

# Sacred Heart Parish



**February 2, 2025**  
The Presentation of The Lord

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**HORARIO DE MISAS**

**CHURCH HOURS**

Saturday and Sunday 6:00am to 6:00pm  
Monday through Friday 6:00am to 9:00pm  
Office Hours Weekdays 8:00am to 5:00pm



**SUNDAY MASSES IN ENGLISH**

Saturday Vigil  
5:00pm

Sunday

7:00am | 9:00am | 11:00am | 5:00pm (Youth)



**MISA DOMINICAL EN ESPANOL**

Domingo 1:00pm



**DAILY MASS IN ENGLISH**

Monday through Saturday: 7:00am



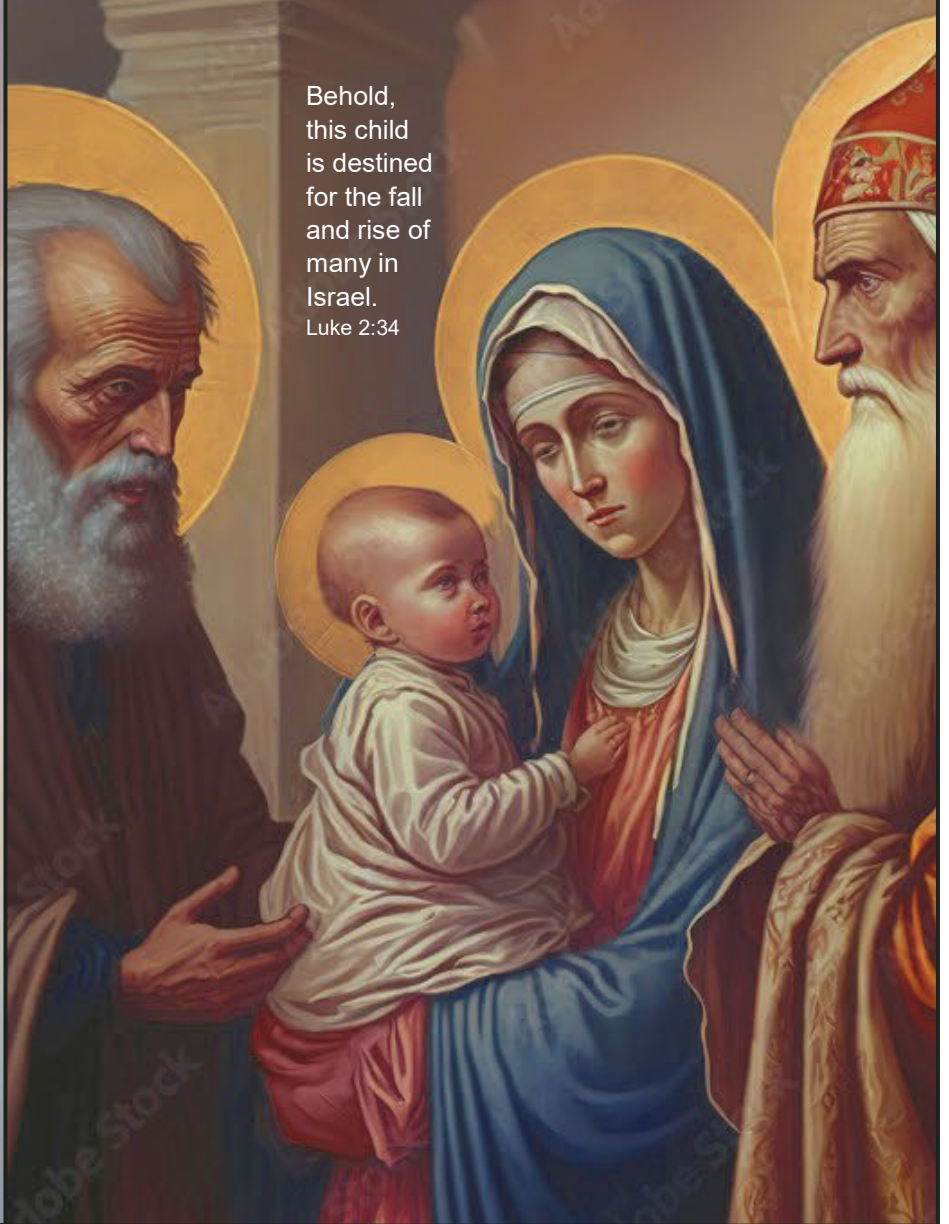
**SCHOOL MASS**

Wednesday 8:30am  
(when school is in session)



**CONFESSION**

Wednesday and Friday  
After the 7:00am Mass  
Saturday  
3:00pm to 4:30pm



Behold,  
this child  
is destined  
for the fall  
and rise of  
many in  
Israel.  
Luke 2:34

## Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish

*"Being the living example of God's love to others"*

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**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL - PRESCHOOL TO 8th GRADE**

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**THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART PARISH**

MONDAY February 3	TUESDAY February 4	WEDNESDAY February 5	THURSDAY February 6	FRIDAY February 7	SATURDAY February 8	SUNDAY February 9
<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>Blessing of the Throats</b> After Mass</p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Centering Prayer <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>1:00pm</b> Lectio Divina <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> Spanish Bible Study <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>5:30-7:30pm</b> Edge Middle School <i>Youth Center</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> English Baptism Class <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>After Mass Confessions <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>8:30am</b> School Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> St. Vincent de Paul <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Study of Mystics <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>11:00am</b> Spanish Legion of Mary <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>1:00pm</b> English Legion of Mary <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>3:30pm</b> English Legion of Mary 2 <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>First Friday Devotions</b> After the Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>After Mass Confessions <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>3:00pm</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>6:30-9:00pm</b> Hispanic Catholics in Action <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>7:30-9:00am</b> That Man is You <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>3:00-4:30pm</b> Confessions <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>Rosary</b> 30 minutes Before Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> Vigil Mass <i>Church Room</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> After the Mass K of C Valentine Bake Sale <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p>	<p><b>MASSES</b> <b>7:00am</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>1:00pm</b> <b>5:00pm</b> <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>Rosary</b> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>7:00-10:30am</b> K of C Breakfast <i>Forum</i></p> <p><b>7:00, 9:00, 11:00</b> After the Masses K of C Valentine Bake Sale <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>1:00-4:00pm</b> Lord's Bounty Supper <i>Forum</i></p> <p><b>6:00-8:00pm</b> LifeTeen <i>Youth Center</i></p>

**MASS INTENTIONS  
 INTENCIONES DE LA MISA  
 February 3 to February 9, 2025**

<b>Mon. February 3</b>	7:00am	John Robinson†
<b>Tues. February 4</b>	7:00pm	Joseph Arter
<b>Wed. February 5</b>	7:00am	James Joseph "JJ" Kedra†
	8:30am	Kathleen Hart
<b>Thur. February 6</b>	7:00am	Alec Langen†
<b>Fri. February 7</b>	7:00am	Bob Cabansag†
<b>Sat. February 8</b>	7:00am	Ernesto Alva†
	5:00pm	Wayne Hoffman
<b>Sun. February 9</b>	7:00am	Dr. Faruk El-Yusif†
	9:00am	Gregory Carlson†
	11:00am	Sandi Gibson†
	1:00pm	Our Parish
	5:00pm	Ed Pellegrino†

†Denotes deceased

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
 February 2, 2025**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
<b>Monday:</b>	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/ Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/ Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13
<b>Friday:</b>	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
<b>Saturday:</b>	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mk 6:30-34
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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**Fr. Krzysztof (Chris) Pipa, sVD  
Pastor**



**Fr. Biju Thomas, sVD  
Associate Pastor**

**DEACONS/DIACONO**

- Deacon Pete Balland
- Deacon Ernie Gonzales
- Deacon Mark Weber
- Deacon Tom Gregory (Retired)
- Deacon Tony Humphrey (Retired)

*If we love one another, God lives in us,  
and His love is perfected in us.*

1 John 4:12

Knights of Columbus

**Valentine's Bake Sale**

February 8th and 9th

Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass  
Sunday after 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00am Masses

All proceeds will go towards funding  
scholarships for the youth of our community.



**SACRED HEART PARISH  
Lord's Bounty Supper**

I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME A DRINK

**Sunday, February 9 | 2:00pm | Forum**

All are welcome to enjoy a nourishing meal prepared  
and served by Sacred Heart Parishioners

Drop off ready to serve food to the kitchen near the  
Forum Room by 1:30pm

Alyce Newton: [alycenewt22@icloud.com](mailto:alycenewt22@icloud.com)

Jeanine Canedo: [jeanedo64@gmail.com](mailto:jeanedo64@gmail.com)



**Altar Flowers Dedications**

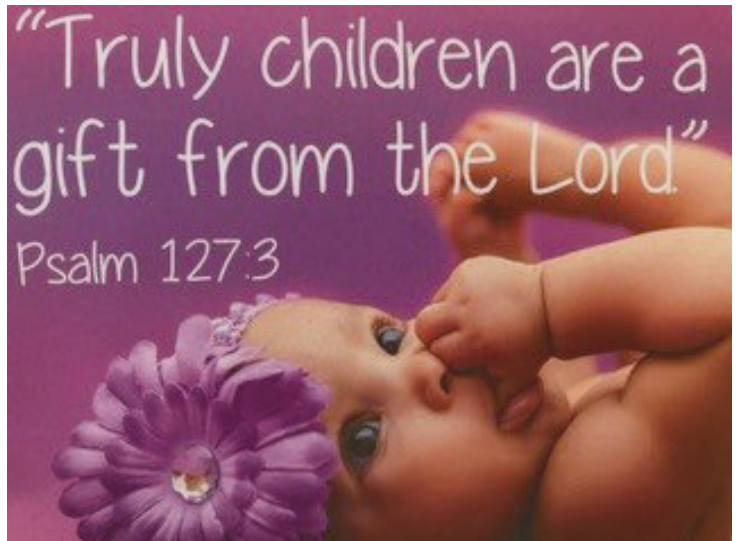
Sponsoring the altar flowers is beautiful  
way to honor and remember loved ones.

You can reserve a particular Sunday for your dedication.

You can sponsor one or two vases.

Your dedication will be listed in the weekly  
bulletin and Flocknotes.

Call Alma at the Parish Office – 928.445.3141







**CATECHESIS**

**OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**

Lisa Baynes ..... 928-445-3141

**HISPANIC MINISTRY:**

Jimena Aragon ..... 928-445-3141

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Taylor Robbins ..... 928-308-9170

**BAPTISM MINISTRY:**

Deacon Ernie Gonzales .... 928-246-2926

**LECTORS:**

Deacon Ernie Gonzales .... 928-246-2926

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Shirley King ..... 928-445-8912

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Deacon Mark Weber..... 928-445-3141

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Joe Lungerman, Membership . 928-778-5727

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Office 928-778-4585 Store 928-771-9696

**LEGION OF MARY:**

Bonnie Wolff ..... 314-606-1702

**SPANISH LEGION OF MARY:**

Catalina Snowden ..... 928-710-6633

**USHERS/GREETERS:**

Ken Godbold ..... 928-771-8350

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Doug McMurrin ..... 928-445-3141

**BEREAVEMENT**

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:**

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**LIGHT OF THE WORLD:**

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**FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY:**

Diane Anderson ..... 928-350-8062

**WALKING WITH MOMS:**

Linda Williams ..... 978-604-2404

**LIFE CONNECTIONS**

**PREGNANCY HELP CENTER:**

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**SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

Anthony Weber ..... 928-301-0801

**THAT MAN IS YOU/CURSILLO:**

Mike King ..... 928-925-3645

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE Faith & Friendship:**

Alma Helms ..... 928-445-3141



*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

Mark 11:24

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| DeeDee Quintero      | Les Henderson        | Tom Steckhahn           | Yolanda Van Haren      | Kimberly Macias       |
| Cia Renzi            | Shirley Henderson    | Jeffrey Crummy          | Paula Tanzini          | Thomas Pifer          |
| Arthur Tabbot        | Jim Granecki         | Christina Helffrich     | Francine Sandoval      | Dave Faulkner         |
| Gloria Tabbot        | Marlene Burnham      | Alastair MacDonald      | Rose Anne Ditzig       | Shawn Martinez        |
| Douglas Tabbot       | Patricia Givan       | James Vaca              | Brenda Saves           | Audrey Lanting        |
| Angie Noble          | Barbara Davis        | John Eckert             | Angel Baker            | Ted Martens           |
| Daniel Shaugnessy    | Steve Sailor         | Rudy Núñez              | William R. Salazar Jr. | Wally Raheb           |
| Barbara Hillman      | Seth Permenter       | Candice Núñez           | Remington Claudt       | Julie Rusing Acklin   |
| Jean Brennan         | Jaime Corona         | Laura Brophy            | Joe & Carole Childs    | Kenneth Watson        |
| Dave Scheid          | Bob Goff             | Janice Bartholomew      | Steve Han              | Julian Alcaide        |
| Frank Diamond        | Tammy Rowland        | Richard Petzoldt        | LaVonne Cooper         | Rocco Giordano        |
| Regina Dougherty     | Anthony Andrade      | Will Johnson            | Matt Brown             | Shawn Nutt            |
| Francis X. Dougherty | Linda Catalano       | Steve Stelter           | Brian Walker           | Joseph & Patsy Oliver |
| John Wilhelmson      | Carl Minnick         | Adam & Taylor Hansen    | Elaine DeAugusta       | Judy Chavez           |
| Melanie Monteno      | Beverly Thomas       | Kathy Kirkpatrick       | Joseph DeAugusta       | Denise Jackson        |
| Jesse Martinez       | Ewa Jones            | Yolanda Kersting        | Michelle Zumbahlen     | S & N Purdy           |
| Audrey Smith         | Gary Frank           | Ann Fountain            | Molina Lambert         | Julie Newman          |
| Leticia Valdez       | Adena Opitz          | Heidi Tate              | Ian Lambert            | Bill Newman           |
| Ralph Valdez         | Sarah Fernandez      | Cecilia Thornton        | Audri Marehand         | Jane Thomas           |
| Delia Valdez         | Pete Fernandez III   | Rebecca Hamilton        | Annette Reddick        | Colter Naraneic       |
| Kristi Feeling       | Rita Meurrens        | Michael Liversidge, Sr. | David Reddick          | Don Petroff           |
| Tim Kilbourne        | Sheila Solomon       | Colleen Mellies         | Christina Young Rehs   | Anthony Zembik        |
| Patrick Kilbourne    | Malina Lambert       | Kellene Monahan         | Doug Hamm              | Newman Newman         |
| Kurt Anderson        | Tony Charley         | Peggy Hauk              | Joann Hamm             | Riley Costenbader     |
| Michelle Lanting     | Tara Todd            | Frances Martinez        | Paula Mathias          | Judy Browne           |
| Delia Parker         | The People of Haiti  | Susan Cafasso           | Sr. Anne Fitzsimons    | Eileen Diedel         |
| Dan Wegleitner       | Edris Minnick        | Karina Rilling          | The Boyd Family        | Rosemarie Stuart      |
| Carolyn Hasty        | Liam McLoughlin      | Bonnie Klein            | Linda Laguatan         | Lori French           |
| Tom Trask            | Bob Lee              | Kym Sutton              | Karin Marsala          | Veronica Wilson       |
| Frank Pew            | Patricia Reardon     | Nancy Fountain          | Cole Slaiding          | Jeff Fallon           |
| Keggan Kenny         | Gary Lightfoot       | Timothy Reynolds        | Jacob Smith            | Doreen Padilla        |
| Camden Liu           | Juan & Stella Mendez | Doreen Padilla          | Donna Groff            | Elizabeth Jacobs      |
| Steven Pedene        | Dawn Gillet          | David Lubben            | Lisa West              | Josephine Taylor      |
| Tim Wickers          | Angelica Baeza       | Ed Nemeth               | Joyce Zembek           | Frank Cancasci        |
| Erik Hoyer           | Joanna Booher        |                         | Gloria Gilliam         |                       |
| Cindy Kanelos        | Scott Booher         |                         | Patricia Givan         |                       |
| Al Crook             | Richard Karp         |                         | Coralyn Mena           |                       |
| Jose Jaquez          | Theresa C. Humphrey  |                         | Sharon Bergeron        |                       |
| Susan Thomas         | Joe Yuzzi            |                         | Grace Cook             |                       |
| Richard Thomas       | Jan Mendoza          |                         | Gabriel Perry          |                       |
| Sherry Valdez        | Anissa Charley       |                         | Patricia Ayers         |                       |
| Barbara Frech        | Michael Gatson       |                         | Cynthia Aurzada        |                       |
| M.A. Nesmith         | Edith Ellington      |                         | Denise Jackson         |                       |
| Marlina Perez        | Becki Conrad         |                         | Tiffany Cambell Garcia |                       |
| B. Clair Denslow     | Art Pope             |                         | Clemencia Bernardino   |                       |
| Frances Apolinar     | Griffin Keighron     |                         | Evangelina Laguatan    |                       |
| Avanna Ribtzki       | Tim Keighron         |                         | Urbano Laguatan        |                       |



**First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
 Saturday, February 1, 2025  
 after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

**First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
 Friday, February 7, 2025  
 after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

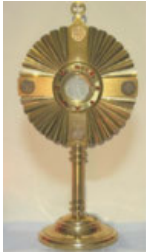
Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation. May our adoration never cease.

— Pope John Paul II

**Precious Blood Adoration Chapel**

Call Timothy Rood, Coordinator (310) 596-0511

HOURS NEEDED AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2024



**Sunday:** 1-2am / 4-5am / 4-5pm / 5-6pm  
**Monday:**  
**Tuesday:** 1-2am  
**Wednesday:** Midnight-1am / 1-2am / 11-Midnite  
**Thursday:** 4-5am  
**Friday:**  
**Saturday:** 1-2am / 5-6pm / 9-10pm



Eucharistic Ministers

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AT MASS AS A MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION?**

A training class for new Eucharistic Ministers will be held in the Sacred Heart Room and the church **Tuesday, February 11 from 10:00am to Noon.**

You must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation and you must complete the online Safe Environment Training Class.

To register to take the class and for information about the Safe Environment Training, call Shirley King at (928) 445-8912 before Sunday, February 9th.



**You Are Invited to Attend a Sacred Heart Prescott Sponsored Ultreya!**

Open to all Cursillistas and anyone interested in learning about Cursillo!

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**  
 10:00am – 12:00pm

Please bring a light snack to share  
 Coffee, tea and water provided

Sacred Heart Parish  
 150 Fleury Street, Prescott AZ 86301  
 St. Anthony Claret Room

For further information contact  
 Mike 928-925-3645 - mandmking68@gmail.com



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT SACRED HEART PRESCHOOL

**Sunday, February 9 | 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**  
*Forum Lower Level of the Church*

*Menu*  
 PANCAKES, SAUSAGE AND SCRAMBLED EGGS  
 or BISCUITS AND SAUSAGE GRAVY  
 or FRENCH TOAST AND BACON  
 ORANGE JUICE AND COFFEE  
 INCLUDED WITH ALL THREE

**ADULTS: \$8.00 | CHILD: \$5.00 | FAMILY: \$22.00**

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US IN THE PAST AND WARMLY WELCOME NEW GUESTS.



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Please donate by using your offertory envelope or one of the envelopes in the pews or on the information tables in the church. You can also give online at <https://osvhub.com/sacredheartprescott/giving/funds>



**2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Will be emailed or mailed by request this year.

If you would like to receive your 2024 contribution statement please email Donna at

[dmaneely@sacredheartprescott.com](mailto:dmaneely@sacredheartprescott.com)  
 or call the church office at 928-445-3141.

*Thank you!*





**St. Vincent de Paul**

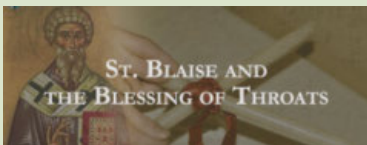
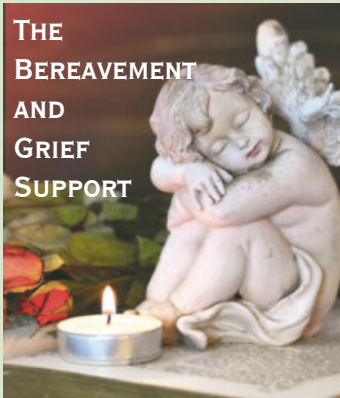
In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values. Is God calling you to give of your treasure to help the poor of our community? Our pantry is in need of canned chicken, cold cereal and dry cat food. Thank you for helping with this shortage.

**ARE YOU,  
OR SOMEONE  
YOU KNOW,  
SUFFERING FROM THE  
LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?**

The Bereavement and Grief Support, six week educational program offered by Sacred Heart, consists of *weekly sessions* that help people to know what to expect and not to expect during the grieving process. It gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings in an environment of understanding and empathy. It also gives you the tools you need for your recovery and healing.

**The dates for the next program will be announced soon.**

Please give us a call so we can reserve a place for you, as space is very limited.  
Carol and Bud Bevenour: 928-777-9040



Legend has it that as hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

**Blessing of Throats  
Monday, February 3 | After the 7:00am Mass**



**Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ**

*Are you called to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ?*  
There are so many in our local community Who are unable to come to Mass on Sunday to receive Holy Communion. They are in our nursing facilities and some are homebound. It means so much to them to have some someone bring Christ to them. EXTRA ORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, (commonly referred to as Ministers of Care at Sacred Heart) take Holy Communion to our community members.

If you hear the call to assist in this ministry, there will be a training class on **February 18th at 5:00pm | Sacred Heart Room.** You must attend the Commissioning Ceremony **February 23rd at the 9:00am Mass.** You must be a registered member of Sacred Heart, be able to receive Holy Communion yourself, be current in the diocese Safe Environment program, and watch a Safe Driving Video. For more information or to sign up, contact Deacon Ernie Gonzales at: [egonzales@sacredheartprescott.com](mailto:egonzales@sacredheartprescott.com)



Is the Lord calling you to proclaim scripture at Mass? Lectors are parishioners who are comfortable speaking in front of a large number of people. Proclaiming the word of God is not only a service, but a gift that is meant to be shared.

Training class scheduled for **February 18th at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart room.** Lector books will be provided.

Volunteers must be a registered member of Sacred Heart, be able to receive Holy Communion yourself, be current in the diocese Safe Environment program. Volunteer's must attend the Commissioning Ceremony **Sunday February 23rd at the 9:00am Mass.**

If interested, come to the training class, or contact Deacon Ernie Gonzales [egonzales@sacredheartprescott.com](mailto:egonzales@sacredheartprescott.com).



## Walking Through the Mass – Personal Thanksgiving | By Fr. Luke Spannagel

Let us go forth! But not so fast that we forget to give thanks! Another important part of taking in the graces received in the Mass is “the **personal thanksgiving**.” According to the Diocese of Peoria, “While nothing is officially noted in the rubrics, the importance of making a personal thanksgiving after Mass has been emphasized by many saints throughout the history of the Church. It is so important that the clergy are advised by canon law to make such an act. We never rush saying goodbye to someone we love. How true this should be with our Lord whom we have just praised and adored at the Holy Mass” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 21).

Fr. Stefano Manelli notes saints who emphasized the personal thanksgiving after Mass. For example, St. Louis de Montfort “used to remain after Mass for thanksgiving at least a half hour, and he would not permit any need or assignment to serve as a reason for omitting it. He said, ‘I would not give up this hour of thanksgiving even for an hour of Paradise.’” In another story, Fr. Manelli explains, “A fellow sister asked St. Bernadette, ‘How are you able to remain for so long in thanksgiving after Holy Communion?’ The saint replied, ‘I consider that it is the holy Virgin who gives me the Baby Jesus. I receive Him. I speak to Him and He speaks to me’” (*Jesus Our Eucharistic Love: Eucharistic Life Exemplified by the Saints*, pp. 46, 113).

### Lingering With Our Lord

Further exhorting the virtues of a personal thanksgiving, Charles Belmonte teaches that, “in Communion, Jesus not only comes into our arms, or sits by our side, but also enters and dwells in our hearts. Thus, our heart ought to glow in the same way that the hearts of the disciples on the road to Emmaus burnt within them as Christ spoke and explained the Scriptures to them. It is natural that we desire to remain a few minutes in prayer and thanksgiving after the Mass. The Church recommends this practice. Sometimes, we will be talking with Christ. At other times, we will say nothing at all; we will simply look at him and he will look at us. We should also know that Christ’s Body and Blood remain in us after communion as long as the accidents of the bread and wine remain as such. As soon as our bodily processes change these accidents, Christ’s real presence ceases to be. Nevertheless, we continue living in his Mystical Body. While Christ is really present inside us in the form of the consecrated species, we must be grateful and gracious hosts to him... St. Josemaria Escriva thus advises us: ‘Do not leave the Church almost immediately after receiving the sacrament. Surely you have nothing so important to attend to that you cannot give our Lord ten minutes to say thanks. Let’s not be mean. Love is paid for with love’” (*Understanding the Mass*, pp. 200–1).

### Ideas to Pray in Thanksgiving After Mass

Need some further ideas of what to pray in personal thanksgiving? Belmonte continues, “The content of our thanksgiving will be just a continuation of the sentiments and affections we have felt—or tried to foster in ourselves—during the Mass, but perhaps in an atmosphere of greater intimacy this time. Sometimes, acts of faith, hope and charity addressed to the Three Divine persons will spurt from our soul. At other times, we will maintain an intimate dialogue with Jesus, our divine Friend who will purify and transform us. Or perhaps, we will just be sitting still, in silent adoration, in the same manner that a mother watches over her son who has fallen asleep. According to St. Teresa, there is no other time than thanksgiving after Mass when we can so easily enrich our soul with virtues, or so rapidly advance to a high degree of perfection. We should not look for prayers or formulas, if we do not find any need for them. But if we realize they can help us, we should overcome our laziness (say, to open our missal and read the prayers for thanksgiving there). [...] We should remember to pray for all those who cannot be with us in this celebration because they do not share the faith of the Church.” Belmonte reminds us that prayers to our Blessed Mother and the saints can be helpful, quoting from Pope St. Paul VI: “May the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from whom Christ the Lord took flesh that ‘is contained, offered, received’ in this sacrament under the appearances of bread and wine, and may all the saints of God and especially those who were more inflamed with ardent devotion toward the divine Eucharist, intercede with the Father of mercies so that this common belief in the Eucharist and devotion to it may give rise among all Christians to a perfect unity of communion that will one day flourish” (*Understanding the Mass*, pp. 201-3; *Mysterium Fidei*, 75).

No doubt, after Mass we will be excited to go out into the world! Perhaps we have people we are going to visit or gatherings or events we will attend. Hopefully, we don’t get in such a hurry that we omit the thanksgiving, a wonderful opportunity to solidify the fruits of the Mass!





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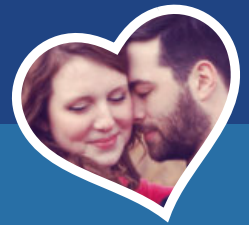
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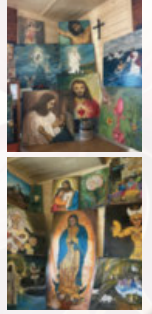
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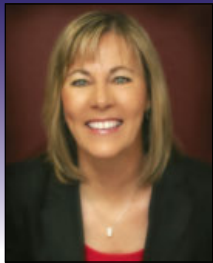
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