



# *Sacred Heart Parish*

*Susanville, California*

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## *Christmas Day—December 25, 2022*

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## ***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the Eucharistic Faithful of Sacred Heart Parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, are called to proclaim the Good News by means of Sacraments, prayer, witness and service to the poor.*

### **MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY**

8:00 am, 9:30 am (Spanish), 11:00 am

#### **SATURDAY**

3:00 pm (in Herlong), 5:30 pm

#### **WEEKDAYS**

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 am

#### **ADORATION**

After weekday Mass until 9:30 am

#### **HOLY DAYS**

To be announced

### **OTHER SERVICES**

#### **QUINCEANERA**

Notify us at least 6 months  
before the event

#### **FUNERAL**

Notify us as soon as possible when death occurs.

### **SACRAMENTS**

#### **BAPTISM**

Infant baptism is for children 7 years old and under. Classes for parents and godparents are available. Provide Birth Certificate.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

2-Year Class is required. Call the Religious Education Coordinator for more information.

#### **CONFESSION**

Saturday from 8:30 am until 9:30 am.

Available also after the weekday Masses

#### **WEDDING**

Notify us at least 6 months before the event.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Call the Parish Office. It is also available after every Mass.

#### **HOLY ORDERS**

If you are called to be serve as a priest, talk to our pastor.

Or visit the Sacramento Diocese Office of Vocations at

[www.scd.org](http://www.scd.org)

*“The heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God’s mercy, but it is not an imaginary symbol, it is a real symbol which represents the center, the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth. - Pope Francis*



### **This Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6**

To those in darkness, a child will be born who will have dominion over the earth.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13**

Sing a new song to the Lord.

**Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-14**

Jesus is born in a manger in Bethlehem as the angel appears to the shepherds.

### **Reflection**

*(Loyola Press)*

During the Christmas season, our liturgy invites us to consider the birth of the Lord from many vantage points. As we begin this season, it is useful to remember that the stories of Jesus' birth and childhood are found in only two of our Gospels, Matthew and Luke. Throughout this season, we will hear stories from both Gospels. Those Gospels tell different but complementary stories about Jesus' birth, highlighting items of theological importance about the Incarnation and the salvation that Jesus brings.

On this day, the Feast of Christmas, we are given the details of Christ's birth as found in the Gospel of Luke. Here we learn about the census that brings Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Jesus is born. We also hear about the angel's announcement of this good news to the shepherds. In these details, we find two of Luke's particular concerns: (1) to locate the coming of Christ in the wider framework of salvation history as good news for all people, Gentiles and Jews, and (2) to show the Lord's favor upon the poor and lowly.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is born as one of the poor. Laid in a manger in a stable, because there was no room at the inn, he comes into the world through obscure and surprising means. Yet, as the angel proclaims this good news to the shepherds, this infant is announced as the Messiah and Lord. In the song of the angels, all are invited to give glory to God for this miraculous birth, in which God comes to share our humanity.

The angels sing that Jesus' coming brings peace. Yet there is little in the details of this Gospel that gives evidence of peace. Jesus is born as a traveler away from home, born in a stable in a crowded city under the occupation of foreigners. The appearance of the angel to the shepherds frightens them. When the angels proclaim Jesus' birth as the harbinger of "peace on earth," the evangelist Luke clearly wants us to take the long view. The shepherds are invited to claim a faith that will enable them to see this infant as a sign God's promise of a messiah. It is through such faith that one finds the peace of which the angels sing.



### **Glory to God in the highest!**

The celebration of the glorious birth of Christ the Lord...

### ***Merry Christmas!***

Try to put yourself in the shoes of the shepherds. Little excitement would have regularly come their way. They were poor, simple shepherds who spent their days and nights tending the sheep of the fields. That night, a group of them had gathered together for camaraderie. It's easy to imagine the scene of normal talking, laughing and being together. Little did they realize what was about to happen.

As they were gathered, an angel of God appeared to them announcing "good news of great joy!" They must have been stunned. But that's only the beginning. The angel announced that the Savior of the World had been born and then, much to their surprise, they witnessed the whole host of heavenly angels singing praises:

**"Gloria in excelsis Deo!" "Glory to God in the highest!"**

These humble shepherds were the first to be called by God to go and greet the newborn King. What's amazing is that God did not first call the "important" of the age to come worship. He called these poor shepherds. One thing this tells us is that, in the eyes of God, all are equal. God does not pick favorites from among those who are seen as important in the eyes of the world. No, He sees the great value and dignity of each and every person and desires all of us, rich or poor, powerful or weak, to come to Him in adoration and love.

Christmas is a time filled with many exciting things. Often there are gifts and gatherings, food and good times. But more than anything else, Christmas must be seen as a time for us to step back and take in the deep and rich meaning of this sacred event. We must see, first, that God entered our human condition and, in doing so, is able to identify with all that we experience in life. God understands human life! He lived it.

Second, we must understand that the birth of the Savior of the world and His appearance to shepherds reveals that each and every one of us is invited to come and meet Him. God humbled Himself in the most profound way so that we could come to know Him and His perfect love for us. "Do not be afraid," as the angel said, to come and behold the Christ who came as your Savior. Do not be afraid to come to meet Him, love Him, adore Him and get to know Him. God is given to us, today, as an infant. Small, weak, fragile and innocent. Do not be afraid to gaze upon His humble presence and to give glory to God for His blessed coming.

*Lord, I love You and adore You. I thank You for the unfathomable gift of Your divine presence among us. I thank You, especially, for the invitation You offer me to join the poor shepherds as they come to adore You. May this Christmas celebration be one in which I understand, more deeply, the incredible love You have for all Your children. May I know that You came for me, to save me and to invite me to worship. May I, this day, enter into that worship and adoration with all the Heavenly Host. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*Mark Your Calendars*  
**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	Dec. 30, 2022	8:00 am	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> <i>Consecration to the Holy Family</i>
Mon-Fri	Dec. 26-27, 2022	No Mass	<b>Christmas Break</b>
Saturday	Dec. 31, 2022	3:00 pm 5:30pm	<b>New Year Vigil Mass in Herlong</b> <b>New Year Vigil Mass</b>
Sunday	Jan. 1, 2023	8:00 am 9:30am 11:00 am	<b>New Year Morning Mass</b> <b>Misa de Año Nuevo</b> <b>New Year Mass</b>
Thursday	Jan. 5, 2023	6:00 pm	<b>Start of CCD Classes &amp; Theology Class</b>
Thursday	Jan. 12, 2023	6:00 pm	<b>CCD Classes &amp; Theology Class</b>
Thursday	Jan. 19, 2023	6:00 pm	<b>Presentation about Theology of the Body</b> <i>Presenter: Dr. Steven Braatz</i>
Sunday	Jan. 22, 2023	2:00 pm	<b>Walk for Life (Susanville)</b>
Thursday	Jan. 26, 2023	6:00 pm	<b>Presentation about Theology of the Body</b> <i>Presenter: Dr. Steven Braatz</i>
Thursday	Feb. 2, 2023	2:00 pm 6:00 pm	<b>Shroud of Turin Exhibit</b> <b>Shroud of Turin Film Festival</b>

*For more information, please call the Parish Office at (530) 257-3230*



***Prayer for the Sick in our Parish***

John Zenith	Randy Cochran
John & Jean Peters	Heda Newo
Danny Hobbs	Mary Lee Fruehan
Matt & Noelia O'Suna	Sam O'Suna
Jax Duggar	Jerry Douglass
Ricardo Caldera	Aaron Ibarra
Marco Nuno	Dale Barcia
Aurora Hale	Mary Tynan

*Please contact our Parish Office to include a name.  
(530) 257 3230*



The Respect for Life Committee of our parish requests that you support Susanville's local Pregnancy Center by shopping at **Mama's thrift store**. Ask about volunteer opportunities.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Weekend Masses Offering:	\$ 2385.00
Herlong Mission Offering:	\$ 353.00
Funeral (+Brenda Katherine Cash)	\$ 200.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00
Poor Box:	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 110.00
Retirement for Religious:	\$ 10.00
Altar Servers Fund:	\$ 100.00
Flower Donations:	\$ 508.00
CCD Registration:	\$ 50.00
Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate:	\$ 643.00

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 4,389.00**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Dec. 24—3:00pm ( <i>Herlong</i> )	
5:30pm	
10:00pm	Misa Pro Populo
Dec. 25—8:00am	
9:30am	
11:00am	
Dec. 26—8:00am	No Mass
Dec. 27—8:00am	No Mass
Dec. 28—	No Mass
Dec. 29—8:00am	No Mass
Dec. 30—8:00am	No Mass



### **The Feast of the Holy Family**

Normally, the Holy Family Sunday falls on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day; But if both are Sundays, the feast is celebrated on December 30. And so this year, it will be on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to the importance of this feast day in our parish, **we will do the consecration on all the Masses on December 30<sup>th</sup> until January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

#### **Overview**

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family.

### **Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer**

**O Lord Jesus,**

you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.

There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.

*We entrust our family to you.*

**O Blessed Mary,**

you are the Mother of our Savior.

At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

*We entrust our family to you.*

**O Saint Joseph,**

you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,  
and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.

*We entrust our family to you.*

**Holy Family,**

we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!**



**HERLONG MISSION  
Holy Family Community**

Herlong Mission Church located at  
**The Old Chapel of the Sierra Army Depot  
170 D.S. Hall St, Herlong California**

It is part of Sacred Heart Parish.  
The mission church is named under  
the title of the Holy Family.  
You are welcome to join us.

**Schedule of Liturgy**

- Rosary:** 2:30 pm every Saturday
- Holy Mass:** 3:00 pm every Saturday
- Adoration:** 1st Saturday of the Month  
after Mass
- Holy Day:** To be announced



This is an initiative from the  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**

Please see the poster posted in the vestibule.  
Prayer cards are also available.

*Thank You!*

The Family of **+John Choo** would like to extend  
a sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards,  
prayers and messages of condolences. Your  
kindness has been a great source of comfort for  
the family

Sincerely,  
Helen Choo & Family



**HOLY HOUR**

After the every weekday morning Mass, the Holy Hour begins  
with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and  
Benediction until 9:30 am

**HOLY ROSARY**

We invite you to pray the rosary with us:

- + 2:30 pm *in Herlong*
- + After the morning weekday Mass
- + Before the 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- + Before the 8:00 am Sunday Mass
- + After the 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**GRUPO DE ORACION**

Oracion y Alabanza. Cada Lunes 6:00 pm en el salon

**WELCOME SUNDAY**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after all Sunday Masses.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Meets every Thursday at 6pm.

**YOUTH NIGHT**

Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at M.M. Hall

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Please call the Parish Office to offer intentions for the Mass

**LIGHT A CANDLE**

For someone or for an intention  
(Candles are located at the two side altars)  
Suggested Donation: \$3 per candle or \$5 for two

**PARISH STAFF**

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 12pm at the Rectory

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 4:30 pm at the MM Hall

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 4:30 pm at the Rectory

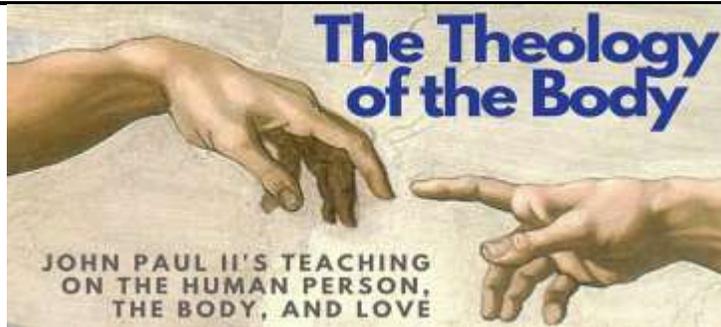
**OFFICE HOURS**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

December 31, 2022    3:00 pm Vigil Mass *in Herlong*  
   5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
January 1, 2023        8:00 am Mass  
   9:30 am Mass *in Spanish*  
   11:00 am Mass



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Celebrate Life!  
The Walk for Life will be on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm.  
Join us and let's make this the biggest Walk for Life Susanville has seen.



The Shroud of Turin  
Mark your calendars and be sure not to miss the Shroud of Turin Exhibit and Film Festival on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 in the Hall. The Exhibit will open at 2pm and the Film Festival will start at 6pm.

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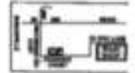
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**11am-9pm Fri-Sat**  
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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

- Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month after Mass until 6pm
- Every after morning Mass until 9:30 am



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