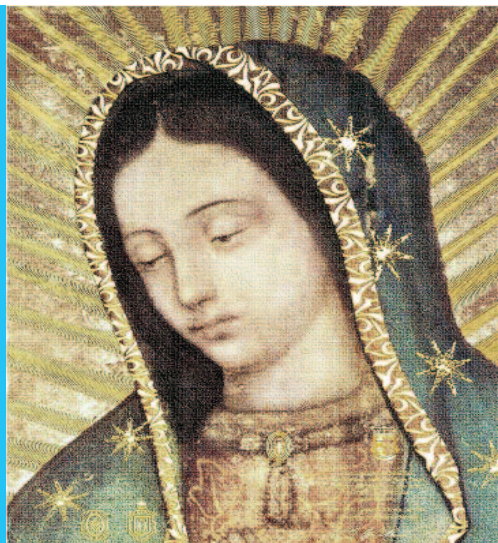
SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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



**Christmas Mass
Schedule**

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

12:00 AM - Midnight Mass

(The Mass at 9:00 AM on December 24th
is for the last day of Advent. It IS NOT a
Christmas Mass and does not fulfill the
obligation to attend Mass on Christmas)

Wednesday, 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 21st.**

**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?**

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly
appreciated: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including
Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned),
Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter,
and Jelly, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans, Food
items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in
the back of the church. **Turkeys and hams can be
brought to the parish center Mon - Fri 9:00 - 4:00.**
Please don't leave them in the church.

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**