

# Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



### Parish Information

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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.

December 20, 2020 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

### Catechetical Corner

Religious Education Classes

Christmas Break—No Class

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas

### 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, Dianne Perno, Lindsey Roberts, Richard Contu.

**Happy Birthday to:** Dcn. Mark Pittman, Donna Nerio (19); Rebekah Schuler (20); Linda Haney (21); Fr. Louis (23).

**Happy Anniversary to:** Tom & Virginia McCoy (22).

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

### Mass Intentions: December 19th - 25th, 2020

**Saturday** Boaz Family / Anna Marie Corona  
**Sunday 8:00** Special Intentions  
**Sunday 10:30** Special Intentions of Dcn. Mark Pittman  
**Tuesday** Fr. Louis / Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
**Wednesday** Angie DeLozier / Bill & Sue Johnston  
**Thursday 5:30** Adam Dunkel t / Jake & Vicki Dunkel  
**Friday** Special Intentions

### Readings for the week of December 20th, 2020



**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday: Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

**Friday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 /Ps 128 /Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Lectors: Saturday 1st & Second Readings

December 19th - Mike Tanner

December 26th - Jeff Everard

January 2nd - Karen Sontag

### Lectors: Sunday 1st & Second Readings

December 20th - Chris Lawson

December 27th - Sue Ausmus

January 3rd - C. Gebetsberger

### Lectors: Christmas 1st & Second Readings

December 24th, 5:30 pm - Chris Lawson

December 24th, 10:00 pm - Sara Beuchat

December 25th, 10:30 am - Josette Haskell

## Sacred Heart Church Collections



### December 6, 2020 Collection

Envelope .....\$ 2,689.00

Loose .....\$ 1,057.00

On-Line.....\$ 155.00

**Total Weekend Collection .....\$ 3,901.00**

Capital Improvement .....\$ 240.00

**December 13, 2020 Collection ....Not Available**

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



***Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24th  
5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.***

***Christmas Day: Friday, December 25th  
10:30 a.m.***

***December 26th/27th, 2020***

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

***January 1st, 2021***

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass 9:00 a.m.**

***January 2nd/3rd, 2021***

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

***January 9th/10th, 2021***

**The Baptism of the Lord**

***End of the Christmas Season***



### **Parish Staff**

**Jennifer Rumsey, Secretary**

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**Jeff Everard, Coord. of Religious Education / RCIA**

**Dcn. Vincent Greuel, Confirmation / Youth Development**

**Virginia McCoy, Music Director**

### **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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to everyone who helped trim the tree with hats, scarfs, gloves/mittens, and socks. All items were delivered to the Salvation Army in Sapulpa on December 14th. The Coats of Compassion drive will continue for several more weeks. The coats will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

**There will be a 2nd collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the Infirm and Retired Priest Fund. Please give generously to our Priests who have spent a lifetime serving us.**

2021 Offertory Envelopes are available in the gathering area. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please contact the office.



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