

# Sacred Heart Parish



**“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.”**

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**CELEBRATING CHRIST SINCE 1873**

**December 6, 2020 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent**

## **Mass Schedule**

### **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday** at 4:00 PM • 7:00 PM *español*

**Sunday** at 7:30 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM  
4:00 PM *español*

### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday — Friday** at 9:00 AM

**Monday and Thursday** at 7:00 PM

**Saturday** at 8:00 AM

***Martes a las 7:00 de la noche en español***



# Sacred Heart of Glyndon

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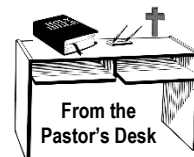
Dear Parishioners,

As we turn our attention to the great figure of John the Baptist this weekend, our scriptures are all about **transformation** and **conversion**. The prophet Isaiah speaks about mountains being made low and rugged lands becoming plains. If we think about that practically and concretely, that is complete change — transformation! The day of the Lord will bring this kind of change. And, the prophet is advising us, if we are to be ready for that day, we have to change ourselves.

Mark's Gospel does not begin with the birth of Jesus but with the great figure of John the Baptist proclaiming a baptism of repentance. He is the great forerunner of Jesus and he tells people, not only by his words, but by his actions and even his dress, that they have to change; they have to convert their hearts. Our baptism *changes* us. It erases the Original Sin and makes us children of God, members of the Church. But the conversion is not to stop there. That is just the beginning. Conversion is part of our Christian journey, and just when we think we have changed enough, God calls us forward.

This second week of Advent, ask yourself what really needs to change in your life. This pandemic has pointed out what is important, what is essential, and what we do not need. It's a great time to change by putting aside what we do **not** need and focusing on what is **essential**.

*Fr. Jerry Francik*



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Tuesday, December 8** is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. We will have our regular weekday Mass schedule for the Immaculate Conception. All Masses will have music:

**Monday, December 7:** 7:00 PM Vigil Mass

**Tuesday, December 8:** 9:00 AM Mass • 7:00 PM misa en español



### Advent Opportunities for Confession

For the safety of everyone during the pandemic, there will be no parish Advent Penance Service this year. Extra opportunities for individual confessions will be available during the season of Advent in the Main Church:

**Saturdays:** 3:00 – 3:45 PM

5:30 – 6:45 PM en español

**Mondays:** 6:00 – 6:45 PM (in the sacristy)

**Wednesdays:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Thursdays:** 6:00 – 6:45 PM (sacristy)

### Life in the Spirit Healing Mass

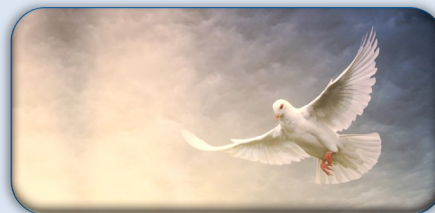
The **Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group** is sponsoring a Healing Mass on **Wednesday, December 9** in the Little Church. Fr. Steven Roth will be the celebrant.

**7:15 PM — Divine Mercy**

**7:30 PM — Mass begins**

There will be anointing for those in need during Mass.

(Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.) All are welcome! For more details, contact Shirlee Price at 410-484-4660 or [shirleeprice@gmail.com](mailto:shirleeprice@gmail.com).



## Segundo Domingo de Adviento

### 6 de diciembre de 2020



Estimados feligreses,

Al dirigir nuestra atención a la gran figura de Juan el Bautista este fin de semana, nuestras escrituras tratan sobre la transformación y la conversión. El profeta Isaías habla de que las montañas se hacen bajas y las tierras escarpadas se convierten en llanuras. Si pensamos en eso de manera práctica y concreta, eso es un cambio completo: ¡transformación! El día del Señor traerá este tipo de cambio. Y, el profeta nos está aconsejando, si queremos estar listos para ese día, tenemos que cambiar nosotros mismos.

El Evangelio de Marcos no comienza con el nacimiento de Jesús sino con la gran figura de Juan Bautista proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento. Él es el gran precursor de Jesús y le dice a la gente, no solo con sus palabras, sino con sus acciones y hasta con su vestimenta, que tienen que cambiarse; tienen que convertir sus corazones. Nuestro bautismo nos cambia. Borra el Pecado Original y nos hace hijos de Dios, miembros de la Iglesia. Pero la conversión no se detiene ahí. Eso es solo el comienzo. La conversión es parte de nuestro viaje cristiano, y justo cuando pensamos que hemos cambiado lo suficiente, Dios nos llama hacia adelante.

Esta segunda semana de Adviento, pregúntese qué es lo que realmente necesita cambiar en su vida. Esta pandemia ha señalado qué es importante, qué es esencial y qué no necesitamos. Es un buen momento para cambiar dejando de lado lo que no necesitamos y centrándonos en lo esencial.

*Padre Jerry Francik*

#### El amor de Dios trabaja en mi

Los teólogos dicen que Cristo vino a causa de nuestro pecado, yo prefiero decir que Cristo vino porque Dios nos amaba y porque quería hacer sentir

precisamente su amor entre nosotros. Yo me siento orgulloso porque mi Buen Padre Dios me ama, y estoy seguro de que si no hubiera habido ninguna otra persona en el mundo, por mí y por ti, Cristo Jesús se habría encarnado. De hecho hay quien afirma que la Creación no estaría completa sin la venida de Cristo al mundo. Así, Cristo Jesús llega a ser entonces el culmen de la obra de la Creación, y cuando éste se encarna en María, la Madre del Señor, todo está listo para la redención del género humano.

Para esta Navidad me había propuesto ser sumamente breve, para dar espacio a que en el interior del corazón, cada uno de nosotros sepamos acoger el misterio de todo un Dios que quiere hacerse hombre entre los hombres para llevarlos hacia él.

#### Un mensaje de su bebe adoptado espiritualmente quien tiene 2 meses: “¡Estoy Moviéndome!”

Segundo mes — Su bebé espiritual está haciendo progresos en el desarrollo de sus órganos internos y externos. A los 40 días su cerebro está funcionando. La madre puede oír los latidos de su corazón a través de un estetoscopio. El brote de sus dientes de leche empieza a aparecer a las seis semanas y media. Está funcionando su sistema nervioso y también cuarenta conjuntos musculares. Desde este momento su bebé espiritual crece y perfecciona su cuerpo. A las ocho semanas de su concepción tiene desarrollado todo lo que necesita para sobrevivir después de su nacimiento. El bebé en desarrollo se conoce ahora como “feto”, que en Latín quiere decir “el pequeño.” Los ultrasonidos revelan que el pequeño ahora puede brincar, saltar, moverse de un lado a otro, dar golpecitos ¡su primera danza! Si quieres información sobre adopción espiritual, por favor llama a Denise Blair-Nellies del comité de Respeto por la Vida a 410-795-6852.

### Sacramental

**Bautizos:** Se celebran cada segundo sábado del mes (excepto durante la cuaresma). Los padres y los padrinos requieren asistir a una clase de preparación que se realiza el tercer domingo de cada mes y los padrinos deben haber recibido todos los sacramentos de iniciación cristiana (Bautizo, Confirmación y Eucaristía). Favor llamar a la oficina para mayor información.

**Matrimonio:** Las parejas que están planeando en casarse deben contactar el sacerdote o el diacono por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha planeada para este sacramento. Todas las parejas comprometidas deben de tomar el cursillo prematrimonial.

**Unción de los Enfermos:** En caso de emergencia llamar a la oficina parroquial o a la rectoría. Por favor notificar a la oficina si sabe de alguien que se encuentre en el hospital y necesite de este sacramento.

#### Sacramento de la Reconciliación:

El sacramento de la confesión se celebra los sábados de 5:30 p.m. a 6:45 p.m.



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### ASSISTING CLERGY

Rev. James Proffitt

### SEMINARIAN INTERN

Mr. Cornelius Ugwu  
[cugwu@shgparish.org](mailto:cugwu@shgparish.org)

### Parish Office Hours

**Monday – Friday:**

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
1:15 – 4:30 PM

### Mailing Address:

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Glyndon, MD 21071-3672

### Phone Numbers

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[parish@shgparish.org](mailto:parish@shgparish.org)

**Hispanic Ministry**  
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**Financial Office**  
410-833-4933

**Sacred Heart School**  
410-833-0857

**Religious Ed. Office**  
410-833-8515

**Youth Ministry**  
410-833-7639

**Convent**  
410-526-1327

### Bulletin Deadline

Announcements are due one week before the requested bulletin date. Send notices to [jment@shgparish.org](mailto:jment@shgparish.org).

### We Welcome the Newly Baptized

Ehizojie Raphael Aletor



### Pray for the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr. Hycinth Njoku, Mgr. Theophilus Okere, [Vandever Lee Rash](#)



### Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers

Lucy Angerer, Mary Ellen and Mike Berry, Georgeanne Bond, Deytsa Bonifaz, Abby Renahan Cafiero, Katherine Celaiere, Lance Cyford, Patricia Davis, Maria Ekavhiare, Theresa Eyler, Charles Fenwick, Sandy Gamber, Troy Heiner, Gerry Kleiman, Joe Mandara, Phyllis Mandara, Dawn Marie, Loretta McCusker, Scott Moser, Fr. Joseph Onuoha, Elaine Ortiz, Selina Savineli, Judy Schaefer, Mel Serio, Bud Shearer, Ryan Shriver, George Stifler

## Mass Schedule

| Sunday, December 6 — Second Sunday of Advent                                            |          |                                 |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 7:30 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Christopher Tah                 | Fr. Francik |
| 9:30 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Parishioners of Sacred Heart    | Fr. Brendan |
| 11:30 AM                                                                                | Mass     | Sandra Lee Sparrow              | Fr. Brendan |
| 4:00 PM                                                                                 | Sp. Mass | Deceased Legionaries            | Fr. Hilario |
| Monday, December 7 — Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church         |          |                                 |             |
| 9:00 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Al Pfanneschlag, Sr.            | Fr. Brendan |
| Monday, December 7 — Immaculate Conception (Vigil)                                      |          |                                 |             |
| 7:00 PM                                                                                 | Mass     | John Maguire                    | Fr. Francik |
| Tuesday, December 8 — Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |          |                                 |             |
| 9:00 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Parishioners of Sacred Heart    | Fr. Francik |
| 7:00 PM                                                                                 | Sp. Mass | Elda Aguilar                    | Fr. Hilario |
| Wednesday, December 9                                                                   |          |                                 |             |
| 9:00 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Cannida Rodriguez               | Fr. Brendan |
| Thursday, December 10                                                                   |          |                                 |             |
| 9:00 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Philip Branch, Sr.              | Fr. Francik |
| 7:00 PM                                                                                 | Mass     | Annette Bond                    | Fr. Brendan |
| Friday, December 11                                                                     |          |                                 |             |
| 9:00 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Sp. Int. Joseph & Stacey Rosado | Fr. Brendan |
| Saturday, December 12 — Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe                                  |          |                                 |             |
| 8:00 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Hugh O'Donovan                  | Fr. Francik |
| Saturday Vigil, December 12                                                             |          |                                 |             |
| 4:00 PM                                                                                 | Mass     | Joseph Granzier                 | Fr. Brendan |
| 7:00 PM                                                                                 | Sp. Mass | Roberto Ortiz                   | Fr. Hilario |
| Sunday, December 13 — Third Sunday of Advent                                            |          |                                 |             |
| 7:30 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Parishioners of Sacred Heart    | Fr. Brendan |
| 9:30 AM                                                                                 | Mass     | Sp. Int. Josie Sala             | Fr. Francik |
| 11:30 AM                                                                                | Mass     | Robert McGowan                  | Fr. Francik |
| 4:00 PM                                                                                 | Sp. Mass | Mario Lara Gutierrez            | Fr. Hilario |

### Sick List

To place your loved one on the parish prayer list, please contact the office at 410-833-1696 or [parish@shgparish.org](mailto:parish@shgparish.org).

### Scripture Readings for December 13: Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  
Lk 1:46-50, 53-54  
1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he (3), one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance (1) from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory (2), let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God (Ps).

# Our Stewardship

## Weekly Offering — November 22, 2020

|                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Offertory .....                        | \$14,949.96 |
| Envelopes .....                        | \$13,768.46 |
| Loose .....                            | \$1,181.50  |
| Christmas .....                        | \$7,550.00  |
| Campaign for Human Development .....   | \$1,239.00  |
| Poor Box (Sacred Heart Outreach) ..... | \$860.51    |
| Maintenance .....                      | \$314.50    |
| Seminarians .....                      | \$235.00    |
| All Saints Day .....                   | \$100.00    |

## Electronic Fund Contributions 11/16/20 – 11/22/20 (Not included in above total)

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Offertory .....                          | \$5,286.30 |
| Maintenance .....                        | \$402.00   |
| Poor Box .....                           | \$343.00   |
| Campaign for Human Development .....     | \$220.00   |
| Catholic Education .....                 | \$160.00   |
| All Saints Day .....                     | \$100.00   |
| Black and Native American Missions ..... | \$100.00   |

## Weekly Offering — November 29, 2020

|                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Offertory .....                        | \$9,787.00 |
| Envelopes .....                        | \$8,262.00 |
| Loose .....                            | \$1,525.00 |
| Catholic Education .....               | \$1,061.00 |
| Poor Box (Sacred Heart Outreach) ..... | \$265.32   |
| Maintenance .....                      | \$160.00   |

## Electronic Fund Contributions 11/23/20 – 11/29/20 (Not included in above total)

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Offertory .....                      | \$8,226.30 |
| Special Care for Priests .....       | \$2,000.00 |
| Maintenance .....                    | \$552.00   |
| Poor Box .....                       | \$228.00   |
| Catholic Education .....             | \$170.00   |
| Campaign for Human Development ..... | \$170.00   |
| St. Ann's .....                      | \$129.00   |
| Seminarians .....                    | \$110.00   |

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend is for **Retired Religious**.

## We Are Grateful for Your Continued Support!



Once again, we extend our deep thanks for the generous support we have received from parishioners for our annual stewardship commitment (**Our Path Forward**) and for our “**Giving Tuesday**” handicap accessibility project. Thank you also for your prayers and participation as together we continue to evangelize, to celebrate our faith, to be of service to others, to educate, and to be faithful stewards.

**GIVINGTUESDAY**

## Religious Hand Carving Sale: Date Change

Little Bethlehem Christian Group represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem. They make their living as wood carvers. After all Masses **next weekend (December 12/13)**, the group (represented by the Alsahouri family) will display a collection of olive wood religious hand carvings that are for sale. The profit goes to support Christianity in the land of Christ. Please take a moment after Mass and look at their beautiful collection of items. Visit [little-bethlehem.org](http://little-bethlehem.org) for more details about the group.



## Christmas Flower Memorials

Flowers and decorations enhance our liturgical worship at Christmas and are a wonderful way to remember our loved ones, both living and deceased. The names of those to be remembered will be published in a Book of Remembrance that will stand near the sanctuary during the Christmas season.



To send us the names of your loved ones to be remembered through Christmas flowers, please go to [www.shgparish.org/christmasflowers](http://www.shgparish.org/christmasflowers) and submit the form **by Monday, December 21** to guarantee your loved ones' names in the Book of Remembrance.

Christmas flower memorial envelopes are also available in the Gathering Space and at the Parish Office. Flower envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets or brought to the Parish Office throughout the Advent season.

## Parish Christmas Ornament Sale

We have a limited availability of Little Church Christmas ornaments for sale! The ornaments are \$10 each, and they make great stocking stuffers. Please stop by the Parish Center to pick up an ornament or contact Peggy Dryden at 410-833-1696 ext. 315 or [pdryden@shgparish.org](mailto:pdryden@shgparish.org).





### Sacramental Ministry

#### Baptisms

Third Saturdays at 12:00 noon and within any weekend Mass. No baptisms during Lent. Parents are required to attend a preparation class (*offered monthly*). Contact the Religious Education Office for more details and to arrange for Baptism.

#### Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 PM (5:30 – 6:45 PM in Spanish) and on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Main Church and by appointment. Penance services are held during Advent and Lent.

#### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated date and sign up for a marriage preparation program. Do not set a date until you have met with the priest or deacon.

#### Communion to the Sick

For the hospitalized or homebound who are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office. Mass is celebrated at FutureCare Cherrywood Nursing Home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 10:30 AM.

## Advent and Christmas

### Invitation to Light the Advent Wreath

There are still some openings for the remaining weeks of Advent! Sacred Heart parishioners — as individuals or as families — are invited to light the Advent Wreath at Mass during Advent. If you would like to participate, please go to [shg.flocknote.com/signup/26072](http://shg.flocknote.com/signup/26072) to sign up for a Mass time or call the Parish Office at 410-833-1696.



### Christmas Mass Sign-ups Are Underway!

Each Christmas Mass has a fixed capacity of 200 people, and all Masses will be in the Main Church. **Reservations for Mass are required**; please visit [shg.flocknote.com/signup/20353](http://shg.flocknote.com/signup/20353) to use the online sign-up system, or you can call the Parish Office at 410-833-1696. *Christmas Eve Masses are filling up fast; there is more availability on Christmas Day.* Christmas Masses will also be **livestreamed** for those who feel more comfortable participating in Mass from home. We look forward to seeing your family as we await the coming of our Savior at Christmas!

### Thursday, December 24 — Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

12:00 noon • 2:00 PM • 4:00 PM • 6:00 PM (español) • 8:00 PM (español)  
10:00 PM • 12:00 midnight (*with lessons and carols at 11:30 PM*)

### Friday, December 25 — Christmas Day Mass Schedule

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 12:00 noon (español)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert

#### Friday, December 11 • 7:00 PM • Main Church

Enjoy timeless masterpieces for the organ from Buxtehude, Bach, and Brahms, along with many beloved and cherished Christmas hymns and songs — featuring several renowned local artists!

Tickets are \$10 each, and proceeds support Sacred Heart School. The concert will be held **in person** and will adhere to strict COVID-19 safety protocols required by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. If you prefer to enjoy the concert from home this year rather than attend in person, a **livestream** ticket option is available. Visit [www.shgparish.org/christmasconcert](http://www.shgparish.org/christmasconcert) or call 410-833-1696 for more details and to purchase your tickets. *Tickets must be purchased in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door.*



### Glyndon Area Players: “Still the Greatest Story Ever Told”!

*Performances are in the Main Church; tickets are also available at the Parish Office.*

FRI, 12/18  
7:30 PM

SAT, 12/19  
12:00 PM

\$10.00 ADMISSION

65 Sacred Heart Lane  
Glyndon, MD 21071

Both in-person and virtual tickets are available. 200 person maximum for in-person seating.

Tickets must be purchased through Ticketleap. Tickets will **not** be available at the door.

<http://glyndonareaplayers.ticketleap.com/still-the-greatest-story-ever-told-2020/>

*Masks must be worn and social distancing will be enforced. Guests will be escorted to their seats upon arrival.*

**Please bring a nonperishable food item for Sacred Heart's Food Pantry Outreach.**

## Parish Life

### Parent Baptism Preparation

The monthly baptism preparation class will be held on **Monday, December 14** at 7:00 PM in Room 104. This one-time class with Fr. Brendan is for parents who are having their first child baptized at Sacred Heart or whose last child was baptized here more than four years ago. Godparents are also welcome and encouraged to participate. No sign-up or registration is required.

To help you and the presenter focus on the class, it is highly recommended that you find child care during the class time if possible. For more details about baptisms, please visit [www.shgparish.org/baptism](http://www.shgparish.org/baptism).



### American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Saturday, December 19**

**7:45 AM – 1:15 PM • Mother Seton Room**

Consider giving the **gift of life**! Donating blood is essential to community health, and the need for blood products is constant and ever-changing in these times. Come out to support our community and **help save lives**. Healthy donors are encouraged to book an appointment with the Red Cross for our parish blood drive at [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give).

**Volunteers are also needed.** If you can donate some time and volunteer at the blood drive for a few hours, please send a note to [jment@shgparish.org](mailto:jment@shgparish.org).



### “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest



Calling all parish children in grades **K – 8**: Can **you** help show the world how to keep Christ in Christmas? The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring their

annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest, and we need to see your fantastic Christmas posters!

**Rules, entry forms, samples, and a video invitation:**  
[www.shgparish.org/kofc](http://www.shgparish.org/kofc)

Photos of finished posters will be submitted **by email**.

Poster deadline: **Sunday, December 13**

**\$50 prize** for the winners in three age groups!

For more details, please contact Dave Coyne at 410-871-9393 or [djcoyne963@gmail.com](mailto:djcoyne963@gmail.com).

### Meaning of the Advent Candles

The candles represent the 4 weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents 1,000 years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. The 3 purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve.



~ Rev. William Saunders • [www.catholiceducation.org](http://www.catholiceducation.org)

Some traditions assign specific symbolism to each candle:

- 1) The **Prophet's** Candle, symbolizing *Hope*
- 2) The **Bethlehem** Candle, symbolizing *Faith*
- 3) The **Shepherd's** Candle, symbolizing *Joy*
- 4) The **Angel's** Candle, symbolizing *Peace*

## Sacred Heart School

### Now Accepting Applications for 2021-2022!

Sacred Heart School is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and academically rigorous educational experience for our students by offering both an on-site (5 full days) and virtual instructional option for our families. We are hosting the last Virtual Welcome Wednesday of 2020 on **December 9** at 9:30 AM. For future planning, please know that our Welcome Wednesday Virtual Admissions chats will resume in January on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. To attend, visit [www.shgschool.org](http://www.shgschool.org) and click on the “RSVP Event Calendar” link, fill out an inquiry, and register for one of the dates provided to learn more about our school. Hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Mrs. Stacey Aisquith, our Director of Admissions, at 410-833-0857 ext. 114 or [saisquith@shgschool.org](mailto:saisquith@shgschool.org).

### Wisdom Sayings from the Sisters of St. Joseph

– Sisters Cecilia, Karen,  
and Mary Beth

#### Maxim 35:

*God sees, knows, and  
loves you intimately;  
live and act  
from that alone.*





## Sacramental Ministry

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays: 6–9 PM  
(Musical praise: 7–8 PM)

First Fridays: 4–5 PM  
(Holy Hour for Life)

### Anointing of the Sick

In case of emergency, call the Parish Office at anytime. Please notify the Parish Office if you know someone in the hospital or at home who wishes to be anointed. Masses of Anointing are celebrated twice per year.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

“Thirsting for God?” Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and Communion? They may be thirsting, too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding.

The RCIA is a Church rite for adults pursuing the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, are interested or would like more information, please contact Michele Hunter at 410-833-1696 or [mhunter@shgparish.org](mailto:mhunter@shgparish.org).

## Social Justice and Outreach

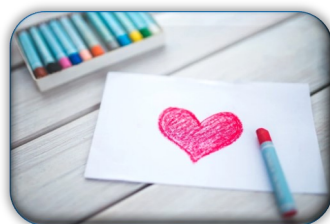
### Message from Your Two-Month-Old Spiritually Adopted Baby

*“Thank you for praying for me. I am two months old now and about 2 inches long. You can see my eyes, nose, and mouth. I will use them to experience God’s Word after I am born.”*

**MONTH 2: “I’m dancing!”** Your spiritually adopted baby is making progress developing all of her external features and internal organs. Her brain is functioning at 40 days. Her mother can hear her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6½ weeks. The central nervous system is functioning, and 40 muscle sets begin their first exercises. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines her body, but everything she needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week. She is now called a “fetus” — a Latin word meaning “little one”. Ultrasound reveals that this little one can now spring, flip, and jump — her first dance steps! If you would like more information about how to spiritually adopt a precious pre-born baby growing in the womb, please contact Denise Blair-Nellies from the [Respect Life Committee](#) at 410-795-6852.



### Christmas Pictures for Our Friends at FutureCare Cherrywood Nursing Home



The [Respect Life Committee](#) invites you to share Christ’s love with the senior citizens at FutureCare Cherrywood Nursing Home by making Christmas pictures and cards for them. You may drop off your finished pictures and cards at the Parish Center **no later than Monday, December 21.** (After office hours, you can use the mail slot next to the Parish Center entrance.) The [Respect Life Committee](#) will deliver these Christmas pictures and cards to the activities department, and the workers will distribute them to the nursing home residents. Please contact Denise Blair-Nellies at 410-795-6852 if you have any questions. Thank you for sharing Christ’s love!

### Bereavement Support Group

Holiday seasons are always difficult for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Sacred Heart Parish has a group where we can share experiences and support. For details about the group, please contact Janet at 410-833-1542 or [darrell.e.tenney@gmail.com](mailto:darrell.e.tenney@gmail.com). We will meet on **Sunday, December 6** from 2:30 – 4:00 PM in Room 104.

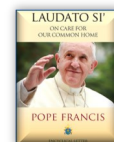
### Gabriel Network — Assistance Needed

[Gabriel Network](#) is helping a single Mom prepare for Christmas for her two children. She was on leave from her job for several months, and she would be very grateful for some gift cards. If you can help with a gift card for Target, Walmart, or Marshalls, please contact Sally Wallace at [wallace.sally@gmail.com](mailto:wallace.sally@gmail.com) or 443-605-9489. Thank you!

### Laudato si’ Year for the Catholic Church

*International negotiations (on climate change) cannot make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place their national interests above the global common good. Those who will have to suffer the consequences of what we are trying to hide will not forget this failure of conscience and responsibility. We believers cannot fail to ask God for a positive outcome to the present discussions, so that future generations will not have to suffer the effects of our ill-advised delays.* (LS #169)

- This excerpt invites us to make a national examination of conscience. How does the United States place our national interests above the global common good? Where do you see need for improvement?





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## Could God Be Calling You to Be a Deacon?

The deacon, through the grace of ordination, bears witness to Christ the Servant. The deacon serves as a witness and a true blessing, helping to lead us outside the doors of the Church to serve our neighbors, to invite them into an encounter with the Lord Jesus, and to accompany them on the path of faith. In these unprecedented times of the pandemic, the Lord is still calling forth and equipping men and women for ministry. How is God calling **you** to follow as a disciple?

If you are discerning, or are simply willing to consider, becoming a deacon, attend an information session as a next step. We also encourage you to connect with the priests and deacons here at Sacred Heart so they know that you are interested. After acceptance, deacon formation is a four-year process. Those gentlemen accepted into formation have stability in their lives, in their families, and in their faith. This is measured, at the time of ordination, as 10 years as a Catholic, 10 years in marriage (*if married*), and with the ability to provide for the needs of your family while balancing formation and future ministry expectations. Upcoming information sessions:

- **Thursday, January 7** at 7:00 PM: Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ellicott City
- **Sunday, January 10** at 3:00 PM: St. Ignatius in Ijamsville
- **Wednesday, January 27** at 6:00 PM: St. Bernadine in Baltimore
- **Wednesday, February 10** at 7:00 PM: on Zoom

Please assist the formation team by registering with Kristine Arata at [Kristine.Arata@archbalt.org](mailto:Kristine.Arata@archbalt.org). (*Registering allows us to contact you if adjustments must be made to the schedule.*) To ensure an understanding of the commitment of formation, applications are only available to those who attend an information session or after special consideration with a member of the formation team: Fr. Mike Triplett ([mtriplett@archbalt.org](mailto:mtriplett@archbalt.org)), Deacon Larry Matheny ([lmatheny@e-stignatius.org](mailto:lmatheny@e-stignatius.org)), or Deacon Scott Lancaster ([slancaster1@stlouisparrish.org](mailto:slancaster1@stlouisparrish.org)).

To learn more, see the Catholic Review article at [catholicreview.org/feeling-called-learn-more-about-becoming-a-deacon-with-virtual-information-sessions/](http://catholicreview.org/feeling-called-learn-more-about-becoming-a-deacon-with-virtual-information-sessions/).





“We don’t know what the future holds, but it’s all God’s work,” says Sister Theresa McGrath (*center*), 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, for nearly 70 years.

# Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

In good times and bad, Sister Theresa and the senior religious shown here have devoted themselves to God’s work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a hurting world. Yet many US religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Covid-19 has only increased these challenges. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

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Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ, 91; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI, 86; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU, 93; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB, 79.  
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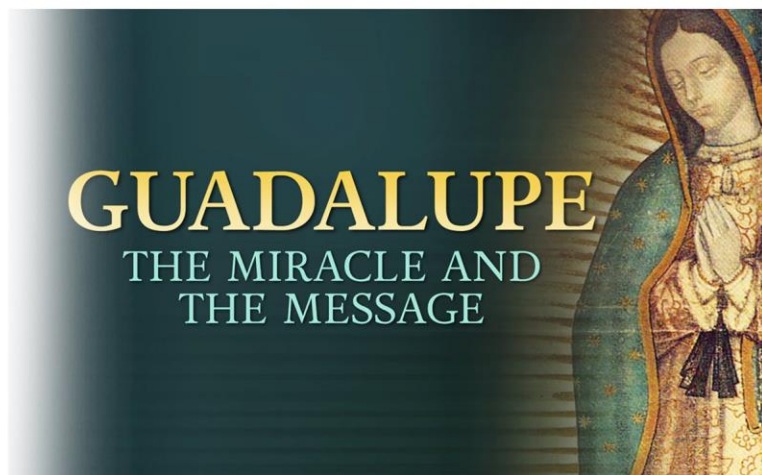
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### WATCH

#### GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

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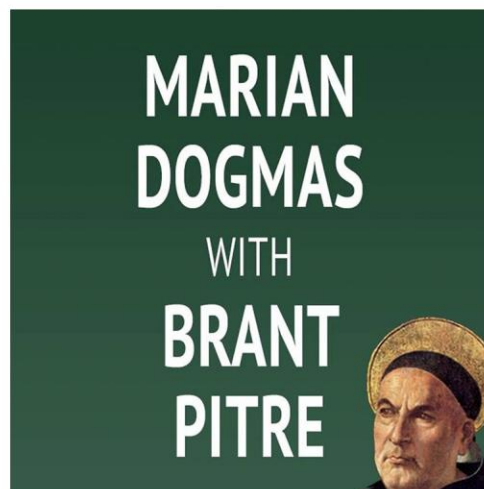
Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

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# ADVENT CALENDAR 2020

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                              | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                       | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>November 29</b><br><b>The First Sunday of Advent</b><br>Begin your Advent journey by <a href="#">blessing</a> your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."                                                                | <b>30</b><br>Make a resolution at the start of this liturgical year that will bring you closer to Christ.                                                                                                                                                   | <b>December 1</b><br>Today is Giving Tuesday! Many of our parishes have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Consider making a recurring gift to your parish.                                                                                                                    | <b>2</b><br>Use this Advent season to ready your heart for Jesus. In what ways can you improve your relationship with him?                                                                                             | <b>3</b><br>Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest<br>In honor of St. Francis Xavier, one of the first Jesuits, try the practice of the <a href="#">Daily Examen</a> .                                         | <b>4</b><br>"Social friendship and universal fraternity necessarily call for an acknowledgment of <i>the worth of every human person, always and everywhere.</i> "<br>(Pope Francis, <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> , no. 106)                                                                                        | <b>5</b><br>Advent is a season of waiting and anticipation of the birth of Christ. It can be easy to lose sight of this, focusing more on gift giving and receiving. Set aside time to pray with your family, even virtually, to refocus on the greatest gift. |
| <b>6</b><br><b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b><br>Today, churches hold a special collection for <a href="#">retired religious</a> . Pray for these dedicated servants of Christ as you light the second violet candle on your Advent wreath.                           | <b>7</b><br>Today is the Memorial of St. Ambrose, one of the Doctors of the Church. He baptized St. Augustine and is the patron saint of catechumens. Today, pray for those seeking to join the Church.                                                     | <b>8</b><br>On this <a href="#">Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</a> , attend Mass and pray the Hail Mary before meals. As Mary is also the patroness of the U.S., take time to pray for our country today.                                                                   | <b>9</b><br>This year has been challenging for many. Bring joy to someone today. Text or call a friend, help a stranger in need, or share today's <a href="#">Gospel</a> with your loved ones.                         | <b>10</b><br><a href="#">Walking with Moms in Need</a> encourages us to "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need and to learn how we can help. Take the <a href="#">pledge</a> today! | <b>11</b><br>"In some areas of our cities, there is still a lively sense of neighborhood. . . . Where people experience a closeness marked by gratitude, solidarity and reciprocity."<br>(Pope Francis, <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> , no. 152)<br>Seek out volunteer opportunities in your neighborhood this week. | <b>12</b><br>On her feast day, pray to <a href="#">Our Lady of Guadalupe</a> , that she may "help us never to see others as burdens," especially migrants to our country and communities.                                                                      |
| <b>13</b><br><b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b><br>Today is Gaudete Sunday when we shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near." Rejoice as you light the pink candle on your Advent wreath.                                                    | <b>14</b><br>Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church<br>There are 10 days left in Advent. In honor of a saint known for his deep spirituality and compassion, reflect honestly on your own spiritual journey so far this season. | <b>15</b><br>"As couples or friends, we find that our hearts expand as we step out of ourselves and embrace others."<br>(Pope Francis, <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> , no. 89)<br>How can you embrace others today?                                                                         | <b>16</b><br><a href="#">Las Posadas</a> , a reenactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter before the birth of Jesus, traditionally begins today. <a href="#">Pray for migrants</a> seeking shelter around the world. | <b>17</b><br>Today marks the beginning of the " <a href="#">O Antiphons</a> ." This tradition, which comes from Evening Prayer, has been around since at least the eighth century.                             | <b>18</b><br>In today's <a href="#">Gospel</a> we are reminded of St. Joseph's courage. Reflect on how God is calling you to demonstrate courage in serving him.                                                                                                                                             | <b>19</b><br>What's your favorite Christmas movie? Gather your friends or family (in-person or virtually) and watch a <a href="#">Christmas classic</a> .                                                                                                      |
| <b>20</b><br><b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b><br>"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'" (Lk 1:38)<br>Mary had complete trust in God, saying "yes" to his will. How would you describe your trust in God? | <b>21</b><br>St. Francis of Assisi made the Christmas crèche, or manger, for Christmas Eve of 1223. Gather your loved ones, and <a href="#">bless your family's crèche</a> .                                                                                | <b>22</b><br>"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph themselves were refugees in Egypt . . . with whom Christian migrants and refugees throughout the ages can identify, giving them hope and courage."<br>(USCCB, <i>Strangers No Longer</i> , no. 26)<br>How can you welcome the stranger today? | <b>23</b><br>According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Share this <a href="#">blessing</a> with your family and friends.           | <b>24</b><br>"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; for he has come to his people and set them free."<br>(Lk 1:68)                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



# CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO 2020

| DOMINGO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | LUNES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | MARTES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | MIÉRCOLES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | JUEVES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | VIERNES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | SÁBADO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Nov. 29</b><br><b>El Primer Domingo de Adviento</b><br>Inicia tu camino de Adviento <b>bendiciendo</b> tu corona de Adviento. Enciende la primera vela violeta y canta "O Ven, O Ven, Emmanuel".                                                                  | <b>30</b><br>Al inicio de este año litúrgico, haz una resolución que te haga acercarte más a Cristo                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Dic. 1</b><br>¡Hoy es Giving Tuesday! Muchas de nuestras parroquias han sufrido el impacto de la pandemia del COVID-19. Considera hacer donaciones periódicas a tu parroquia.                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>2</b><br>Utiliza este tiempo de Adviento para preparar tu corazón para Jesús. ¿Cómo podrías mejorar tu relación con Él?                                                                                                                         | <b>3</b><br>Memorial de san Francisco Javier, sacerdote<br>En honor de san Francisco Javier, uno de los primeros jesuitas, haz la práctica del <b>Examen Diario</b> .                                                                                 | <b>4</b><br>"Hay un reconocimiento básico, esencial para caminar hacia la amistad social y la fraternidad universal: percibir <i>cuánto vale una persona, cuánto vale una persona, siempre y en cualquier circunstancia</i> ".<br>(Papa Francisco, <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> , no. 106)                                                                                                   | <b>5</b><br>El Adviento es un tiempo de espera y de anticipación al nacimiento de Cristo. Puede ser fácil perder eso de vista, enfocándose más en dar y en recibir regalos. Reserva algo de tu tiempo para orar con tu familia, aunque sea virtualmente, para que se reenfoquen en el regalo más grande de todos. |
| <b>6</b><br><b>El Segundo Domingo de Adviento</b><br>Hoy, las Iglesias harán una colecta especial para las <b>religiosas y religiosos jubilados</b> . Ora por estos dedicados siervos de Cristo mientras enciendes la segunda vela violeta en tu corona de Adviento. | <b>7</b><br>Hoy es el Memorial de san Ambrosio, uno de los Doctores de la Iglesia. El bautizó a san Agustín y es el santo patrón de los catecúmenos. Hoy, ora por aquellos que buscan unirse a la Iglesia.                                                                    | <b>8</b><br>En esta <b>Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción</b> , asiste a la Misa y reza el Ave María antes de las comidas. Ya que María es también la patrona de los Estados Unidos, toma unos momentos hoy para orar por nuestro país.                                                                                                             | <b>9</b><br>A muchos, este año les ha traído muchos desafíos. Hoy, dale una alegría a alguien. Envíale un texto o llama a un amigo, ayúda a un extraño necesitado o comparte el <b>Evangelio</b> de hoy con tus seres queridos.                    | <b>10</b><br><b>Camina con las madres</b><br><b>necesitadas</b> nos anima a "ponernos en el lugar" de esas mujeres necesitadas de nuestra área quienes están embarazadas o criando hijos y veamos la manera de ayudarlas. ¡Haz la <b>promesa</b> hoy! | <b>11</b><br>En algunos barrios populares, todavía se vive el espíritu del "vecindario... En estos lugares que conservan esos valores comunitarios, se viven las relaciones de cercanía con notas de gratitud, solidaridad y reciprocidad".<br>(Papa Francisco, <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> , no. 152)<br>Esta semana, busca oportunidades para ofrecerte como voluntario en tu vecindario. | <b>12</b><br>En el día de su fiesta, <b>rézale a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe</b> , para que ella nos "ayude a nunca ver a los demás como una carga", especialmente a los migrantes que llegan a nuestro país y comunidades.                                                                                       |
| <b>13</b><br><b>Tercer Domingo de Adviento</b><br>Hoy es el Domingo Gaudete, cuando cambiamos nuestra reflexión de "ya viene el Señor" a "el Señor está cerca". Regocijate mientras que enciendes la vela rosada en tu corona de Adviento.                           | <b>14</b><br>Memorial de san Juan de la Cruz, Sacerdote y Doctor de la Iglesia<br>Quedan 10 días de Adviento. En honor a un santo conocido por su profunda espiritualidad y compasión, reflexiona honestamente sobre tu propio camino espiritual en lo que va de este tiempo. | <b>15</b><br>"La pareja y el amigo son para abrir el corazón en círculos, para volvernos capaces de salir de nosotros mismos hasta acoger a todos".<br>(Papa Francisco, <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> , no. 89)<br>¿De qué manera pudieses abrazar a los demás hoy?                                                                                             | <b>16</b><br><b>Las Posadas</b> , son una representación de María y José cuando buscaban refugio antes del nacimiento de Jesús, las cuales, tradicionalmente, emplean hoy, <b>Ora por los migrantes</b> que buscan un refugio alrededor del mundo. | <b>17</b><br>Hoy marca el inicio de las "Antifonas O". Esta tradición, que proviene de la Oración de la Tarde, ha existido, por lo menos, desde el siglo VIII.                                                                                        | <b>18</b><br>El <b>Evangelio</b> de hoy nos recorda la valentía de san José. Reflexiona sobre cómo Dios te está llamando a demostrar valentía al servirlo a Él.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>19</b><br>¿Cuál es tu película navideña favorita? Reúne a tu familia o a tus amigos (en persona o virtualmente) y disfruten de una <b>película clásica de Navidad</b> .                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>20</b><br><b>Cuarto Domingo de Adviento</b><br>María contestó: "Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho".<br>(Lc 1:38)<br>María tuvo plena confianza en Dios, respondiendo "sí" a su voluntad. ¿Cómo describirías tu confianza en Dios?   | <b>21</b><br>San Francisco de Asís hizo un pesebre navideño para la Nochebuena del año 1223. Reúne a tus seres queridos y <b>bendice el pesebre de tu familia</b> .                                                                                                           | <b>22</b><br>"Jesús, María y José fueron refugiados en ese país [Egipto]... la Sagrada Familia es una figura con la que se pueden identificar migrantes y refugiados de todos los tiempos, dándoles esperanza y valor en momentos difíciles".<br>(USCCB, <i>Ya No Somos Extranjeros</i> , no. 26)<br>¿De qué manera recibes y acoges al extranjero hoy? | <b>23</b><br>Según la costumbre, el árbol de Navidad se coloca justo antes de la Navidad y permanece puesto así hasta la Solemnidad de la Epifanía. Comparte esta <b>bendición</b> con tu familia y amigos.                                        | <b>24</b><br>"Bendito sea el Señor, el Dios de Israel, porque ha visitado y redimido a su Pueblo".<br>(Lc 1:68)                                                                                                                                       | <br>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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