

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 23, 2022

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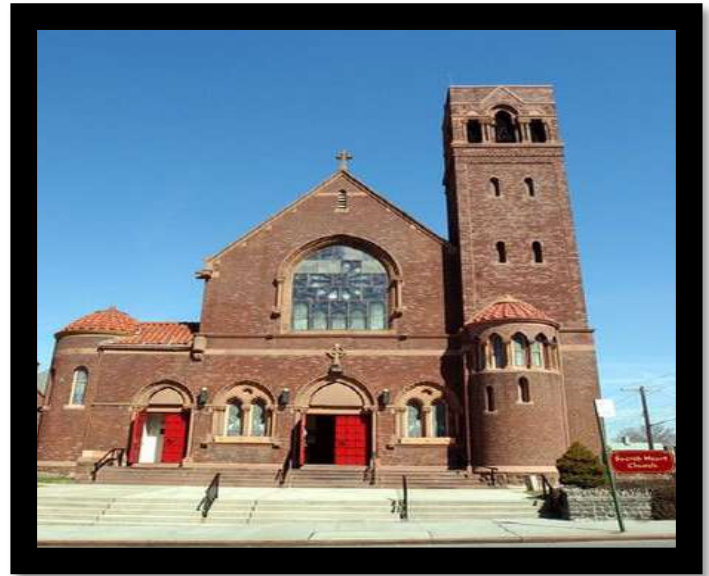
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## **Masses**

### **The Lord's Day**

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

### **Confessions**

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

### **Parish Registration**

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

### **Handicapped Accessible**

**Office Hours** - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

**Church** open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

**Novena Devotions**: Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

**Pro Life Rosary**: Tuesday 9 AM

### **Sick Calls**

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

### **Baptism**

Parents & Godparents should attend a meeting at 3 PM on the second Sunday of the month in the Rectory with Fr. Eric to initiate the Sacrament. For more information please see: [www.sacredheartsi.org/worship/sacraments](http://www.sacredheartsi.org/worship/sacraments).

### **Marriages**

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

### **Sponsor Certificate**

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

### **Websites:**

**Church Website:** - [www.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org)

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**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**OPENING HYMN: SING A NEW SONG**

**REFRAIN: SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD; LET YOUR SONG BE SUNG FROM MOUNTAINS HIGH. SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD, SINGING ALLELUIA.**

**SHOUT WITH GLADNESS! DANCE FOR JOY! O COME BEFORE THE LORD. AND PLAY FOR GOD ON GLAD TAMBOURINES, AND LET YOUR TRUMPET SOUND.**

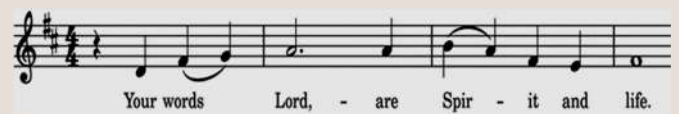
### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **READING 1 NEH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10.**

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they

bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep” — for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”



### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 19: 8, 9, 10, 15.**

#### **R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

#### **R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

#### **R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

#### **R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

#### **R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

### **READING 2 1 COR 12:12-14, 27.**

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

## ALLELUIA

LK 4:18.



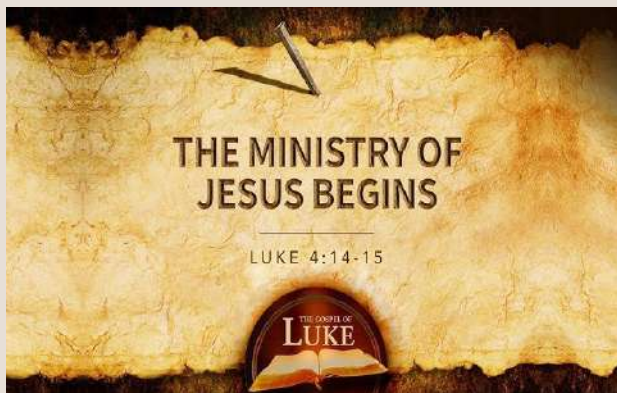
The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

## GOSPEL

LK 1: 1-4, 4:14-21.

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



## Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU**

**TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU AS YOU GO. TAKE THE SEEDS OF GOD'S WORD AND MAKE THEM GROW.**

**TAKE THE PEACE OF GOD WITH YOU AS YOU GO. TAKE THE SEEDS OF GOD'S PEACE AND MAKE THEM GROW.**

**TAKE THE JOY OF GOD WITH YOU AS YOU GO. TAKE THE SEEDS OF GOD'S JOY AND MAKE THEM GROW.**

***REFRAIN:* GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE WORLD IN PEACE TO SERVE THE WORLD. TAKE THE LOVE OF GOD, THE LOVE OF GOD WITH YOU AS YOU GO.**



## A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last month, attorney Marc Hearn, argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. He advocated on behalf of abortion clinics. It was his hope that the Court would scrap a Texas law favorable to the Pro-Life cause. He bitterly disagreed with the eventual ruling, lamenting that it was a "dark day for abortion patients" who are continuing to live under a law that bars the abortion procedure before most women even know they are pregnant. (Ariane de Vogue, "Abortion rights supporters see little to cheer in new Supreme Court opinion," *CNN.com*, December 10, 2021).

It is a very striking statement. The Texas law Hearn was aiming to overturn bars abortion after the first six weeks of pregnancy. The lawyer that the Pro-Abortion lobby sent to the U.S. Supreme Court to argue in favor of their cause certainly knows all about abortions. He claimed that most women do not have abortions before they are six weeks pregnant. How could they if they do not even "know they are pregnant"? In a very real sense, his statement inadvertently supported the Pro-Life cause.

What is a fetus like at six weeks (42 days)? At five weeks a baby is the size of a sesame seed. It resembles a tadpole more than a human, but is growing quickly. The circulatory system begins to form, and the tiny heart begins to beat. At six weeks the baby is the size of a lentil. The baby's nose, mouth and ears start to take shape, and the intestines and brain are beginning to develop. This isn't opinion. It's scientific fact that a simple on-line computer search can make clear.

What the attorney for the abortion lobby was admitting is that before most women know they are pregnant, and then take time to make the decision to abort, a human face, masking a human brain, with intestines and a beating heart is present in their wombs. Abortion is not the "removal of pregnancy tissue" as one pro-abortion website framed it. It is the deliberate ending of a human life. Innocent human life. In every society on the face of the earth, now and throughout history, what do we call the deliber-

ate ending of an innocent human life? It's called murder.

This subject is worthy of our consideration as we've commemorated another sad, but hopeful milestone yesterday: the anniversary of the infamous Roe versus Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in our nation. I say 'hopeful' because there is a general optimism in the Pro-Life community that this may be the year for the Supreme Court, in view of upcoming judicial review on abortion cases, to overturn that dastardly Roe decision from 1973.

Pope Francis said, "The moral problem of abortion is of a pre-religious nature because the genetic code is written in a person at the moment of conception. A human being is there. I separate the topic of abortion from any specifically religious notions. It is a scientific problem. Not to allow the further development of a being which already has all the genetic code of a human being is not ethical. The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who cannot defend himself." (Abraham Skorpa, *On Heaven and Earth: Pope Francis on Faith, Family, and the Church in the Twenty-First Century*, 2013.) Moreover, the Holy Father made clear, "Abortion is not the lesser of two evils. It is a crime. It is to throw someone out in order to save another. That's what the Mafia does." ("Full text of Pope Francis' in-flight interview from Mexico to Rome," *www.catholicnewsagency.com*. February 18, 2016).

God bless you!

Father Eric

**Mass Intentions for the week**



**Lectors**

**Saturday, January 22: Celebrant**

9:30 Mary O'Farrell Fr. Eric  
5:00 Michael P. D'Amato Fr. Eric

**Sunday, January 23:**

7:00 People of the Parish Fr. Soju  
9:00 Henry Daaleman Fr. Eric  
11:00 Ronni Santagata Msgr. Nick  
1:00 Thomas J, Virginia & Gerard Crane Msgr. Greg

**Monday, January 24:**

9:30 John & Patricia Molloy Msgr. Nick

**Tuesday, January 25:**

9:30 Robert Soto Fr. Eric

**Wednesday, January 26:**

9:30 Helen Kubasek Fr. Eric

**Thursday, January 27:**

9:30 Penny Magliocco Msgr. Nick

**Friday, January 28:**

9:30 Kevin Reilly Fr. Eric

**Saturday January 29:**

9:30 Rose Barry Fr. Eric  
5:00 Michael P. D'Amato Fr. Eric

**Sunday, January 30:**

7:00 Ben Zarrelli Fr. Soju  
9:00 Mario Rapaglia Sr. Msgr. Greg  
11:00 Peter Pellegrito Fr. Eric  
1:00 Joseph Martino Msgr. Nick

**Saturday, January 29:**

5:00 PM Bill Jones

**Sunday, January 30:**

7:00 AM Sister Barbara  
9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.  
11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki  
1:00 PM Don Maj

**Collections:**

**January 16th:**

\$5,969.00

**Monthly:**

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**Pastosa Raffle Jan. 16th:**

Mr. Ernesto Rigby

**Attendance Jan. 16th:**

384



**Capital Campaign Update:** As many parishioners will remember, one of our Capital Campaign projects was the addition of a second bathroom in the vestibule of the Church. Well as many of you may have noticed, construction on the project has started! When it is completed the new restroom will be fully handicapped accessible and have a child changing station. We thank all of our parishioners who donated to our campaign and we appreciate your patience as the pandemic has caused many, many delays.

**Tax Letters:** Any parishioner who wishes to obtain a letter of their contributions for 2021 for tax purposes should contact the Rectory during regular business hours. Letters are furnished only upon request.

**40 Days For Life:** Next Saturday, January 29th, will be the next large gathering of The Staten Island Chapter of 40 Days For Life. The group will assemble at SIUH North, 475 Seaview Avenue, from 10-11 AM. There is also an optional 9 AM Mass at St. Christopher's that same morning. Please come and join us as we pray for the unborn and those considering having an abortion.

**Social Justice Ministry:** On Tuesday, February 15th, at 7 PM at Blessed Sacrament, Deacon Richard Espinal will be giving a talk titled "Social Justice- So what does that have to do with my being a Catholic."



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