

DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK: Saint Teresa's Bookmark Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing; God only is changeless. Patience gains all things. Who has God wants nothing. God alone suffices.

MONDAY 12/12

8:00 A.M.

Kevin Walsh (Family)

TUESDAY 12/13

8:00 A.M.

Florence & Ed Cwalinski (Estate)

WEDNESDAY 12/14

8:00 A.M.

Special Intention for the Unborn (Margaret & Andrew Franks)

THURSDAY 12/15

8:00 A.M.

Patricia Connors (Husband)

FRIDAY 12/16

8:00 A.M.

Charles & Margaret Faseski (Mark Kulish)

SATURDAY 12/17

4:00 P.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sargalski (Mr. & Mrs. John J. Hemak)

SUNDAY 12/18

8:00 A.M.

Mary Lucille Serniak (Nick & Suzanne Serniak)

10:30 A.M.

Josephine Cunningham (Debra & Thomas Donnelly)

12:00 P.M.- SPANISH MASS

Christmas Novena Intentions

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: The

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend. The Christmas Cash drawing will be held at the meeting. There will be no Christmas Cash event; the drawing will be livestreamed.

THANK YOU: To the Stewardship Committee, our bakers and to all who bought Christmas Cookies. It was a delicious success!

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION DECEMBER 4, 2022

OFFERTORY	\$ 3,230.00
ON-LINE GIVING	\$ 340.00
DUES/SALARY	\$ 1,110.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$ 138.00
INCOME	\$ 4,818.00

COUNTERS FOR MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2022

Dorothy Perry
Mary Fran Smith
Sandra Mullen

	SCHEDULE	WEEK-END	<u>17-18</u>
MINISTRY			
<u>TIME</u>	<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
<u>E. MINISTER</u>	M. Serniak	K. Hosie	
<u>LECTOR</u>	J. Smith	S. Serniak	C. Barlow



CHRISTMAS CASH UPDATE: The drawing for the Christmas Cash prizes will be held at the monthly Stewardship Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, at 7:00PM. There will be no Christmas Cash Event – the drawing will be livestreamed. You can watch the event on either the Church’s website (www.sacredheartchurch.com) or Facebook page (Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Community Events Jermyn – click on this heading on the top of the page). You can still purchase a Christmas Cash ticket by contacting Mary Battenberg (570-561-4669) or any Stewardship Committee member. Thank you for your support! The Christmas Cash prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize: \$5,000.00
- 2nd Prize: \$2,500.00
- 3rd Prize: \$1,000.00
- 4th Prize: \$1,000.00
- 5th to 14th Prizes: \$500
- Christmas Gift Basket - \$200 value, donated by Corky’s Garden Path (special thanks to Norma Errigo)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES-CCD:

Sunday, Dec. 18 – Regular Classes
Sunday, Dec. 25 – NO CLASSES
Sunday, Jan. 1 – NO CLASSES

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in need each day. As Christmas draws near, ask God what gift you can offer him in support of the poor, lonely and vulnerable in our community. Donate now at: annualappeal.org and Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the Church.



SONNY SAYS: A woman who weighed at least 300 stepped on the scale at a supermarket, a scale that was out of order. The arrow stopped at 75 pounds. A little boy standing nearby remarked to his mother in words that could be heard some feet away: “Holy smoke! She must be hollow.”

CHRISTMAS NOVENA – CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Thank you for your offering. Novena envelopes will be placed on the Altar.

Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady’s identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop’s request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter’s cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary’s image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

OPLATKI WAFERS: Are available, suggested donation is \$3.00

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today’s Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John’s disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah’s prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God’s mercy and peace. Jesus’ response to the disciples’ question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.