

# Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



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## Office Hours:

**Mon. - Thurs.** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Fri.** - 8:30am - 12pm

## Sacraments & Liturgies

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

### Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

### Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

### Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

**Baptism:** By appointment, contact Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday 6:00-7:00pm.

November 29, 2020 • First Sunday of Advent

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

*1st Sunday of Advent*

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

### Catechetical Corner

*Religious Education Classes*

*Thanksgiving Break—No Class*

*Classes Resume January 10th, 2021*

### **Prayers for the Sick:**

#### **Please pray for:**

Juan Franco, Dale Wilson, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Rick Larson, Judy Diskin

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

Betty Mefford, Luke Javier (30); Alexis Leake (2); Dennis Roling, Avery Beuchat (4).

**Happy Anniversary to:** Kevin & Kristine Lawson (29).

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.*

### **Mass Intentions: November 28th - December 4th, 2020**

**Saturday** Special Intentions  
**Sunday 8:00** Special Intentions of Juan Franco  
**Sunday 10:30** Special Intentions of Rick Larson  
**Tuesday** Special Intentions of Jennifer Rumsey  
**Wednesday** Special Intentions of Jean Beesley  
**Thursday** Special Intentions of Betty Mefford  
**Friday** Fr. Neville t / Hatta & Speakman Families

### **Readings for the week of November 29th, 2020**



**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37  
**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19/Mt 4:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23/Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Lectors: Saturday 1st & Second Readings**

November 28th - Mike Tanner  
December 5th - Jeff Everard  
December 12th - Karen Sontag  
December 19th - Mike Tanner

#### **Lectors: Sunday 1st & Second Readings**

November 29th - Josette Haskell  
December 6th - Sara Beuchat  
December 13th - Nancy Wise  
December 20th - Chris Lawson

All other Ministries are on a volunteer basis until further notice.

### **Sacred Heart Church Collections**



#### **November 15, 2020 Collection**

Envelope .....\$ 1,871.00  
Loose .....\$ 310.00  
On Line .....\$ 55.00  
**Total Weekend Collection .....\$ 2,236.00**

Capital Improvement .....\$ 50.00

**November 8, 2020 Collection .... \$ 3,166.00**

*Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7*



**“WHILE THE WORLD CHANGES,  
THE CROSS STANDS FIRM”**

- Saint Bruno

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God’s presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ’s second coming, and even Christ’s coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it’s time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don’t seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Parish Organizations**

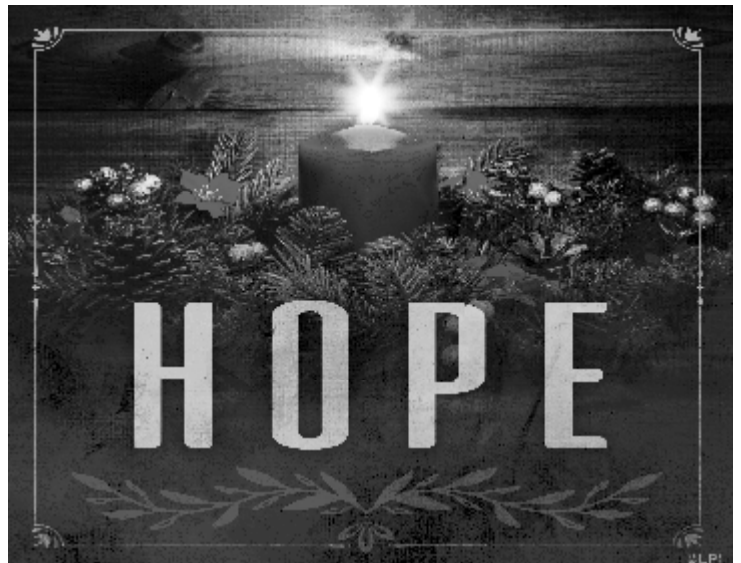
**Knights of Columbus:** The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.  
**Prayer Network:** For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.  
**Women’s Bible Study Group:** Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.  
**Fatima Ladies:** Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.  
**Grief Support Group:** 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays/8 wk sessions Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COATS OF COMPASSION:** Winter is no fun without a warm coat to keep out our piercing Oklahoma wind. Let’s make a difference for our neighbors in need by helping The Fatima Ladies collect new and gently used coats for Catholic Charities beginning the First Sunday of Advent. All sizes are needed - Men, Women, and Children.

**Help the Fatima Ladies Trim the Tree with hats, scarfs, gloves/mittens, and socks for men, women & children beginning the First Sunday of Advent. All items will be distributed to local charities.**

The Sapulpa City Council passed a mandatory mask mandate for the City of Sapulpa. This mandate applies to Sacred Heart as follows: 1) People in the office must wear a mask if they cannot maintain social distancing (6 ft) between other employees and visitors during normal business hours; 2) People attending Mass over the age of 10 must wear a mask if they cannot maintain social distancing (6 ft) from persons outside their household. If families sit together and are not within 6 ft of anyone outside their household, then they do not have to wear a mask.







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