



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

# Parish Bulletin

November 20, 2022 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Fr. Pat Sullivan, Pastor

**Our Parish Mission:** *We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, faithful to the teachings of the magisterium, are committed to forming Disciples of Christ by embracing Stewardship through Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.*

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## We're so glad you're here!



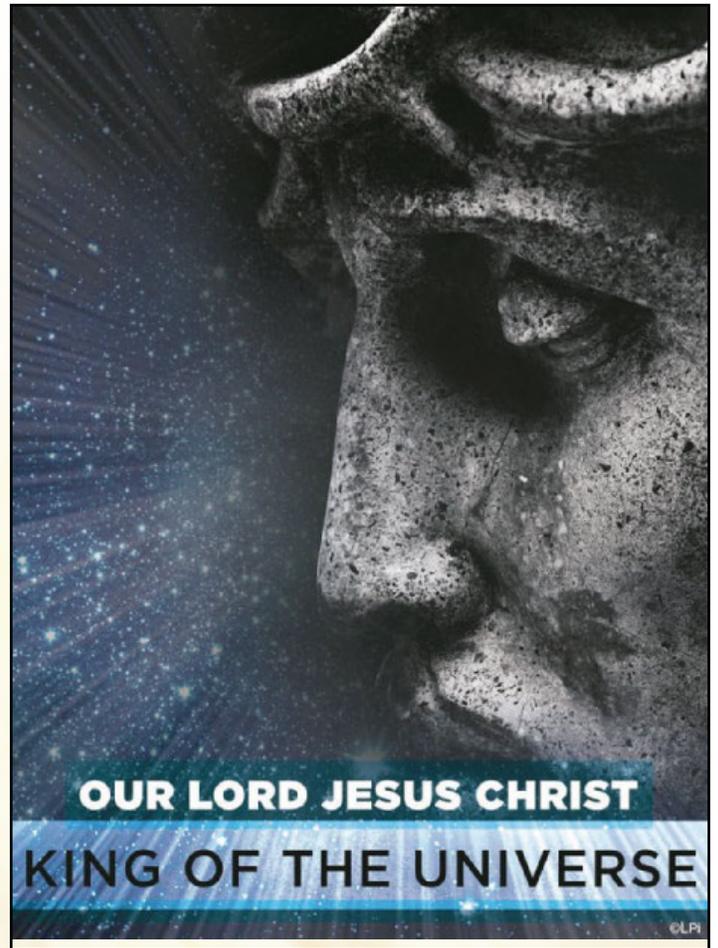
God created humanity for greatness and calls each of us to continually grow in holiness. This is no small task and something we can't do on our own. So Jesus gave us the Church and its many treasures to guide us; providing a perfect road map to salvation. It's my prayer that everyone comes to know the truth of the gospel.

I want to take this opportunity to personally invite you to grow deeper in your faith, and allow myself, and the many other professionals and volunteers at SHOJ to assist you however we can; let's help each other get to heaven. You can't do it without the Church, and we can't do it without YOU.

Our doors are open to any and all who desire to hear the truth in a loving and peaceful setting. As a physician of souls, I care deeply about your well-being, and want to help you stay spiritually healthy. If it's been awhile since you've had a "checkup," come on in and we'll chat. If there's anything else we can do for you, please ask.

I look forward to ministering to you as your spiritual Father.

In Peace,  
Fr. Pat Sullivan



## Sacrament & Contact Information



### BAPTISM

A *Baptism preparation class* must be completed prior to scheduling your child's baptism. Baptisms are held on Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please contact **Maureen Reintjes** at **913.422.5700** for more info and to schedule your class.



### CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in August for those students who are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact **Jen Zans** at **913-422-5700 ext. 247**, for more information.



### RCIA (Becoming Catholic)

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions meet weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning in mid-September. Contact Char Mies 913-422-5700, ext. 241 for more information.



### FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation begins in August for those students who are in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact **Emily Dumler** at **913-422-5520 ext. 202** for more information. First Eucharist will be on Sat., April 22, 2023.



### MARRIAGES

You must be a registered member of the parish for a minimum of six months. Please contact a priest at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin marriage preparation.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebrated the First Thursday of each month within the 6:30 and 8:15 a.m. Masses as well as upon request. Contact the parish office **913.422.5700** for details.

# Hospitality

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LOVE  
CONTINUE.  
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NEGLECT  
HOSPITALITY,  
FOR THROUGH  
IT SOME HAVE  
UNKNOWINGLY  
ENTERTAINED  
ANGELS.”  
– Hebrews  
13:1-2



## Breakfast with Santa

Santa will visit Sacred Heart on **Saturday, December 11** from 8:00 -11:00 a.m. in the MPC! In addition to meeting with Santa, there will be crafts and games for the kids to enjoy, along with a delicious breakfast for the whole family, graciously provided by our Knights of Columbus for a goodwill donation.

If your child would like to visit Santa, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F-4BAAAE2DA6F94-breakfast7>. All links in Friday email!

In order to make this event happen, we need your help with Set up on Friday 12/9 as well as at the event Saturday morning. Sign up here to Volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F-4BAAAE2DA6F94-breakfast>



## COMING UP:

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
Thursday, Nov. 25 @8:15 a.m.  
in the MPC

**Parish Offices Closed**  
November 23-25

**Return Gifts for Angel Tree**  
November 26-27

**Light up for Christ**  
Tuesday, Dec. 6 @7:00 p.m.

## Social Seniors

Our Social Seniors ministry is hosting a Christmas Party on Friday **December 2**, from 8:45am-10:30am. Room TBD. Please bring a White Elephant gift and a dish to share!



Do you receive our weekly email updates? If not, scan the barcode below to join!

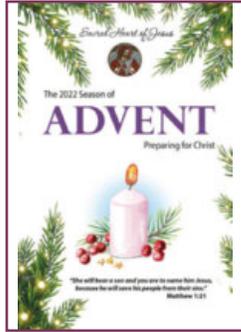


## Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 11.21.22	TUESDAY 11.22.22	WEDNESDAY 11.23.22
<b>Mass Times/ Mass Intentions</b>	6:30 a.m. Tony Macek † 8:15 a.m. Patrick Walsh †	6:30 a.m. Barbara Peterson † 8:15 a.m. Linda L. Vielhauer †	6:30 a.m. Margaret Reischman † 8:15 a.m. Intention of Mason Feiring
<b>Readings</b>	First Reading: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Gospel: LK 21:1-4	First Reading: RV 14:14-19 Gospel: LK 21:5-11	First Reading: RV 15:1-4 Gospel: LK 21:12-19
<b>Reconciliation Times/ Solemnities or Memorials</b>		7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
<b>Daily Readings Meditations</b> <i>from The Word Among Us</i>	It's not the amount of time you spend in prayer; it's the amount of heart you bring to that time, however much or little you have. Then rejoice and give thanks!	Remember today, the promise and hope of you eternal destiny. You have the chance to cooperate with God's grace and choose to love and serve him each day.	It's not impossible to become a prophetic voice in the world. It doesn't even have to be hard. It just takes a little practice and trust in the Lord and a humble desire to speak wisdom.

## SHoJ Advent Brochure

Be sure and pick up one of our Advent brochures this weekend for all things ADVENT at Sacred Heart! Events, service opportunities, studies and even tips on how to experience a peaceful, joyful Advent season. A digital copy will be included in the Friday email announcements.



## Reflect on the Word

**First Reading:** The Israelites recognized that David was anointed by the Lord to shepherd and rule over them as their King. What do you think it takes to be a really good leader?

**Second Reading:** Paul teaches the Colossians that through the death and resurrection of Christ, God has redeemed and reconciled all of us and creation, and “transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.” How should we celebrate this incredible gift from God?

**Gospel:** While the rulers and soldiers ironically mocked Jesus as “King of the Jews” as they were crucifying him, Jesus offered words of comfort to the repentant criminal crucified beside him. What words of comfort do you need to hear today from

## Live the Liturgy

*Inspiration for the Week*

Our king hangs on a cross. Onlookers saw this as the final defeat of a fool who many saw as an insurrectionist. They laughed at him and challenged his kingship by looking for proof: Save yourself! Historically, earthly kings are influential figures wielding significant power over the quality of their subjects’ lives. Where is Jesus’ power? Slowly fading away, he’s a failure in many eyes. Brokenness and vulnerability are often seen as failures. Something went wrong and exposed us, revealing our fragile and sometimes incorrect selves to others. Yet, what appears at first to be shameful is really a golden key to life. It is only when vulnerable that we learn how to love genuinely. Marking what seems the end of a failed mission, Jesus Christ our King hangs before us as the vulnerable, wounded key to God’s infinite love and life. The kingdoms of this world pass away. Jesus hangs as our king of a world that never ends. When we are vulnerable and broken in death, we fall into the fullness of Christ and are made one with him. This is more than any earthly king can promise and is the salvation we seek.

“HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING MAKE YOUR REQUEST KNOWN TO GOD.”

**Philippians 4:6**



THURSDAY 11.24.22	FRIDAY 11.25.22	SATURDAY 11.26.22	SUNDAY 11.27.22
6:30 a.m. <b>No Mass</b> 8:15 a.m. Sacred Heart Parishioners	6:30 a.m. Rosalee Mary Steimel † 8:15 a.m. Lois Roberts †	8:15 a.m. George F. Keeler † 4:30 p.m. Intention of Jim Stanley	8 a.m. Inten of Dean & Kerry Owens 9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Parishioners 11:00 am Ronald Hammerbacher † <b>and John Kolich †</b>
First Reading: Sir 50:22-24 Gospel: Lk 17:11-19	First Reading: RV 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Gospel: LK 21:29-33	First Reading: RV 22:1-7 Gospel: LK 21:34-36	First Reading: Is 2:1-5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom 13:11-14 Gospel: Mt 24:37-44
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	
The gospel reminds us today that when Jesus comes again in power and glory, we will know that our redemption is at hand. One day peace and justice will reign.	God dwells with us in our ordinary human interactions. One day we will see God face-to-face. But until then, God mercifully lives among us. Right here & now.		

# Adult Formation

“I, THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TEACH YOU WHAT IS FOR YOUR GOOD, AND LEAD YOU ON THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO.”

– Isaiah  
48:17



## What is the Rite of Welcome/Acceptance?

Ever wonder what YOUR role is in the RCIA Rite of Welcome/Acceptance?

The Rite of Welcome/Acceptance will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 20** at the 9:30 Mass. First, What is the Rite of Welcome/Acceptance?

**The Rite of Welcome** is for those already baptized and those considering full communion in the Catholic Church.

**The Rite of Acceptance** is for those who are not baptized, but considering full initiation into the Catholic Church.

At this Combined Rite, these candidates publicly celebrate their intention to continue the RCIA journey and more fully embrace Christ, His Church and the Gospel message. After the homily, they are signed with the cross by their sponsors and presented with the gift of a cross to show that they belong to Christ.

What is YOUR role as a member of Sacred Heart Parish?

On November 20 after the 9:30 Mass, please prayerfully consider coming to Coffee & Donuts to welcome and congratulate these beautiful seekers of our faith after they have publically received the Rite. As a community of believers, we have a vital role in the RCIA process. By offering our prayer, support and example to those who are seeking this Catholic way of life, the community becomes an active, engaged and most important part of their journey!

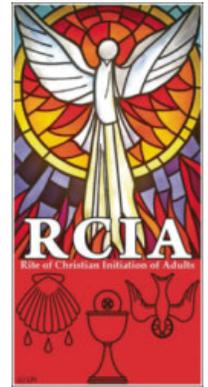
**Prayer** – the community, either individually or as household, is encouraged to pray daily by name for our catechumens and candidates:

**Derek Scrimsher**  
**Amanda Armstrong**  
**Richard Armstrong**  
**Missy Hickman**  
**Stacey Merando**  
**Tammy Reece**  
**Andy Westfall**  
**John Bricklemyer**  
**Katelynn Blaesing**

*Your words of encouragement and support will make a significant difference in how they perceive our faith community. Your words will help them persevere in their journey with Christ and officially feel welcomed into this blessed SHoJ community! ~Thank You for sharing the love of Christ!*

**Support** – find our RCIA seekers before or after a Mass and offer words of kindness and support.

**Example** – strive to live the Gospel in all aspects of life – worship, service to each other, prayer and even leisure. Our catechumens and candidates are constantly observing our community to better understand what it means to be a Catholic.



## Women's Advent Study - Peace Has a Name

This Advent, you are invited to rest in God's peace, preparing your heart for the Prince of Peace to be born at Christmas time with an Advent devotional from Blessed is She: Peace Has a Name. The world cannot give us peace nor can we find it in ourselves without the gift of God's grace. **Would you like to enter this Christmas season restored and ready?** The key to a good life, an abundant life, is to fall into step with Peace Himself. And that Peace has a name: Jesus Christ.

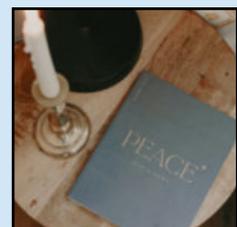
**Tuesdays, Nov. 29 - Dec. 20**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

School Library  
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Price includes book, 4-week companion email to encourage you weekly to visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This 4-part series includes a brief reflection, prompts for prayer, and a video from a different author of the book each week.

Week 1: what we think peace is  
Week 2: where we seek peace out  
Week 3: who or what steals our peace  
Week 4: why God alone brings peace

Register here:



# Youth Formation

## Service Hours Opportunity

Sacred Heart has a couple opportunities coming up for service hours both individually and as a family!

**Harvesters Food Community** - December 17 (see next page)

**Breakfast with Santa** - December 10 (see pg 2)

Look for more opportunities in the Friday Flocknote emails!



## Advent for Teens

See our Advent brochure for events and tips on celebrating Advent with your family. Here is a quick and easy (yet powerful) Christmas Novena to pray with your teens!

The St. Andrew Christmas Novena, also known as the Christmas Anticipation Prayer, begins on the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle on Nov. 30, and lasts until Dec. 24. Tradition says the prayer should be recited 15 times each day. It is a beautiful, evocative and meditative Advent prayer.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires (mention your intentions here), through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.

Amen.

“BLESSED ARE  
THOSE WHO  
HUNGER AND  
THIRST FOR  
RIGHTEOUS-  
NESS, FOR  
THEY WILL BE  
SATISFIED.”

– Matthew  
5:6



## Saint of the Week, Saint Cecilia *Feast Day is November 22*



Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints', is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius. Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. They sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died. The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

# Service

“I, THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TEACH YOU WHAT IS FOR YOUR GOOD, AND LEAD YOU ON THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO.”

– Isaiah 48:17

## Angel Tree is Here

Spread the true joy of Christmas, by participating in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sacred Heart Angel Tree. This is our opportunity to provide a brighter Christmas to others in our community. Many needs have been brought our way! Angel Tree works with numerous local organizations to gather requests from our community, in turn allowing us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The Angel Tree is Virtual again this year, so scan the barcode below and choose a gift. Purchase the gift and return them wrapped, to the Church Narthex on **Novemeber 26-27** or **December 3-4**. May God bless the Sacred Heart community with the true spirit of Christmas through the love and peace of his Son, Jesus Christ. Any questions, please contact Carol A. Coyle at 913.441.1851 or [cac\\_537@yahoo.com](mailto:cac_537@yahoo.com).



**900 Gifts Needed!**

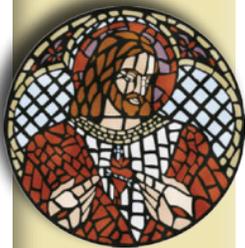


## Serve at Harvesters in December

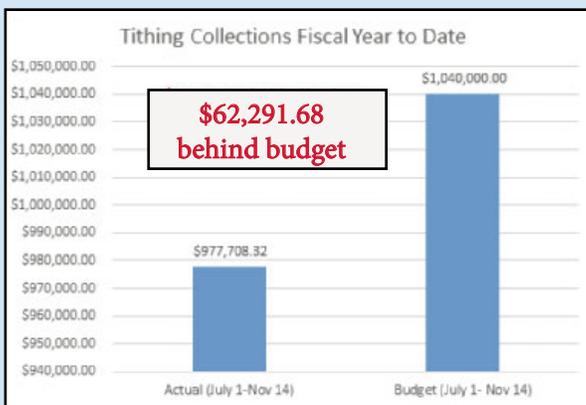


Serve with your fellow Sacred Heart parishioners at Harvesters Community Food Services on Saturday, December 17 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Work will include packing and sorting food at the Harvesters main facility. Hours will be eligible for Confirmation. We will email volunteers with additional information for car pooling. Volunteers must be 8 years old and older.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baaae2da6f94-harvesters2>



## Parish Weekly Financials



**We give because God gave first...**

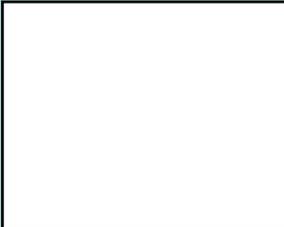
*"For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."*  
John 3:16

## Ways to Give

Scan here for a quick and easy way to give! Your gift is greatly appreciated to continue to support our ministries and programs at SHoJ!



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Life is life, fight for it.  
St Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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