

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ November 23, 2025



Sunday Reflection

Brothers and sisters, for many, the holiday season kicks off this week with our celebration of Thanksgiving. Traditionally, some families go around the table and say what they are thankful for this year. Another not well-practiced tradition is for at least one member of the family to thank “the unknown”. There are many graces that we can observe in a given year, but there is also so much that we do not see. For example, the farmers who helped provide for the feast. Chances are that we do not know them personally or have ever met them. However, without their labor, we would not have the feast that we do.

For me, this fits perfectly with my understanding of saints. During their life, saints do not seek praise. Celebrity is something they resist. By the time they are famous, with their image on a large banner unfurled in the front of St. Peter’s Basilica, they have long passed on from this world. During their life, their heart was always set on greater things. In fact, if they had received some compliment on their holiness they probably would have dismissed it. I think that they are so enamored with how the Lord reveals his divine life in others, that they have little time for seeing him in their own image.

If this theory is true, then we can summarize that most of the saints have passed through this world unnoticed and their anonymity is a testimony to their sanctity. If this theory is true, then, at some point, we would all be included among the saints. Unfortunately, I think we too often consider sainthood beyond us. However, the Church teaches us that all people in a state of grace (no mortal sins upon their souls) are living saints. Unknown maybe, but saints, nonetheless. This thanksgiving, be grateful for the many “unknown” souls in our world who are making a positive effect by the grace of God working through them, with them, and in them.

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Wed, Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.

Misa en español

Jueves	7:00 p.m.
Domingo	11:00 a.m.

Confessions/Confesiones

Tues, Wed, Friday	7:30 a.m.
Mar, Mié - Vie	7:30 a.m.
Jueves	6:30 p.m.
Saturday/Sabado	5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Sunday/Domingo	8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

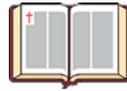
Parish Office/Oficina

302 South B Street
620-442-0566
Monday/Lunes
9:00 a.m. - 3:30p.m.
Tuesday-Friday/Martes-Viernes
9:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.
parish@sacredheartarkcity.org
www.sacredheartarkcity.org

School/Escuela

312 South B Street
620-442-6550
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- For the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony, and Anointing of the Sick contact Fr. Sam Brand @ 620-442-0566
- Couples planning marriage must contact the pastor nine months in advance of the marriage.
- For homebound visits or OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) call the office, 620-442-0566
- Eucharistic Adoration weekly from 9 a.m. Tuesday through 12 a.m. Wednesday in the Chapel.



**Readings for the week of
November 24, 2025**

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 a.m. †Joan Carroll by Judi Befort

Wednesday, November 26

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Thursday, November 27 ~ Thanksgiving

8:00 a.m. Special Intention by the Fiorentino Family

Friday, November 28

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, November 29

6:00 p.m. Special Intention by Randall & Margaret Rippe

Sunday, November 30 ~ First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Gustavo Francisco by Magdalena Francisco

Monday	Dan 1:1-6,8-20	Dan 3:52,53,54, 55,56	Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dan 2:31-45	Dan 3:57,58,59, 60,61	Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dan 5:1-6,13-14, 16-17,23-27	Dan 3:62,63,64, 65,66,67	Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	Sirach 50:22-24	Ps 145:2-3,4-5, 6-7,8-9,10-11	Luke 17:11-19
Friday	Dan 7:2-14	Dan 3:75,76,77, 78,79,80,81	Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	Dan 7:15-27	Dan 3:82,83,84, 85,86,87	Luke 21:34-36
Sunday	Isa 2:1-5	Ps 122:1-2,3-4, 4-5,6-7,8-9	Matt 24:37-44

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of November 29 & 30</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Tim Ford	Kelley Schones	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Foss Farrar	Dave Pankaskie	Mary Trillo
ALTAR SERVER	Dirk Lake Alexandria Lake	VOLUNTEER	Emiliano Gaspar Francisco Angel Andres Domingo Alejandro Francisco Martinez
OFFERTORY	Michael & Jean Ann Jacoby	Devin & Madison Metzinger	Nickelus & Angelina Brookshire
GREETERS	David & Amy Prater Family	Zach & Lori Barnes	Jose & Martha Esparza
November Gift Counters	Shannon O'Toole, Hadley O'Toole, Darla Swanson		
Church Cleaners	Suzi Juan Felipe, Eva Juan Felipe & Gaspar Lopez, Patricia Murillo, Martha Esparza		

Our Stewardship of Treasure

November 16, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 4,257.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 661.85
Votive Candles	\$ 51.25
TOTAL	\$ 4,970.10
Budgeted	\$ 11,650.00
Below	\$ 6,679.90



Please keep our parishioners and friends in prayer. If they have recovered, please call the parish office and let us know.

Thank you. (620-442-0566)

Paul & Mary Ramirez, Leola Rippe, Lois Webb, Violet Waggoner, Emily Sims, C.N., Nate Montgomery, Eddie Erickson Jr., Mary Ann Schneider, Ann Erickson, Matthew Aikins, Ted Ford, Mary Wiggins, Lester David Hernandez, Kathy Schmeidler, Catalina del Rosario Batres, Theresa Mata, Eileen Docherty, Jessica Gregory, Joseph Schones, Jerry Old, Sherley Lopez, Donna Prichard, James Martin, Tami Potter-Pullins, Debbie Guerrero, Joe & Donna Rauscher, Lauren McPherson, N.L., J.G., David Schmeidler, Ernest Tauscher, Jeff Schroder, Jeremy Walker, Kenny McNutt, Marcia Trillo, Lori Rudman, Ken Martell, Judah Sonogo, J.A.G., Micah Smith, Edd Crittenden, Terri Pressnall, Debbie Walter, Phair Morgan, Joe Woodard, Karen Schmeidler

†Dick Schneider



e-Giving with VANCO

If you would like to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card you can sign up with VANCO by

visiting our website at www.sacredheartarkcity.org and choosing the link for E-Giving.

PARISH NEWS



Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:00 AM



The parish office will close at 2 PM on Wednesday, November 26th and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th.

Advent 40 Hours Devotion



Set aside an hour during this "O Holy Season" for some quality time with Jesus in preparation for the "O Holy Night".

Beginning on Friday, December 12th at 8 PM and ending at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, December 14th. You can sign up for an hour on our website (www.sacredheartarkcity.org) or if you need help, please call the parish office. 620-442-0566

DONATE A REMEMBRANCE PLANT FOR YOUR LOVED ONES!

Here is a perfect opportunity to remember your loved ones, living and deceased, by donating a poinsettia in their honor. You are welcome to collect your plant as soon as the Christmas season is over. Simply fill out the form and place it, along with your donation, in an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers'. Place it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the parish office. Order forms can be found at the entrance of the church or in the parish office.



Cost: \$17.50

Deadline: Monday, December 1 by 3:30 PM

Sacred Heart Youth Groups



Bullpups (Grades 6-8) will meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 7 - 8 PM (**December 3rd**)

Bulldogs (Grades 9-12) will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 7-8 PM (**December 10th**)



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Grades 5-7: class will meet on Sunday, **December 7th at 7 PM.** Please meet in the cafeteria.

Grades 8-12 will have class on Sunday, **December 14th at 7 PM.**



PSR CLASSES

Sunday, November 23 – 10 AM
Sunday, November 30 – NO CLASS



St. Vincent de Paul

We invite you to come to our next SVdP meeting **December 4th at 5:30 PM** in the school cafeteria.

SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:



NO SCHOOL: November 24th – 28th
Teacher's In-Service & Thanksgiving Break

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



The last day for donations is December 17th. Donations will be accepted at the school or the office. Please avoid leaving items in the church to eliminate confusion with other donations.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Please call Mrs. Hull if you are available or willing to fill in as a substitute teacher at the school.
620-442-6550



PHOTOS REQUESTED

Do you have old photos of the school or students? The office will make copies and return your photos to you.

The school office is requesting old photos to start preparing for their Centennial Celebration next year. For more information, please call the school office. 620-442-6550



Knights of Columbus News

Our next meeting is **Monday, November 24th** at 7:30 PM in the council chambers. All are welcome.



Understand the Gift 3-Part Series

**Tue, Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16 2025
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Dr. Joshua Papsdorf ~ Reflections on the History and Meaning of Christmas

Explore the riches of Advent and Christmas traditions as we explore how the Church has celebrated Christ's Incarnation and Nativity across two millennia. This three-session series invites participants to deepen their understanding of the theological foundations and lived practices that make this season so central to Catholic faith.

Dec. 2 - Session 1: The Story of Christmas - The first session will focus on how the celebration of Christmas has developed over 2,000 years of Church history.

Dec. 9 - Session 2: The Meaning of Christmas - The second session will focus on the doctrinal and theological significance of Christmas throughout Catholic history.

Dec. 16 - Session 3: The Practice of Christmas - Drawing on the previous sessions, we will discuss how to enrich our Advent and Christmas experiences beyond Black Friday, including specific practices for participants and their families.

Cost: \$30

Find more information and register at www.slwichita.org or call 316 744-0167.

23 de noviembre ~ Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

Hermanos y hermanas, para muchos, la temporada navideña comienza esta semana con la celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias. Tradicionalmente, algunas familias se sientan alrededor de la mesa y comparten aquello por lo que están agradecidas este año. Otra tradición, menos común, es que al menos un miembro de la familia agradezca a "lo desconocido". Hay muchas gracias que podemos observar cada año, pero también hay mucho que no vemos. Por ejemplo, los agricultores que ayudaron a preparar el banquete. Probablemente no los conozcamos personalmente ni hayamos tenido el gusto de verlos nunca. Sin embargo, sin su trabajo, no tendríamos el banquete que tenemos.

Para mí, esto encaja perfectamente con mi comprensión de los santos. Durante su vida, los santos no buscan la alabanza. La fama es algo que rechazan. Para cuando alcanzan la fama, con su imagen en un gran estandarte desplegado frente a la Basílica de San Pedro, ya han partido de este mundo. Durante su vida, su corazón siempre estuvo puesto en cosas más grandes. De hecho, si hubieran recibido algún halago sobre su santidad, probablemente lo habrían rechazado. Creo que están tan fascinados con la forma en que el Señor revela su vida divina en los demás, que tienen poco tiempo para verlo reflejado en sí mismos.

Si esta teoría es cierta, entonces podemos concluir que la mayoría de los santos han pasado por este mundo sin ser reconocidos y su anonimato es testimonio de su santidad. Si esta teoría es cierta, entonces, en algún momento, todos estaríamos incluidos entre los santos. Desafortunadamente, creo que con demasiada frecuencia consideramos la santidad como algo inalcanzable. Sin embargo, la Iglesia nos enseña que todas las personas en estado de gracia (sin pecados mortales en sus almas) son santos vivientes. Quizás desconocidos, pero santos al fin y al cabo. En esta Acción de Gracias, agradezcamos por las muchas almas "desconocidas" en nuestro mundo que están teniendo un impacto positivo por la gracia de Dios que obra a través de ellas, con ellas y en ellas.

Clases del Bautismo en español: Las clases pre-bautismales son obligatorias para todos los padres y padrinos. **La clase de bautismo es solo con cita previa.**



Santa Misa con Padre Machado Domingo, 14 de diciembre @ 11:00 AM

El padre Machado está ofreciendo una clase de Biblia en la cafetería después de la misa de las 11 am



SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Lo invitamos a venir a nuestra próxima reunión de SVdP el **4 de diciembre (jueves) a las 5:30 pm** en la cafetería. Por favor considere unirse a nosotros en esta reunión.



CLASES DE PSR

Domingo, 23 de noviembre – 10 AM
Domingo, 30 de noviembre – **NO HAY CLASES**



CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Alumnos de 5.º a 7.º grado: la clase se impartirá el domingo **7 de diciembre a las 7 PM**. Nos reuniremos en la cafetería.
Alumnos de 8.º a 12.º grado: la clase se impartirá el domingo **14 de diciembre a las 7 PM**. Nos reuniremos en la cafetería.



Orden de Nochebuena

Les ofrecemos la oportunidad de comprar nochebuenas para esta Navidad. El precio es de \$17.50. Por favor, completen el formulario de pedido y entréguelo en la oficina. La fecha límite para realizar su pedido es el 1 de diciembre.

Noticias de la Escuela Sagrado Corazón:

Mirando hacia el futuro:



NO HAY CLASES: del 24 al 28 de noviembre. Capacitación docente y vacaciones de Acción de Gracias



Reunión de hombres de Emaús

Lunes de 7 a 9 PM en la cafetería



Reunión de Mujeres de Emaús

Domingos de 12 a 2 PM en el Colegio Sagrado Corazón

Devoción de 40 horas de Adviento

Dedica una hora durante este tiempo de oración y reflexión con Jesús, preparándote para la Noche Santa.

Comienza el viernes 12 de diciembre a las 8 p. m. y termina con la misa de las 11 a. m. del domingo 14 de diciembre. Puedes inscribirte para una hora en nuestro sitio web

(www.sacredheartarkcity.org) o, si necesitas ayuda, llama a la oficina parroquial al 620-442-0566.



Grupos Juveniles del Sagrado Corazón



Los Bullpups (6.º a 8.º grado) se reunirán el primer y tercer miércoles de cada mes de 7 a 8 PM (**3 de diciembre**).

Los Bulldogs (9.º a 12.º grado) se reunirán el segundo y cuarto miércoles de cada mes de 7 a 8 PM (**10 de diciembre**).