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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday Eucharistic Adoration
8:45am-9:45am
Sunday Mass 10:00 am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:15 am
Thursday & Friday 6:30 pm
1st Saturday 8:15 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays 9:00 am- 6:00 pm

HOLY DAY

Vigil 6:30 pm/Day 6:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm
Sundays 9:30 am - 9:45 am
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Allow 6 weeks
Marriage: Allow 6 months
Anointing of the Sick:
Contact the parish office

~ WELCOME TO OUR PARISH ~

If you are new to the area, please call or stop by the parish office to register. Please join us for coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish Family of Sacred Heart, are a vibrant Catholic community called by God, guided by the Holy Spirit, to continue the mission of Jesus, celebrate the Holy Eucharist and Sacraments and remain faithful to the Magisterium. As good stewards, we work to promote life, show love through prayer and service and be the light of Christ in our world.



Pastors Page Reflection
Fr. Antony
Third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent: (Gaudete Sunday)

A man once noticed a small leak in the roof of his house. It was just a tiny drip—nothing serious. He put a bucket under it and said, “I’ll fix it when I have time.” Weeks passed. The drip became a trickle. Soon the wooden beams soaked through, mold started spreading, and one night during a storm, part of the ceiling collapsed. When the repairman arrived, he said, “This wouldn’t have happened if the first tiny drip was fixed.”

Brothers and sisters, this is how habitual sins begin. They start small: “a small weakness,” “a harmless habit,” “something I’ll fix later.” But left unattended, they grow, weaken our soul, damage relationships, and in time can collapse our spiritual life.

What Are Habitual Sins? Habitual sins are sins that we repeat so often that they become patterns—almost automatic. The Catechism teaches: “Sin creates a proclivity to sin; it engenders vice by repetition of the same acts.” (CCC 1865). This means: The more we repeat a sin, the easier it becomes—and the harder it is to stop. Examples: *anger or constant irritation, gossip or negative speech, pornography or impurity, drinking to escape, dishonesty, laziness in prayer, judgment of others, envy or resentment, wasting time on screens, addictions of any kind.*

Habitual sins don’t stay small. They slowly reshape the heart. The Bible speaks directly about repeated sin: “Whoever sins becomes a slave to sin” (John 8:34). Habitual sin enslaves—not all at once but little by little. St. Paul describes this internal trap: “I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.” (Romans 7:19). This is the cry of someone caught in a cycle. Yet Scripture also gives hope: “Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.” (Romans 5:20). Grace is stronger than any habit if we open the door to God.

Why people fall into Habitual Sins? Habitual sins often grow because of: *wounds not healed, stress or loneliness, lack of prayer, boredom or acedia (spiritual laziness), bad company or influences, living far from the sacraments, lack of self-discipline.* Saint Augustine said: “My sin was all the more incurable because I did not think myself a sinner.”

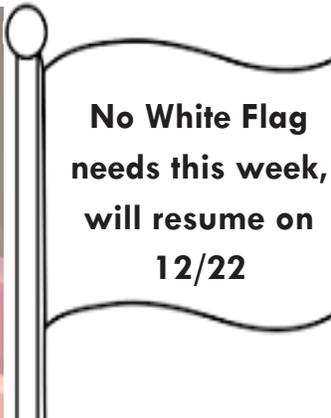
Habitual sins survive in the dark. The devil works quietly through routine. The Good News: **Christ Breaks Chains.** Jesus came to set us free. “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36). God’s grace is not a bandage—it is a power that uproots patterns buried deep in the heart. But freedom begins with honesty.

How to Break Habitual Sins: 1. **Confession:** regular and sincere. Consistent confession weakens habitual sin the way constant light weakens darkness. 2. **Daily prayer:** even brief but faithful. The devil builds habits through repetition. God builds holiness through daily grace. 3. **Avoid the near occasions of sin.** If your phone leads you to sin, change how you use it. If gossip arises in a group, step away. If alcohol stirs old habits, reduce it or remove it. 4. **Replace sin with virtue.** Each habit must be replaced: Lust with purity, Anger with forgiveness, Laziness with purpose, Gossip with blessing, Envy with gratitude, Excess with discipline. 5. **Ask for the Holy Spirit’s strength.** Habitual sin is not broken by human effort alone. “Not by your own power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord.” (Zecha 4:6). Advent (or any season) Is the Time to Begin. Just like the roof that needed fixing early, habitual sins require attention now, not later. Jesus is inviting you today: “Come to Me... and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28). Habitual sins may start like drops of water, but if ignored, they weaken the soul. Christ sees this not with anger but with compassion. Jesus is not to condemn you, but to heal you. **Jesus Loves You.**

Offertory



Weekly Budget	\$3847
Collection 12/7/25	\$3,405.75
Budgeted YTD 12/7/2025	\$92,328
Monthly Online Giving 12/10/25	\$3,115.64
Collected YTD 12/7/2025	\$108,365.27
YTD +/-	+ \$16,037.27



Youth Group
All Middle and High School students
are welcome- Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
in the gym.

OCIA
 12/17/25
 The Bible & the Sacraments
 The Ritual of Family
 Liturgy : 4th Sunday of Advent Year A

Food/Outreach Room Item
of the Week:
Canned Peas





Mass Intentions
for the week

Saturday 12/13- St. Lucy Sirach 48:1-4,9-11- Matthew 17:9a,10-13	4:00 PM- Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday 12/14- St. John of the Cross- Isaiah 35:1-6a,10- Matthew 11:2-11	10:00 AM- +Bernard & Bette Allen
Monday 12/15- St. Mary di Rosa Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a- Matthew 21:23-27	No Mass
Tuesday 12/16- St. Adelaide- Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13- Matthew 21:28-32	8:15 AM- Fr. Damian Anumba
Wednesday 12/17- St. Olympias- Genesis 49:2,8-10- Matthew 1:1-17	8:15 AM- Gino Cima
Thursday 12/18 Blessed Anna Rosa Gattorno Jeremiah 23:5-8- Matthew 1:18-25	6:30 PM- + David Sullivan
Friday 12/19- Blessed Urban V- Judges 13:2-7,24-25a- Luke 1:5-25	6:30 PM- Kevin and Christine Meece
Saturday 12/20- St. Dominic of Silos Isaiah 7:10-14- Luke 1:26-38	4:00 PM- + Sylvia Disney
Sunday 12/21- St. Peter Canisius- Isaiah 7:10-14- Matthew 1:18-24	10:00 AM- Kurt & Angela Sosa and Parishioners of Sacred Heart

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a relative or loved one, please contact the office. Mass Intentions are \$5 each and we do have Mass Intention cards available for living and deceased recipients and their families.



Ministry Schedule

December 2025	Saturday December 20	Sunday December 21
Lector	Eileen Bloom	Youth Group
Eucharistic Ministers	Jane Fox Stan Alt	Josh Cox Rob Moses
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Xander Buenaventura Aiden Senel

Parishioners of Sacred Heart- Bill Wittmer, Carlin Hensley, Sharon Brophy, Gino Cima, Pat Girard, John Major, Sadie Wilson, Danny Flathers, Susan Hinkle, Maureen Perkins, Carolyn Dowd, Joanna Goforth, Dorthy Thaler, Ann Alt, Angela Sosa, Jennifer Meadors

Non Parishioners : Joseph Creech, Bob Corey, Mike Reeves, Whitney Baker, Amanda Jackson , Mary Marlette, Sharon Tropea, Kim Stewart, Nolan Patterson, Michele Spadie, Jeanette Evans , Joshua Crawford, Evelyn Crawford, victims of London tornadoes, Wendy and Keith, Judy Evans, Barbara Phenes, Michael Parrett, David Caplinger, Deb Ward, Greg Botner, George Kline (Randy Kline's Dad), Keith Freudenberger, Kevin Naylor, Candace Fox, Joyce Phillips, April Fox, Michael Donahue, Susan Donahue

*All U.S. Military personnel currently deployed and their dependent families.- Dustin Walters- Active Duty and Currently Deployed

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church presents:
 "The Promise Fulfilled"**

**A musical drama celebrating the true joy
 of Christmas.**

Saturday, December 20

5-5:45- Pre-Show refreshments in the Hall

6:00- Show Begins in the church

**Come enjoy an evening of music,
 reflection, and Christmas cheer as we
 celebrate the reason for the season. All
 are welcome, bring a friend and share
 the joy!**



12/19	Penance Service	5:30-6:30 Mass
12/24	Children's Mass	4:00 PM
12/24	"Midnight" Mass	10:00 PM
12/25	Christmas Day	9:00 AM



Flo Major	Ron Timperio
Jenny Alldred	Alex Acob
Ashtyn Creech	William Topolsky
Janice Vanourney	Teresa Rabalais

Anniversaries

**Happy 19th
 Anniversary
 Kevin & Christine
 Meece**

Memorial Garden

You can still purchase your Christmas Tree for the Memorial Garden. Purchase sheets are in the Church Vestibule or you can pick one up at the office. Multiple families are able to go in together on one tree to split the \$200 cost, each family will get their own memorial sign for the tree. If you want to get connected with others who want to share the cost of a tree, please contact the office.

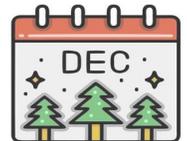
Save the date!

12/18- Parish Council Meeting 7:15

12/19- Adoration- 9AM-5PM

12/20- Christmas Play-
 5 -Pre-Show Refreshments
 Show Time- 6 PM

12/22- Williamsburg Food Giveaway 9:30 AM



Reflection

Prayer: Father, do in me what-
 ever You must in order to do
 through me whatever You will.

Promise: "The coming of the
 Lord is at hand."

James 5:8

Praise: "Be exalted above the
 heavens, O God; above all the
 earth be Your glory!"

Psalms 57:6

Daily readings and reflections are available in the
 One Bread, One Body books located in the lobby!

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December 2025

Sacred Heart Church

Fr. Prasad Antony, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Lucy

St. Lucy was born into 4th century pagan Syracuse, Sicily, and is one of the most famous martyrs of the early Church. Her family arranged for her to marry a pagan, but since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ, St. Lucy refused him. Offended, he betrayed her to the authorities for her Faith. She was questioned and tortured, but all attempts to discourage her failed. She was finally executed. She is the patron saint against eye problems.

The three comings of Christ

This season of Advent, we celebrate the three comings of Christ: in glory at the end of time, in time when He was born in Bethlehem, and His coming in our own lives and hearts. Advent is a time of "busy stillness," of preparing and waiting, like Mary certainly did, for the arrival of the Savior. This Christmas, let's renew our "Yes" to God's request to dwell in our hearts and be "born" in the daily living of our lives.

"The King comes as a helpless infant, born of insignificant parents in a small town of a distant outpost of the Roman Empire. He will conquer through the finally irresistible power of love, the same power with which he made the universe." Most Reverend Robert E. Barron

Find peace before Christmas by slowing down

The busyness leading up to Christmas can be exhausting, but the Advent season holds a better path. It's a time to breathe, reset, and prepare our hearts for the coming of the King. Advent is a built-in gift, a chance to slow the pace and lift our eyes to what matters most.

Renew a sense of the holy: Advent is a chance to wake up the soul. When we lean into our Faith with intention, the season stops feeling rushed and starts feeling radiant. Light the Advent Wreath and let its glow steady your heart. Go to Confession and feel the weight lift as mercy takes over. Spend a few quiet minutes before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and let His presence ground you. Pray the Joyful Mysteries, the "Christmas mysteries" that still speak powerfully to our lives today.

Tune out the noise: Advent becomes richer when we clear space for God to speak. The world buzzes with distractions, but your soul needs room to breathe. Build small pockets of

silence into your day and let stillness sharpen your awareness of God's presence. Reach for a spiritual book instead of a scroll through your feed. Cut back on the constant stream of news that crowds the mind. When the noise quiets, the Holy Spirit has space

"Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

to guide, steady, and renew you.

Streamline and prioritize: Choose what draws you closer to Christ. When your heart is ordered toward what matters, even the cooking, decorating, singing, and gift-giving gain a deeper beauty. You may decide to attend fewer events, keep the décor simple, or choose more modest gifts. Far from taking away joy, this clears space for it. You move through the season with more peace, more purpose, and a heart in step with Jesus.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe Jesus is God?

Every Christmas, we remember that Jesus, the Son of God, took on our humanity without losing His divinity. It is a mystery, yet we hold it with confidence because God, who is Truth, has revealed it.

During His earthly life, Jesus spoke and acted with divine authority. He

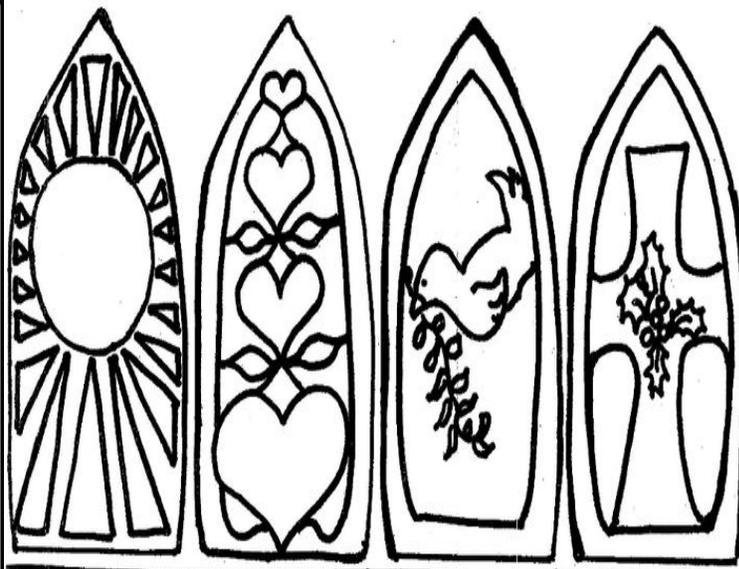
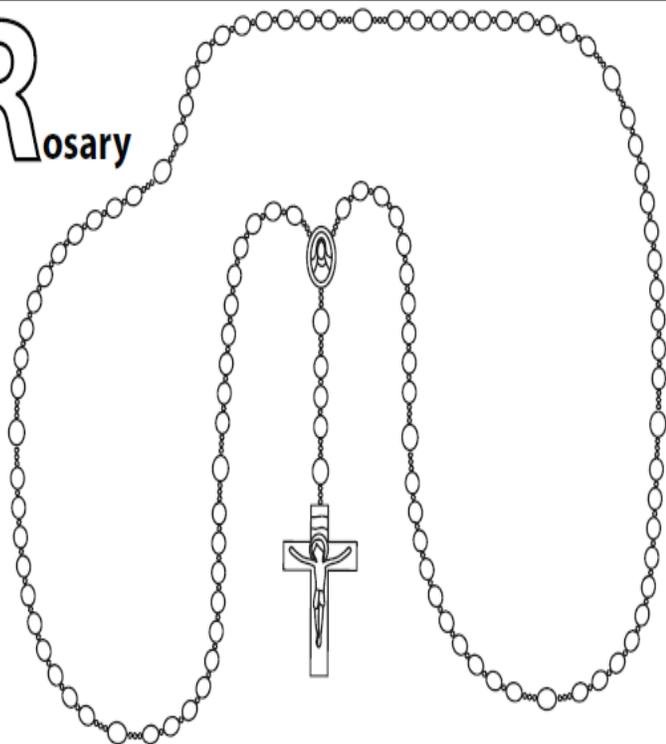
said, *"The Father and I are one"* (John 10:30). He forgave sins, clarified the Law, and worked miracles. His Resurrection stands as the clearest confirmation of His identity, showing that His claim to be God was real. As man, He could suffer and die. As God, He rose and conquered death.



Sacred Heart Kids

Matthew 19:14

Rosary



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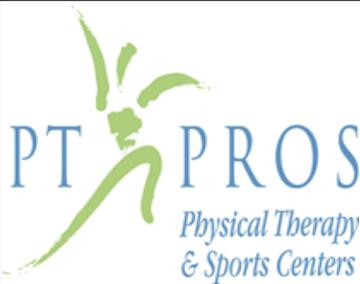
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