

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 14, 2025



Sunday Reflection

Redemptoris Missio Chapter 1 (continued)



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

JPII continues to celebrate in his writing the “revelation of God.” Jesus has made himself known to us in the fullest possible way. This action of self-revelation is the reason why the Church is missionary in her bones. Her identity is to share the revelation of God. “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tm 2:5). No one can enter into communion with God except through Christ. This is not an obstacle, but it is the way that God established for us. Therefore, St. Paul’s plan of evangelization has one qualification: *“In the process of discovering and appreciating the manifold gifts-especially the spiritual treasures-that God has bestowed on every people, we cannot separate those gifts from Jesus Christ, who is at the center of God’s plan of salvation” (RM#6).* As I said last week, St. Paul encourages us to celebrate truth, goodness, and beauty wherever it is found in the world. However, if we find these outside of the Catholic Church then we must see/share their connection to Christ and His Church.

This answers one question posed last week: “Is human development an adequate enough goal for the Church?” The answer is “no”. Human development, while being good, is not enough for the Church. The faith of Christ, which the Church shares, must be the reason for human development and should have Christ as its goal. Modern thought focuses solely on human development with the goal that people may enjoy life more, “contribute” to society, or, at the very least, not cause problems for others. There is nothing supernatural about these goals and that’s a problem. In contrast, why does the Church build hospitals, schools, homeless shelters, serve the poor, help in response to natural disasters, or why does the Church do anything? Jesus commanded us to (source) and we want people to become more fully alive in Christ so that they may live eternally (goal).

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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.

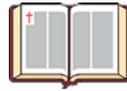
Parish Office/Oficina

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
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School/Escuela

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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
December 15, 2025**

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 a.m. †Caroline & Francis May by Cathy Fuller

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 a.m. †Chester Plummer by Matt Metzinger

Thursday, December 18

7:00 p.m. † Joseph Ciguera by the Fiorentino Family

Friday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Special Intention by Alice Erickson

Saturday, December 20

6:00 p.m. †Dionicio Lujan & Deanna Davis
by the Lujan Family

Sunday, December 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Special Intention by Alice Erickson

11:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

Monday	Num 24:2-7,15-17a	Ps 25:4-5ab,6 & 7bc,8-9	Matt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zeph 3:1-2,9-13	Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19 & 23	Matt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gen 49:2,8-10	Ps 72:1-2,3-4ab,7-8,17	Matt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8	Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19	Matt 1:18-25
Friday	Judges 13:2-7,24-25a	Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17	Luke 1:5-25
Saturday	Isa 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6	Luke 1:26-38
Sunday	Isa 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-2,3-4,5-6	Matt 1:18-24

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of December 20 & 21</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	David Prater	Kelley Schones	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Alexandria Lake	Kellie Hull	Mayra Fernandez
ALTAR SERVER	Gerald Prater Richard Prater	VOLUNTEER	Andres de la Cruz Inocente de la Cruz Juan Pelico
OFFERTORY	Jody & Madeline Morgan	Larry & Mary Ann Hale	Eleazar & Maria Mendez
GREETERS	Cathy Fuller	Steve McCorgary	Vicente Giles & Olivia Obregon
December Gift Counters	Doug & Amy Lawson		
Church Cleaners	Peterpaul & Diane Fiorentino, Tim & Kim Ford		

Our Stewardship of Treasure

December 7, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 6,620.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 3,116.25
Votive Candles	\$ 28.10
TOTAL	\$ 9,764.35
Budgeted	\$ 11,650.00
Below	\$ 1,885.65



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 Wagoner, 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, Debbie Guerrero, Joe & Donna Rauscher, Lauren McPherson, N.L., J.G., David Schmeidler, Ernest Tauscher, Jeff Schroder, Jeremy Walker, Marcia Trillo, Lori Rudman, Ken Martell, Judah Sonego, J.A.G., Micah Smith, Edd Crittenden, Terri Pressnall, Debbie Walter, Phair Morgan, Joe Woodard, Karen Schmeidler, Todd Cordell, Beverly Schmidt



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



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

If you will be attending Mass at Sacred Heart this Christmas and would like to help at one of the Masses, please sign up on the sheets at the entrance of the church. Thank you!



The family of Richard J. Schneider would like to thank the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus who stood in honor during his rosary, the ladies of the Altar Society who prepared food and those who served the reception meal, Fr. Sam for all his kindness and service, the organist, the soloist, the altar servers, all those who attended Dad's rosary, funeral and burial services, as well as those who sent food, flowers and messages of condolence. We appreciate everyone and all you have done for our family.
- Amy (Schneider) Lawson

Christmas Sharing



Thank you for taking a tag off the tree on the bulletin board! Please attach the gift tag from the tree onto the outside of the package, and leave the gifts at the **church office**. All gifts must be delivered to the office by Tuesday, December 16th. Please call Kim Ford at 620-660-2697 if you have any questions or need to drop a gift off after church office hours. We will be distributing the gifts to families on Thursday, December 18th at 6:00pm in the church gym. If you would like to help with organizing and loading cars, please arrive at 5:00pm. Thank you all for your generosity!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Grades 5-7: class will meet on Sunday, **January 11th at 7 PM**. Please meet in the cafeteria.

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



PSR CLASSES

Sunday, December 14 – 10 AM
Sunday, December 21 – NO CLASS



First Confessions:

Sunday, December 14th @ 4 PM

SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:



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Sacred Heart Catholic School Christmas Program:

Wednesday, December 17th at

6:30 PM in the gym. All are welcome.



NO SCHOOL:

December 19th – January 5th

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

We will not meet on December 22nd. Our next meeting is **Monday, January 12th at 7:30 PM** in the council chambers. All are welcome.



St. Vincent de Paul

We invite you to come to our next SVdP meeting **January 8th at 5:30 PM** in the school cafeteria.

Sacred Heart Youth Groups



Bullpups (Grades 6-8) will meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 7 -8 PM (**January 21**)

Bulldogs (Grades 9-12) will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 7-8 PM (**January 28th**)

14 de diciembre ~ Tercer domingo de Adviento

Redemptoris Missio Capítulo 1 (continuación)

Juan Pablo II continúa celebrando en sus escritos la “revelación de Dios”. Jesús se nos ha dado a conocer de la manera más completa posible. Esta acción de autorrevelación es la razón por la cual la Iglesia es misionera en su esencia. Su identidad es compartir la revelación de Dios. «Porque hay un solo Dios, y un solo mediador entre Dios y los hombres, Jesucristo hombre» (1 Tim 2:5). Nadie puede entrar en comunión con Dios sino a través de Cristo. Esto no es un obstáculo, sino el camino que Dios ha establecido para nosotros. Por lo tanto, el plan de evangelización de San Pablo tiene una condición: «En el proceso de descubrir y apreciar los múltiples dones —especialmente los tesoros espirituales— que Dios ha concedido a cada pueblo, no podemos separar esos dones de Jesucristo, que está en el centro del plan de salvación de Dios» (RM n.º 6). Como dije la semana pasada, San Pablo nos anima a celebrar la verdad, la bondad y la belleza dondequiera que se encuentren en el mundo. Sin embargo, si las encontramos fuera de la Iglesia Católica, debemos ver y compartir su conexión con Cristo y su Iglesia.

Esto responde a una pregunta planteada la semana pasada: «¿Es el desarrollo humano un objetivo suficientemente adecuado para la Iglesia?». La respuesta es «no». El desarrollo humano, si bien es bueno, no es suficiente para la Iglesia. La fe en Cristo, que la Iglesia comparte, debe ser la razón del desarrollo humano y debe tener a Cristo como su meta. El pensamiento moderno se centra únicamente en el desarrollo humano con el objetivo de que las personas disfruten más de la vida, «contribuyan» a la sociedad o, al menos, no causen problemas a los demás. No hay nada sobrenatural en estos objetivos, y ese es el problema. En contraste, ¿por qué la Iglesia construye hospitales, escuelas, albergues para personas sin hogar, sirve a los pobres, ayuda en respuesta a desastres naturales, o por qué hace algo? Jesús nos lo mandó (fuente) y queremos que las personas vivan una vida más plena en Cristo para que puedan vivir eternamente (meta).



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 **8 de enero (jueves) a las 5:30 pm** en la cafetería. Por favor considere unirse a nosotros en esta reunión.



CLASES DE PSR

Domingo, 14 de diciembre – 10 AM
Domingo, 21 de diciembre – **NO HAY CLASES**

Primeras Confesiones:

Domingo 14 de diciembre, 4 PM



CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Alumnos de 5.º a 7.º grado: la clase se impartirá el domingo **11 de enero 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.



Misas de Nochebuena y Navidad

Si asistirá a misa en el Sagrado Corazón esta Navidad y desea colaborar en alguna de las misas, por favor, apúntese en las hojas de inscripción a la entrada de la iglesia. ¡Gracias!

Noticias de la Escuela Sagrado Corazón:

Mirando hacia el futuro:



Primeras Confesiones:

Domingo 14 de diciembre, 4 PM

Programa navideño de la Escuela Católica Sagrado Corazón:



miércoles 17 de diciembre a las 18:30 h en el gimnasio. Todos son bienvenidos.



NO HAY CLASES:

Del 19 de diciembre al 5 de enero



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

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 (**21 de enero**).

Los Bulldogs (9.º a 12.º grado) se reunirán el segundo y cuarto miércoles de cada mes de 7 a 8 PM (**28 de enero**).