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The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM
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Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

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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 (Bathroom)

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

Holy Hour: Fridays after 9:30 Mass

Sundays 2-3 PM, Schoensatt Shrine (337 Cary Avenue)

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 to initiate the Sacrament. For more information please see: 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:

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NOVEMBER 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OPENING HYMN: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL, AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL, THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE, UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR.

REFRAIN: REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL, SHALL COME TO THEE O ISRAEL!

O COME THOU WISDOM FROM ON HIGH, WHO ORD'REST ALL THINGS MIGHTLY, TO US THE PATH OF KNOWLEDGE SHOW AND TEACH HER IN HER WAYS TO GO.

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 IS 2:1-5.

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for

war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9.



R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good.

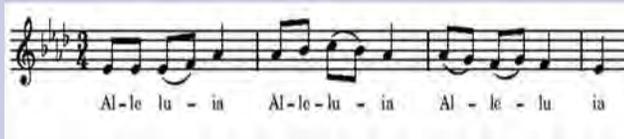
R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

READING 2 ROM 13:11-14.

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

ALLELUIA

CF PS 85:8



Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL

MT 24:37-44.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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: THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

**THE ADVENT OF OUR KING OUR THOUGHTS
MUST NOW EMPLOY; THEN LET US MEET HIM
ON THE ROAD WITH SONG OF HOLY JOY.**

**THE COETERNAL SON A MAIDEN'S OFFSPRING
SEE; A SERVANT'S FORM CHRIST PUTETH ON,
TO SET HIS PEOPLE FREE.**

**IN GLORY FROM HIS THRONE AGAIN WILL
CHRIST DESCEND, AND SUMMON ALL WHO ARE
HIS OWN TO JOYS THAT NEVER END.**

**Fr. Rhey would like to thank the scouts
and their troop leaders for replacing the
flag on our Rectory front lawn. The cere-
mony was very nice and as always we
thank all of our parishioners who have or
currently serve in the military.**



Dear Friends of Sacred Heart,

How are you? I hope you had a good Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

This Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we begin collecting the Mass attendance cards from our School and CCD students. As I mentioned in my letter of November 13, 2022, this practice is observed in many parishes in America. Its primary intention is to encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday Mass. *It is inherent in Catholic parents to provide their children with the opportunity to engage in the most fundamental of Catholic practices – the understanding and reception of the Holy Eucharist.*

At your child's baptism, the priest asks you, the parents, and the godparents, "*If you take the responsibility to bring them up according to the law of Christ and His Church.*" The usual and expected response is always, "YES, FATHER!". The Church's teaching says, "*The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life*" (#CCC 2177). Our attendance at Sunday Mass best expresses the fulfillment of our obligation. All baptized Catholics at least seven years old are expected to attend Sunday Mass.

I know that, at times, children can be mischievous or loud at Mass. In my previous parish assignment, I remember a young boy occasionally running around the Church during my homily and his mother chasing him. Patiently, the mother continued to bring her son to Church every Sunday. Later, when he came of age, that boy became an altar server. He also became a good and dutiful son to his parents. Every time I saw him, I would remind him, and he would smile. Children should be taught by their parents to behave at Church. We should also remember that children will always be children. It is not a reason to avoid bringing your children to Church because they cannot behave perfectly. Remember that the Church is not only for the perfect but for everyone. Jesus says, "*I came not for the righteous but for the sinners*" (Mk 2:17). Children must be welcomed and should have a place in our Church. Jesus even reprimanded his apostles for wanting to keep the children away from Him (Mt. 19:14). Jesus allowed the children to be children.

Our Church doesn't have a "soundproof cry room," where children can be overly loud without the rest of the congregation hearing. I

ask everyone to be patient and welcoming to our children. Remember, we, too, are God's children, for we have one Father in Heaven.

I encourage the parents to prepare their children for Mass by telling children to focus on prayer and the Mass. However, it is okay to laugh sometimes too! After Mass, parents can ask their children questions like what message the readings were giving us or what the homily was about. This way, the children are motivated to listen and be attentive during Mass. Parents should show interest in their children's growth in faith by asking about their learnings and understanding of the Mass.

To better involve our children at Mass, I plan to create a children's choir where our children can lead us in our Sunday Mass singing. Our CCD coordinator Mrs. Rizzuto has assigned different grade levels to sponsor monthly masses. These are our attempts to bring our parishioners together. Especially our children, closer to experiencing Jesus in the Eucharist. Some of you have also given me feedback regarding the time of the family Mass. Let me know what the best time for you is.

A famous African proverb says, "*It takes a village to raise a child.*" We in the Church are part of that village. I share the same goal of every parent to see their children grow into mature Christian adults by deepening their faith in Jesus in the Eucharist. We can do this together with the grace of God.

I look forward to seeing you every Sunday as we journey together as one family bonded in the most sacred heart of Jesus. Please take care always. May God bless and keep you.

Father rhey

Please email frreygarcia@gmail.com with your comments and suggestions.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



Lector Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 3rd:

5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, Dec. 4th:

7:00 AM: Joan Prenty

9:00 AM: Vincent O'Grady

11:00 AM: Frank DiSalvo

1:00 PM: Patricia Jezycki

Saturday, November 26:

9:30 People of the Parish Fr. Soju

5:00 Deborah Hyland Fr. Rhey

Sunday, November 27:

7:00 Deborah Hyland Fr. Soju

9:00 George Rautenstrauch Fr. Rhey
(10th Anniversary)

11:00 William J. Allee Msgr. Greg

1:00 Frank J. Santora Msgr. Nick

Monday, November 28:

9:30 Wilfredo Montemayor Fr. Rhey

Tuesday, November 29:

9:30 John Torkelseon Fr. Rhey

Wednesday, November 30:

9:30 Wilfredo Montemayor Fr. Rhey

Thursday, December 1:

9:30 Terence Downing Fr. Marius

Friday, December 2:

9:30 Daniel Johnson Fr. Rhey

Saturday, December 3:

9:30 People of the Parish Fr. Soju

5:00 Walter Gannon Fr. Rhey

Sunday, December 4:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli Fr. Rhey

9:00 Patrick Jordan Msgr. Nick

11:00 Gabriel Torres Fr. Rhey

1:00 Jesus Santos Msgr. Greg

Upcoming *Family Masses* are November 27th at 9 AM, December 4th at 11 AM & December 11th at 1 PM. All children of the Parish are welcome!

Collections

Our parish family thanks all of our parishioners who gave so generously last week at Mass and online.

Due to an early deadline with our bulletin production company because of the Thanksgiving Holiday the collections & Pastosa Raffle winner for November 20th will be announced in the December 3rd bulletin.

The Bread and Wine are donated in loving memory of Robert Russo from The Kuhl Family.



Memorial Christmas Trees: Just a reminder to our parishioners that The Holy Name Society is selling Christmas Trees. The fliers are available in the vestibule of the Church. These trees are a great way to memorialize a loved one who is no longer here or a gift to honor someone who is far from home during the holidays. Last year we had 50 trees and we are hoping to have even more this year.

Altar Servers: We are seeking volunteers from our school and CCD programs to become new Altar Servers. Any child, who is Catholic and has received 1st Holy Communion from 4th grade up can join. Father Rhey will be holding a training session in The Church on Monday, November 28th and Tuesday, November 29th at 4 PM. There are sign up fliers in the vestibule of the Church.

Online Giving: Just a reminder to our parishioners that Sacred Heart offers online giving which makes donating easier and quicker. Just visit our website at www.sacredheartsi.org and follow the online giving link in then upper right corner. Online giving is great for families or people who maintain several residences or travel frequently. It also is beneficial to parents who are busy on the weekends with sporting event or music lessons. Please avail yourself of this very convenient service and we thank all of our parishioners who currently give online.

Advent Tree: The Advent Tree is up and parishioners can take gift requests from it. We ask that all gifts either be returned to the Rectory or placed under the tree before December 16th. All gifts must be returned wrapped and with original tag attached. During this Holiday Season it is always nice to remember those who have fallen on hard times or are less fortunate.

The members of The Holy Name Society would like to thank all of our parishioners who donated food for their Thanksgiving Baskets. Also a special thanks to Mrs. Catalano and the faculty and students of our school for collecting food as well. Your donations are much appreciated.

WEDDING BANNS

**II. DANIEL PATRICK PELLEGRITO &
LENNYS QUINTANA-OSORTO**
**II. FORBES ALEXANDER IRVINE III &
THERESE ANNE CAUSI**

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ONLINE PASTORAL SURVEY

MORE BULLETIN PAGES

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