

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

Bushwood, Maryland – Founded 1755

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**Masses:** Sunday 6:30 & 8:00 a.m. and Thurs. & Fri. 8:00 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

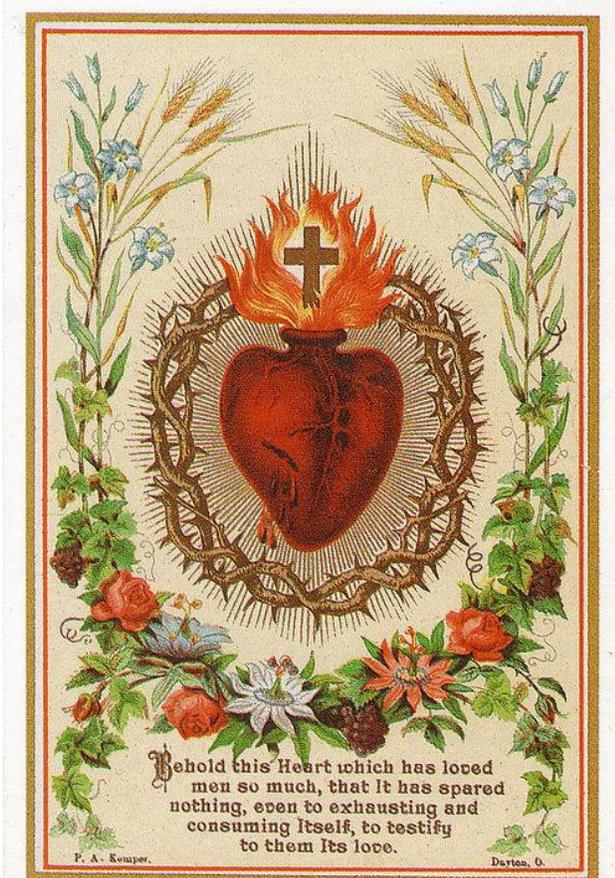
**Confessions:** Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 – 7:50 a.m. and Friday 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Seventh Baptisms:** By appointment. **Weddings:** Contact Father six months in advance.

**Rectory Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Seventh District Catholic Aid Society:** 240-256-4101



Welcome to the Parish Community of Sacred Heart Church! To become a registered parishioner, complete either the online parish registration or the pink registration forms located on the tables at the entrance of the church. If you are interested in participating in any of the ministries available here, beginning new ones, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the rectory. We are glad you have joined us, and may God bless you!

*SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025*  
*29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.	Oct.	20	NO MASS	
Tues.	Oct.	21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Oct.	22	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Oct.	23	8:00 a.m.	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Fri.	Oct.	24	8:00 a.m.	<b>Malcolm Goode, Jr.</b>
Sat.	Oct.	25	4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Oct.	26	6:30 a.m.	<b>Louis &amp; Agnes Ridgell</b>
			8:00 a.m.	<b>Parishioners of S.H. &amp; H.A.</b>
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

**COFFEE AND DONUTS:** Please join us after the Masses today to say farewell to Fr. Golas with some coffee and donuts.

**CAKE TABLE:** Please plan to bake a homemade dessert for our Cake Table. Many desserts are needed as we always sell out early. Desserts may be dropped off at the tent in front of the church on Sunday morning. Thank you!

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** Next weekend is Food for the Poor Weekend. A list of the food needed is on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church. Please leave your non-perishable donation at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you!

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED:** The Annual Mass for the Deceased will be offered on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish. The Mass intention is for the happy repose of the souls of Sacred Heart parishioners, Holy Angels parishioners, and those interred at Sacred Heart Cemetery who passed away this past year.

**BOXES OF JOY:** Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 1470 is once again hosting the Boxes of Joy program through Cross Catholic Outreach. Filled and collected boxes will be sent to underprivileged children in Central America and Africa. Boxes are available on the tables at the entrance of the church. Please return your boxes by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR ANNUAL FALL DINNER** will be next Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11 a.m. Below is the schedule for this coming week, please volunteer when you can.

<b>Sunday</b> <b>10/19</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Picking kale at David &amp; Patsy Quade's Farm located at 23656 Colton Point Rd., Clements. If you have kale that you can donate, please call Carolyn Norris by 11:00 am on Sunday at 301-769-3870. Much help is needed!</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>10/20</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Wash kale in the hall. Prepare cabbage and onions. All pots, pans, and other dishes used for the dinner need to be washed.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>10/21</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Start cooking turkey breasts. Help is needed from 9:00 a.m. – on. Clean up at 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>10/22</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Prepare dressing for hams. (Bring knives) Crumble bread. Fold boxes for carry-outs and cake stand. Stuff hams. (Bring knives)</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>10/23</b>	<b>5:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Help is needed to put on hams. Take hams out of post and start second cooking. Help is needed to cool and ready hams for the walk-in box. Take hams out of pots – empty and wash pots.</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>10/24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Slice turkey and hams. Package ham and turkey for carry-out. Much help is needed. Prepare vegetables. Bring knives and scrapers.</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>10/25</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Prepare food. Sweet and white potatoes and cabbage. Bring knives and scrapers. <u>Lots of help is needed!</u></b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10/26</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> <b>8-8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>All kitchen help report in. Carry-out help needed to package cole slaw &amp; prepare carry-out.</b>

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick:** Tammy Garner, Melvin Armstrong, Wendy Onstead, Nancy Cortinovis, Terry Abell Johnson, Robin "Bertie" Guy, Daniel Quade, Paul Guy, Charles Beaver, Keith Polk, Joann Beavers, Barbara Hill, Robert & Diane Anderson, Buddy & Virgie Banagan, Barbara Lilly and Elaine Frederick.

#### **OCTOBER VOTIVE INTENTIONS**

**Blessed Mother Altar** – In memory of Frankie Bowles. Donated by Mary Jane Bowles.  
**St. Joseph Altar** – In memory of Edward & Agnes Ridgell. Donated by Mary Jane Bowles.  
**Sacred Heart Altar** – In memory of Louis & Daniel Ridgell. Donated by Mary Jane Bowles.

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

### Justice Through Mercy

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. [Luke 18:1](#)

In our parable for today, we have the witness of a widow who came to a dishonest judge and continuously begged him for a just judgment. Though the judge did not care about the woman, he eventually rendered a just decision for her because she was so persistent. It's interesting that Jesus used the image of a "dishonest judge" to teach us about persistent prayers being answered. He does so because He wants us to understand that if even those who are dishonest respond to persistence, then so much more will the Just Judge of Heaven respond to persistence.

Will God answer any prayer you pray if you offer that prayer day and night, day after day without fail? Does God eventually give into our requests as a parent might give into a child who keeps begging for something? Not exactly. One of the most important qualifiers mentioned in this parable is the word "just." We read that the woman's plea before the judge was, "render a just decision for me..." At the conclusion of the parable, Jesus gives this interpretation: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" When we pray, we ought not pray for whatever we want. We ought not pray for our preference, selfish desires, or our own ideas. We must pray only for the justice of God. When we do so with unwavering perseverance, God will secure our rights and bring forth His justice.

Justice, in the mind of God, is not only about righting certain wrongs. The prime example of this is the death of our Lord Himself. Clearly, Jesus was purely innocent and yet He suffered greatly. For that reason, would we conclude that the suffering and death of the Son of God was an injustice? Not really. The reason for this is that justice can be achieved best by mercy. Because Jesus embraced the injustice of His suffering and death and turned it into a free embrace out of love, this "injustice" became a sacrifice of love by which an abundance of mercy was bestowed. Jesus had every right to call down fire from Heaven and to destroy those who sinned against Him. But He had a far better plan. Instead, by choosing to accept the injustice of the Cross, and by freely embracing it with His own will, the injustice was transformed and a far greater good came forth.

In our own lives, whenever we are wronged by another, we are often tempted to anger and to desire revenge in the name of justice. We want them to pay for what they did. If you ever feel that way, know that the greatest form of justice is mercy. Know that your free embrace of injustice brings forth the transforming power of God in a way that punishment or retribution could never accomplish. This is the form of justice we must pray for night and day. We must beg God for the ability to accept all sufferings with love, to offer those sufferings as a sacrifice, and to allow them to be transformed into mercy. If this is our persistent prayer, we can be certain that our prayer will be answered.

Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers.

*Most just Judge, You desire to transform every injustice into mercy by calling us to freely embrace those injustices out of love. This is a high calling, dear Lord, but it is also a glorious one. Please give me the grace I need to follow Your example and to persevere in this form of prayer always. Jesus, I trust in You.*