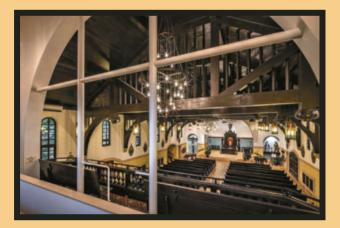
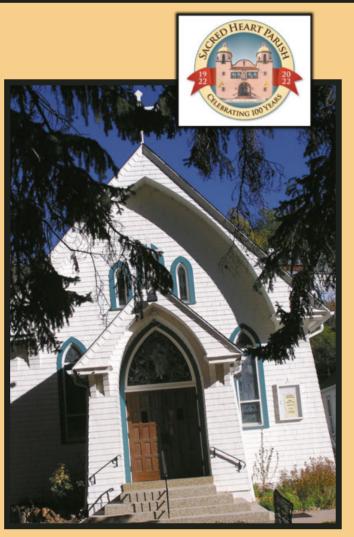


January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time







SACRED HEART CHURCH OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP HOLY ROSARY CHAPEL

Dear Believers,

Today we hear the beginning of the gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. We hear from eyewitnesses of the stories of Jesus, our ancestors in faith. In the beginning of Luke's commentary, Jesus goes back to his homeland and back into the synagogue to pray and to read on the Sabbath.

The scroll from Isaiah from which Jesus reads is, "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."

Imagine this scene for those who first saw Jesus and heard his voice in the synagogue. They had no idea what was to come, how he would embody those words, how he would become the message in his death and resurrection. Imagine how their hearts must have burned with hope and longing for the coming of the Messiah. In his eyes, they saw hope manifest.

Of course, the gospel is written many years after the events of Jesus' ministry and life. So, the gospel sets up what is to come in the story. Jesus becomes this promise. He is the Anointed One. He is the freedom we have all longed for in our lives.

In the opening weeks of a new church year, perhaps we can learn to listen to the scriptures in a new way. In the Mass, when the gospel is proclaimed, it becomes the Real Presence of Jesus. This Real Presence forms us as individuals and as a church community. It is so important to our lives of faith that we *listen* to the Word. The Liturgical Year and the gospel proclamation at each Mass both teach us how to live in the world and how to become hungry for God, how to need God and how to serve our neighbor.

I ask you to consider reading the gospels and all the scriptures before Mass. We can't understand the gospel from only hearing it at Mass. We must become familiar with the images, the stories, the characters, the overall arch of the story of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, to enter more fully into the Mass. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Mass is in the gospel proclamation, in the elements of bread and wine which becomes his Body and Blood, and in the lives of the baptized people in the pews. Read the stories, open the scriptures, and enter the scene of how the characters interact. After all, we become what we celebrate at Mass; we become the Body of Christ on earth.

The scriptures help us understand the person of Jesus Christ. I always use the example of the Good Shepherd. We can memorize Psalm 23. However, we need to have a relationship with the Shepherd. There is a difference in memorizing a story and fully knowing the Shepherd in our lives. We can hear the gospel, but it will make no difference until we know the person of Jesus Christ.

As we begin hearing the Gospel of Luke in the opening Sundays of Ordinary Time, we also know that Luke is writing for his community that is poor. He desires to lift them up in the story of Jesus. He desires healing for their lives. In this context, the opening scene of Luke's Gospel is so important. We too, come to Mass not just for our own benefit, but to pray for the world, the poor, the prisoner, the hungry, those whose lives are the result of unjust systems.

We should all take to heart the closing line of today's gospel, "Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

God give you peace, Fr. Ron Raab, CSC, Pastor



Capital Campaign Update

Our Restore Our Heart Capital Campaign progresses as we continue construction on the future St. Andre House. We have collected \$781,090 to go towards our \$1.2 million goal, however only 26% of parishioner households have participated in the campaign. If you have not contributed to the campaign, please prayerfully consider making a contribution. Any contribution will be gratefully accepted.

We have made online giving even easier by creating a QR code to scan with your smart phone. You can also give on our website www.sacredheartcos.org or in the collection basket at Mass. Please be sure to mark your donation as "Restore Our Heart Capital Campaign." Thank you for your support!

Pictured on front cover clockwise: Rose-wheel stained glass from Holy Rosary Chapel; front entrance of OLPH; 100th Anniversary logo designed by Sacred Heart Parishioner Donna Wintz; Dedication Mass at Sacred Heart Church May 23, 2018, photo by Rusty Kern; view of Sacred Heart Church from the loft, photo by Kessler Photography.

Reflection

"Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!" (Nehemiah 8:10)

What a wonderful sentence! Rejoicing in the Lord is a source of strength!

The context of this passage is that the people of Israel have returned to Jerusalem after decades of Exile in Babylon. They are rebuilding the city and the temple of the Lord. But then they discover a Book of the Law that had been lost to them for many years, and so Ezra reads this book aloud to the people.

Many of them are distraught, worrying that because they had not known about the law of God for so long, they would therefore suffer for having neglected it.

But Ezra and Nehemiah see it differently. Instead of the people feeling bad because they had been living in sin for so long, it would be better for them to rejoice now that they knew the truth and had returned to God!

This is why the sacrament of Confession is not a time for anxiety and fear, but for rejoicing. Sinners are told they are forgiven, the lost are found, and all are called back to God's love.

Whenever we find that we are prepared to let go of our burden of guilt, we are then made ready to accept God's love and live in God's joy! The story of Christ's resurrection and redemption teaches us to long for our future rather than to worry about our past!

Rejoicing in the Lord is a source of our strength! Acknowledging a God who loves us is reason to be glad!

-Fr. Randy Rentner, CSC, Associate Pastor

*The sacrament of Confession is available every Saturday at 9 am at Sacred Heart Church or by appointment.

Would you like to share what you have done with Fr. Ron's art that you purchased from the art sale? Send a picture (and even a short description of why you purchased that specific piece) to communications@sacredheartcos.org.

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What are parishioners doing with Fr. Ron's art from the art sale??

Sacred Heart Parishioner Judy Datar purchased one of Fr. Ron's paintings from the Art Sale as a surprise Christmas gift for her husband.

"The painting hangs in the hallway above a basket of now dried up flowers that I've received from my sons over the years. How special is that!"





Coffee & Donut Ministry Help!

We are in dire need of volunteers to help serve Coffee & Donuts after the Sunday 7:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart. We need more volunteers to keep this ministry going. If you are able to volunteer, please email Grace at communications@sacredheartcos.org.

Special **THANKS** to parishioner **Nick DiDomenico** who has volunteered to fill vacant shifts to keep this ministry running. We appreciate your help!

Parking Alert!

We understand that with the construction in our parking lot, at times it has been difficult to find a parking spot, especially for Sunday Mass. However, we must be courteous to our neighbors and surrounding businesses. Please **DO NOT PARK in the Outside the Bread Box parking lot or in front of their business**, especially on Sundays. (They are located directly across from the church on Colorado Ave.) They are open on Sundays and want Sacred Heart parishioners to know that they will tow cars that do not belong to their patrons. Thank you!

Parish News

This weekend, Jan. 22 & 23, there is a second collection for the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your support.

All are invited to join us for **coffee, donuts and fellowship** in the Parish Center gym after the 7:30 & 9 am Masses.

Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Randy is this Sunday, Jan. 23, after the 9 am Mass in Room 4 of the Parish Center. This week we are reviewing 1st & 2nd Kings. We continue next week, Jan. 30, with the prophets, starting with Amos and Hosea.

Children's Faith Formation is this **Sunday, Jan. 23**, 10:10-11:25 am in the Parish Center.

Confirmation Classes (grades 7 & 8) and Youth Ministry are on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Fr. Ron continues to be out of the office until Jan. 26.

Vital Times: Men and women are invited to join us on **Wednesday, Jan. 26 10 am- noon** in Room 4 of the Parish Center. We'll welcome the New Year and the new challenge to deepen our spiritual lives and relationships. RSVP to Helen McCabe, Catholic Chaplain and Sacred Heart parishioner, at 719-600-8642 or just drop in to see what we're up to. All are welcome!

Our **Men's Group** offers early morning coffee with scripture study topics. Meets 2nd & 4th Friday of the month in the Parish Center gym. Next meeting is **Friday, Jan. 28 at 7 am**. To participate, contact Barry Schultz at 719-440-6933.

The **Caregiver Support Group** has changed its meeting day to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **Feb. 8 at 2:30 pm** in Room 4 of the Parish Center.

JOURNEY is a new ministry at Sacred Heart that meets on the 2nd Thursday every month. Our mission is to support and journey with other Catholics who love their LGBTQ+ family members, and who recognize that all are created in the image and likeness of God reflecting His infinite wisdom and goodness. All are welcome to attend our meeting on **Thursday**, **Feb. 10 at 7 pm** in Room 5 (upstairs) of the Parish Center. Questions? Call Gayle at 719-599-0692.

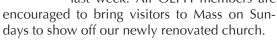
The next **Baptism Class** is **Sunday, Feb. 13, 1-3:15 pm** in Room 5 of the Parish Center. Those interested in seeking the sacrament of Baptism for their child must register BEFORE the class at formationdirector@sacredheartcos.org.

Our *Laudato Si'* Discussion Group will continue to meet once a month in the new year. All are invited to join us on **Sunday**, **Feb. 20, March 20, April 10, & May 15 after the 9 am Mass** in Room 4 of the Parish Center (Adult Faith Formation is not meeting these dates). Visit our parish website www.sacredheartcos.org and click on the *Laudato Si'* tab.



Holy Rosary News: Our next Community Meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 3 pm.

OLPH News: Thanks to those who came to our Community Meeting last week. All OLPH members are





Are you an ADULT that has not received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact Cathy Kusman, Faith Formation Director, to receive this beautiful sacrament at Ckusman@sacredheartcos.org.

Holy Cross Novitiate Update: Fr. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC has been named Director of Novices and Brother Thomas Giumenta, CSC has been named Assistant Director of Novices. Br. Tom will arrive Feb. 3. Welcome!

Contribution Statements: To request a 2021 contribution statement, please call the Parish Office at 633-8711. Your statement can be sent either by email or mail. Indicate which church you contribute to or any parish projects. Ex: OLPH Ramp Project. **All mailed in contributions needed to be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2021 to be included in your 2021 Contribution Statement.** Anything postmarked after Dec. 31, 2021 will be included in the 2022 Contribution Statement. All contributions given in the offertory basket must have been received by Dec. 31 to be included in your 2021 Contribution Statement. Backdated checks received after Dec. 31, 2021 will not be applied to your 2021 Contribution Statement.

If you participated in Online Giving or use the Giving App, you will need to log into your account to receive your 2021 Contribution Statement. If you are unable to get your statement, please call the office for assistance.

If you have questions or need help, call the Parish Office.

Please note that if you contribute by IRA or GoFundMe, it will not show up on your contribution statement. You should have received a letter thanking you for your contribution. If you have not received a thank you letter, please contact our Business Manager. Thank you for supporting our parish!

Pastoral Care Ministry: We would like to resume our Pastoral Care Ministry, which brings communion to the homebound of our parish. We need 15-20 new pastoral care ministers to cover the needs of our parish. To volunteer, contact Sue at 719-633-8711 x102 or sgerlach@sacredheartcos.org. There is a meeting for all new, returning and current Pastoral Care Ministers on Saturday, Jan. 29, 9:15-11 am in the Parish Center gym.

Additional requirements to protect high-risk members of our community include: background check, safe environment training (online course), COVID-19 vaccination and agreement to wear a mask when serving as a Pastoral Care Minister.

We would like to re-established the choir at Sacred Heart Church with all singing parts represented— soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Attendance at weekly choir rehearsal is mandatory. Ability to sight read music is a plus. Please contact Sue at the Parish Office for more information: sgerlach@sacredheartcos.org or 719-633-8711 x102. Our goal is to have the choir ready to serve weekly, beginning with the 9 am Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6.

Financial Peace University classes have started at our parish. To participate contact John Krause at 719-593-9503.

Parish Life



Spiritual Growth Group (SGG) - The Fruit!

Thank you to all who attended the first SGG meeting on Jan. 15. As the co-leaders of the group, we felt blessed to experience the movement of the Holy Spirit in each of the participants and to have been able to structure a time for spiritual growth. Many comments expressed a thirst for more. We are excited to be on the journey to satisfy that thirst with living water and the fire of God's love. Our next encounter will be a continuation and deepening of what was experienced in our initial meeting.

Twenty-nine parishioners met to explore the depth of their intimacy with God and how it might be intensified. The meeting kicked off with prayer and a short teaching on what a Catholic life on fire would look like in a perfect world, what it means to "BE," and the purpose of a spiritual life. Entering prayer together and reflecting on the question,

"<u>What would you want Jesus to do for you in your spiritual life?</u>," participants shared their deep desire for Jesus to help them overcome obstacles in their prayer lives and spiritual journeys. They also expressed a yearning to grow in their ability to experience more deeply the extravagant love God has for each of us.

When discussing the next gathering, some quipped they would like to convene every day or every week. Clearly this group has a gift of humor.

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, Feb. 12 from 9-10:30 am** in Room 5 of the Parish Center. <u>If you have the desire to enter more deeply into God's love for you, please join us.</u> In the spirit of St. Ignatius, there is mucho more!

Good and Gracious Lord: We ask that you stir into flame our relationship with you and each other. Grow us in the fire of your love to hear and act on your call to intimacy and discernment that leads to anointed service and prophetic voices in our community. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen

In Christ, Patty Degen and Brian Krutka, Co-Leaders of SGG and Sacred Heart Parishioners

"This is core to my vision for our future. We need the spiritual awareness and discernment that also leads to service and a prophetic voice in our community." — Fr. Ron Raab, CSC



Photos by Rob Kelley

Prayer

Welcome new Sacred Heart Parish Parishioners:

Richard Zyla— Holy Rosary Thomas Kelly — Sacred Heart Jimmy & Stacey Gibson– Sacred Heart

Presider Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 22

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Randy For greater respect for life and human dignity
- 4:00 pm Holy Rosary Chapel– Presider: Fr. Randy Tim Bradley by Roxanne Venn
- 5:30 pm Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Randy Lynn Kemmetmueller by Jerry & Donna Wintz

Sunday, Jan. 23

- 7:30 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Randy +Lowaine Cronin by Helen McCabe
- 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Randy +Carl Aldaz by Carla Aldaz
- 11:30 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Randy †Mark Bye by Sue Gerlach
- 5:00 pm OLPH– Presider: Fr. Randy +Michael Kniffin & his family by the Lowe Family

Monday, Jan. 24

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Randy +Philip Baylis by Jim Rothlisberger

Tuesday, Jan. 25

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Randy †Rick Knapp by Peter Michelin

Wednesday, Jan. 26

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Randy Bishop Golka

Thursday, Jan. 27

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Ron †Jim Baier by Peter Michelin

Friday, Jan. 28

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Ron +Bertha Garcia by Celia Carrillo

Saturday, Jan. 29

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Ron †Lawrence Cristelli by Katherine Cristelli
- 4:00 pm Holy Rosary Chapel– Presider: Fr. Randy †Mary Nittman by Katherine & Randy Backe
- 5:30 pm Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Ron †Karen Donnelly by Katherine Cristelli

Please pray for our brothers & sisters...

Wally Wallace Caitlin Brunton Jeff & Belinda Goodwin Mike Bacsmai Eddie Johnson Chase Daniel Thomas Psalidas Marilyn Pillar Karen Whitworth Patricia Day Lea Pat Emenheiser John and Diane Antista Patrick M. Keller Bridget Gallegos Pat Thompson Carol Howard

Shannon Barajas Peter C. Bob Roper Steven Jeselnick Judy, Cindy & Jean Emily Quintana Carol Peterson Julie Bergen Tim Pugh Philip Brugeman Jennifer Doell Ron Sanchez Kerri Perea **Richard Benz** Gail Phipps Curtis Banks Ron Marriage Tena Jelinek

Readings for the Week of Jan. 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18 -19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Community News

Diocese: The Office of Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a **SEEK22 Conference hybrid experience** at St. Francis of Assisi, **Feb 4-6.** Cost \$25-\$50. For tickets, visit https://bit.ly/YAMSeek22. Questions? Contact Sr. Linda Gonzalez at cscatholicyam@gmail.com or 719-866-6448.

Diocese: A **Holy Hour for Marriage** is being offered on **Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 6 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Diocese: Bishop Golka will celebrate a **Mass for the World Day of the Sick** with the Anointing of the Sick within Mass at Holy Apostles on **Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 am**.

Diocese: The Maternity Home project in the Diocese of Colorado Springs has released an updated Mater Filius Colorado Springs video. **Mater Filius Colorado Springs** is a nonprofit, Catholic apostolate located in Colorado Springs committed to helping women of all backgrounds facing an unexpected pregnancy who need housing or other support. To view the video, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSmaJ5XRZVo.

Mission

Mass Times:

Sacred Heart Church in Colorado Springs, CO— Daily Mass: Monday– Saturday, 8 am; 7:40 am Rosary Weekend Masses: Saturday, 5:30 pm; Sunday, 7:30, 9 & 11:30 am in the church Confessions: Saturday, 9-10 am or by appointment, call the Parish Office at 719-633-8711 Adoration: Saturdays after the 8 am Daily Mass Anointing of the sick: 1st Friday during Daily Mass

Holy Rosary Chapel in Cascade, CO-Saturday, 4 pm.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Manitou Springs, CO– Sunday, 5 pm.

Masks are recommended, but optional for those who have been vaccinated.

Pastoral Team

Fr. Ronald Raab, **CSC**, *Pastor* EXT. 110 / rraab@sacredheartcos.org

Fr. Randall Rentner, CSC, Associate Pastor EXT. 103 / AssocPastor@sacredheartcos.org

Grace Donnelly *Communication, Volunteer & Safe Environment Coordinator* Ext. 111 / gdonnelly@sacredheartcos.org

Sue Gerlach, Director of Music Ministry/ Liturgy Coordinator Ext. 102 / sgerlach@sacredheartcos.org

Jimmy Gibson, Facilities Manager Ext. 101 / maintenance@sacredheartcos.org

Kristin Gustafson, *Music Director for Holy Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help* hrolphchoir@gmail.com

Pam Kestner, Assistant Faith Formation Director Ext. 104/ pkestner@sacredheartcos.org

Cathy Kusman, *Faith Formation Director* Ext. 105/ formationdirector@sacredheartcos.org

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Thanks to our advertiser of the week! Have a business or service to advertise? Contact Sarah Kate Welliver at 262-289-4265 x4265

Our Mission Statement

As a **prayerful** Catholic community of **service** following Jesus Christ's message of **hope and salvation**, **we make God known**, **loved**, **and served**.

Contact Us

Call (719) 633-8711 **Fax** (719) 633-1859 **Sacramental Emergency Phone:** (719) 659-9481 2021 West Pikes Peak Avenue Colorado Springs, CO 80904

The Parish Office is open Sunday, 8 am– noon, Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am– 3 pm. Closed 12–1 pm for lunch.

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Sustaining Our Mission

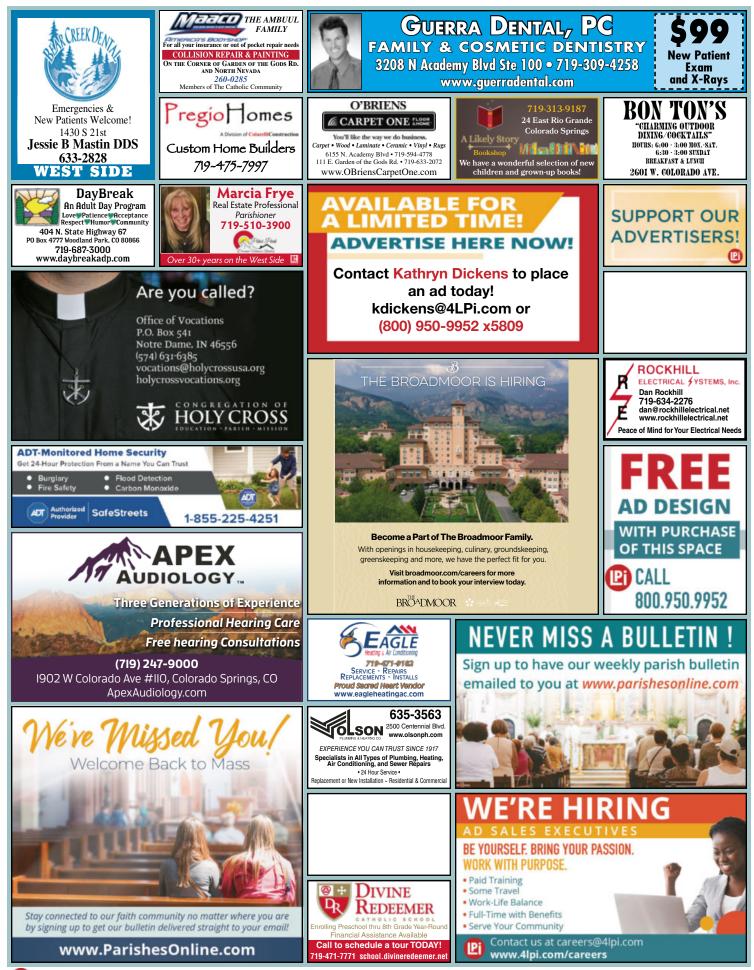
Please remember... the parish depends on your financial contribution, even if you can't attend Mass in person.

Current Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022	SH	OLPH	HR
Offertory budget	\$ 750,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 65,000
Offertory year-to-date	399,018	32,668	23,875
DEC. OFFERTORY TOTALS:	\$ 74,170	\$ 9 <i>,</i> 851	\$ 4,383
Sunday collections	51,816	6,731	2,828
Online giving received	22,354	3,120	1,555
JULY- DECEMBER 2021			
<u>Revenue</u> (see note below) General Revenue Restricted Gifts/programs	\$413,880 0	\$ 32,683 0	\$ 24,647 0
Expenses		(20.400)	(46.004)
Operating Expenses Parish Support of Diocese	(351,018) (69,967)	(39,190) (4,753)	(46,924) (4,031)
Over (Under)	(\$7,105)	(\$11,260)	(\$26,308)

NOTE: <u>Gifts restricted for capital improvements, insurance claims for</u> <u>capital repairs, and all capital expenditures</u> are not included here and will be reported at the end of the fiscal year.

<u>10% TITHE</u>: 4% to parish tithing and 6% to diocesan charities. *Our parish tithes are disbursed by the Pastor based on the recommendations of the Tithing Committee*.

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