

# 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.

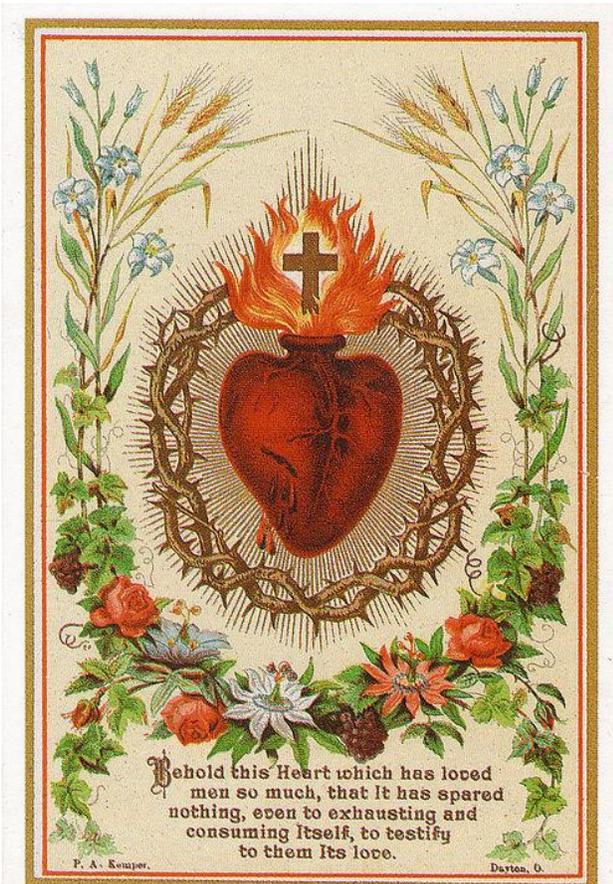
**Confessions:** Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

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

**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, NOVEMBER 23, 2025*  
*34<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon.	Nov.	24	NO MASS	
Tues.	Nov.	25	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Wed.	Nov.	26	8:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Thurs.	Nov.	27	8:00 a.m.	<b>Joyce Spence</b>
			10:00 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Fri.	Nov.	28	NO MASS	
Sat.	Nov.	29	4:30 p.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>
Sun.	Nov.	30	6:30 a.m.	<b>John &amp; Susie Hill</b>
			8:00 a.m.	<b>Howard Lacey</b>
			10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass at Holy Angels</i>

**TODAYS SECOND COLLECTION:** Todays second collection is the annual Cemetery Collection. This collection supports the upkeep and grass cutting of Sacred Heart Cemetery for the upcoming year. All contributions and donations are greatly appreciated for this sacred place.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING:** In thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He has given us, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM (Sacred Heart) and 10:00 AM (Holy Angels) on Thanksgiving Day, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Thanksgiving Day Collection at the 8:00 AM Mass is for the benefit of the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry in Chaptico. Thank you for your generosity.

The Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confessions will be suspended on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Office will re-open on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADVENT CELEBRATION:** Join us as we celebrate the beginning of Advent and prepare our way for Jesus' birth on November 30<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3pm at Sacred Heart Hall. This event is a potluck, and we are seeking lunch and dessert donations. Please plan to bring the dishes when you arrive, or you can schedule earlier drop off with the coordinator all day Saturday or Sunday Morning. Tea, coffee, and a hot chocolate bar will be provided, as well as water and punch. Activities will include the following: making Advent wreath's, gingerbread houses, children's crafts, Rosary making, raffle, Nativity, and caroling. For any questions, please reach out to Amy Williams (301)904-5416 or at miaandkyle11@gmail.com. We will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots Toy Drive! Please bring a new unopened toy to be donated to this great cause.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** Next weekend is Food for the Poor weekend. Please leave your non-perishable donation at the Sacred Heart Altar. Thank you.

## **A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST**

The first goal for the next 5 years is also the most challenging. How do we foster a lifelong and life changing encounter with Christ?

Time is an essential element. It does not take a lot of time but it does take focused time. Arriving 10 minutes before Mass would be very helpful. One could then calm themselves down, they could do the readings for Mass and begin to reflect on the meaning of them. The priest's homily could then develop them more fully.

Taking 10 or 15 minutes, each day is also helpful. During those minutes I recommend reading one chapter of Scripture. Start with the Gospels, then the Letters of St. Paul and then other New Testament writers. When those are finished, (and one chapter might be too much at one sitting), then take one psalm per day. Together you will have 6 months of reading. After this, then the prophets (Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah). To do this prayerful reading, find a quiet time and a quiet place. When you are reading/praying ask yourself, "what is this saying to me?"

Additionally, one should consider a fast. Not so much from food but from electronics, (TV, computer, social media). The "fast" will more than likely give you more than the 10 minutes needed for your prayerful reading.

Last, be conscious of the poor certainly those who need financial assistance, but just as important are the spiritually poor. Be conscious of them and lift them up in prayer.

With the above, I think you will be more aware of God and of what He is trying to accomplish in your life.

**SACRED HEART CHAPEL:** The Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel is temporarily closed due to renovations being done in the sacristy. The chapel space was needed for storage during the renovations. We will announce when the chapel is available once again.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on all of the altars were given in memory of Malcolm & Barbara Goode. Donated by the Goode family.

**HOUSEHOLD THANKSGIVING TABLE BLESSING:** Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. Keep us ever mindful of those who lack the necessities of life and make us generous in sharing all that we have. May God bless the food and friendship that we share and fill our hearts with gratitude and generous love. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**REQUEST FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sick:** Leroy Russell, Bernard Cullins, Melvin Armstrong, Wendy Onstead, Nancy Cortinovic, Terry Abell Johnson, Daniel Quade, Paul Guy, Charles Beaver, Keith Polk, Joann Beavers, Barbara Hill, Robert & Diane Anderson, Buddy & Virgie Banagan, Barbara Lilly, Elaine Frederick and J.F. Williams.

## **NOVEMBER VOTIVE INTENTIONS**

**Blessed Mother Altar** – In memory of Lucile Doepkens. Donated by Satch & Carol Ann Hall.

**St. Joseph Altar** – In memory of Bert Dean. Donated by Carol Dean.

**Sacred Heart Altar** – In memory of Mark Bailey. Donated by Satch & Carol Ann Hall.

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

### Remember Me, My God and King

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Luke 22:42–43

What powerful words these were. As Jesus hung dying on the Cross for the salvation of the world, He hung between two thieves. These thieves represent all of us. One of them wanted Jesus to save His earthly life by coming down from the Cross and saving him at the same time. The other thief made a prayer for eternal life, asking Jesus to remember him when Jesus entered His Kingdom. To the latter, Jesus granted his request.

Oftentimes we pray for earthly goods and pay little attention to eternal ones. Today, as we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day, we are invited to pray this prayer with the good thief, acknowledging that we are sinners deserving death, but hoping and praying for mercy and a share in the Eternal Kingdom of God.

Nothing makes the soul of our Lord more joyful than saving His children. He endured suffering and death out of love. He knew that His death would destroy our death if we cling to Him in hope. On the Cross, Jesus' gaze was on eternal, not earthly, redemption. He beheld the glorious throne that He mounted. It began with a cross but would end with glory, power and splendor beyond imagination.

As we honor Jesus as the great and glorious King of the Universe, we are encouraged to invite Him to establish His kingship in our lives more fully. Though Jesus' permanent, lasting and visible Kingdom will be established only in the future when He returns at the end of time, His Kingdom must begin now.

The Kingdom of God is established here and now every time you allow Him to exercise His kingship in your life. As a King, Jesus desires to order your life. He demands perfect submission of your will to Him. He demands complete obedience. And He demands that you embrace this kingship of His freely, of your own choosing. These are demands of perfect love that bring about a sharing in His eternal Kingdom. How well do you do this?

Throughout our world, there are many forms of governments. Democracies are thought by many to be the best form of government because no one person is capable of being the perfect king. Therefore, a democracy is more of a safeguard against tyranny and abusive leadership. But when it comes to the end of time, the governance of humanity will take place by a King—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the only one Who is capable of governing humanity with justice and love. He is the only one under Whose leadership we will all flourish. He is the only one Who will be able to establish universal peace and harmony.

Reflect, today, upon the glorious end of the world when our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, will return in splendor and majesty to judge the living and the dead and to establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. Though we are not able to comprehend what this Kingdom will be at this time, we must believe in it with faith and have supernatural hope that we will share in it. Reflect, especially, upon your mission to allow that Kingdom of grace and mercy to begin now, within the depths of your own soul. Surrender all to Him. Invite Him to reign over your thoughts, will, body and soul. Do not hesitate. Trust in this one and only glorious King Who is worthy of our total obedience.

*My Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, You and You alone are worthy of our total trust and surrender in all things. I do choose You as my King today. I join with the good thief and come to You with all my sin, praying that You will remember me when You come into Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.*