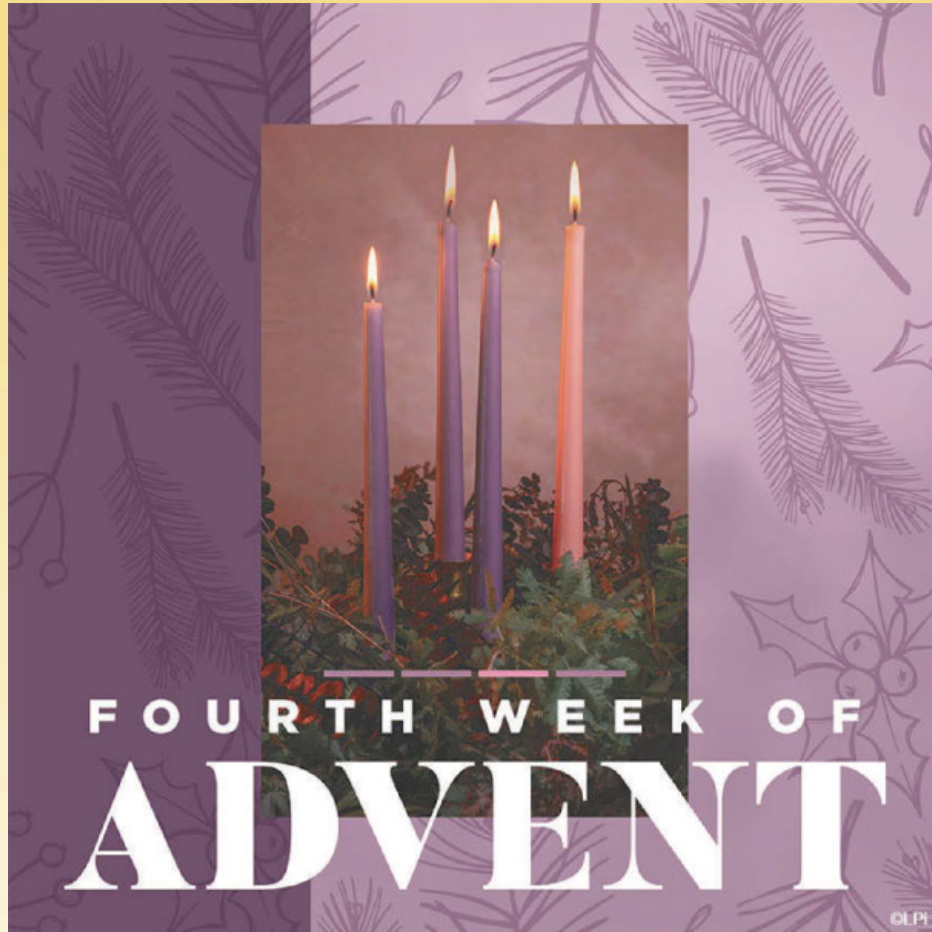


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CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH MESSENGER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS SCHEDULE



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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays: No Daily Mass
Tuesdays: 6:00 PM Mass
Wednesdays: 8:00 AM Mass/
*Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
follows Mass*
Thursdays: 6:00 AM Mass
Fridays: 8:00 AM Mass

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
(Rosary begins at 3:20)
Sundays: 9:00 AM
11:00 AM

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Vocations Chalice Program



Join our Sacred Heart Parish prayer efforts for an increase in holy vocations in our diocese.

Every Sunday a family will be presented with Father Josh's ordination chalice to take home and pray the entire week for an increase in vocations.

If your family would like to take Father Josh's chalice home, contact Clare Coulon in the parish office to be put on the schedule: 225-387-6671

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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays–Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: 8:30 AM – NOON

Parish Office Closed every Wednesday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

(Closed Daily for Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 PM)

ADORATION CHAPEL

Mondays–Fridays: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

(The Chapel is in the Church Sacristy and can be accessed from the ramp in the rear of the Church. Call Parish Office for code to enter.)

CONFESSIONS

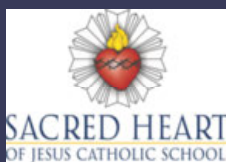
Tuesdays: 5:30 PM

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM

Thursdays: 6:30 AM

Fridays: 7:30 AM

Saturdays: 3:00 PM



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(Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY
OCTOBER - JUNE ONLY

CONFESSIONS: 11 AM

MASS: 12 noon

NOVENA: 12:30 PM

Please call or e-mail your prayer requests to Clare Coulon at 387-6671 or ccoulon@sacredheartbr.org

Christmas Season Mass Schedule



Photo by Lisa Cossé



SACRED HEART
OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

*The Parish Office will be closed
December 25, 2023 – January 2, 2024*

Sunday, December 24, 2023
10:00 a.m. *only*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS

Sunday, December 24, 2023
4:00 p.m.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
MASS OF CHRISTMAS EVE**

Monday, December 25, 2023
12:00 Midnight

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DURING THE NIGHT**

Monday, December 25, 2023
10:00 a.m.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY**

Saturday, December 30, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2023
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**MASS OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

Monday, January 1, 2024
9:00 a.m.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

Saturday, January 6, 2024
4:00 p.m.

VIGIL MASS OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 7, 2024
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

MASS OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**We know that many of you like to make
year-end donations for tax purposes.**

We welcome all donations and appreciate your support. In order to credit your account for 2023 and do our year-end bookkeeping procedures, we would appreciate receiving all donations by December 31st.

*Donations may be dropped in the collection basket, mailed,
or dropped off at the Parish Office.*



for
unto
us a
child
is born

Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year holidays

Monday, December 25, 2023 through Tuesday, January 2, 2024

We will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

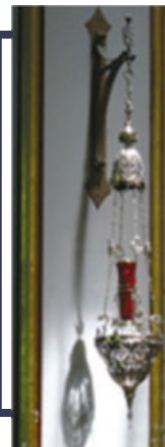


Monday
January 1, 2024
9:00 a.m.

MASS OF
THE SOLEMNITY OF
MARY
MOTHER OF GOD

Celebrated by
Father Tim Grimes

Not a holy day of obligation.



*The Sanctuary Light
for the month of
December is in
memory of
David &
Bradley Smith.*

From the Archives

Sacred Heart's Creche

Sacred Heart's nativity statues made their debut in 1942, the first Christmas that the parish celebrated in their beautiful new church building. Parish legend says that the statues were created in Italy, but no records have been found to verify their origin.

In the January 10, 1943 *Parish Messenger*, pastor Msgr. Dominic Blasco wrote: "It seems that our new crib has excited the admiration of all those who have seen it. In fact, it is a very artistic crib. We are still true to our policy; nothing should be too beautiful or too costly for the home of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, either interiorly or the grounds that surround it. Please do not accuse your Pastor of extravagance. It is true, he has a very expensive taste, but he certainly knows how to make the old dollar go far. It must not be forgotten that our Parish has many friends, far and near, and all take great pride in the new church. The new crib, which cost \$380.00, plus transportation, has not been paid for but the Infant Jesus will touch the heart of someone - we feel confident that the money will be forthcoming. Let's trust in Divine Providence. Why be discouraged?"



The Creche ca. 1960

Did you know...

- The statues are made of plaster and are about 3/4 life size.
- They have undergone major restoration 3 times: in the late 1950s, the early 1980s and 2005.



2007

•The 3 shepherds are named for 3 of Sacred Heart's early pastors: Dominic (Blasco), Paul (Gauci) and Jerome (Dugas).

•A cat was added to the crib in the mid 1980s in accordance with an old Italian legend about the cat who witnessed the first Christmas. For the first several years, only children seemed to notice the presence of the cat in Sacred Heart's crib.

•There is a sheep dog in the crib.

•In 2007 a new baby Jesus statue was generously donated by parishioner Susie Hotard and the Knights of Columbus. The new statue, crafted in Florence, Italy, is a perfect match to the original except that it is made of wood. This makes it a much lighter burden for the child chosen to carry it in the Christmas Vigil procession. It is also smaller and in better proportion with the other statues.

If you have any information or stories about the Sacred Heart nativity statues, please share them with the archives committee. We are especially interested in photographs of the statues from the 1940s, 50s or 60s. Any materials can be brought to the parish office in the rectory. Photographs will be returned if requested.

◆ ◆ Readings ◆ ◆

Sunday, December 24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 Monday, December 25 Christmas Day <i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16- 17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22- 25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11 -12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3- 4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 Tuesday, December 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd- 4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22	Wednesday, December 27 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11- 12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday, December 28 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday, December 29 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b -6/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday, December 30 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Sunday, December 31 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12- 21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11- 12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
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◆ ◆ Calendar ◆ ◆

MON 25	Christmas Day Parish & School Offices Closed Christmas Midnight Mass, 12 AM Christmas Day Mass, 10 AM
TUE 26	Parish & School Offices Closed Eucharistic Adoration, 9 AM-7 PM, Chapel Confessions, 5:30 PM Daily Mass, 6 PM
WED 27	Parish & School Offices Closed Confessions, 7:30 AM Daily Mass, 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, 9 AM-7 PM, Chapel Young Adult Adoration, 6 PM, Adoration Chapel SVdP Meeting, 6:30 PM, AC-Fr. Dugas Rm.
THU 28	Parish & School Offices Closed Daily Mass, 6 AM, Church Confessions, 6:30 AM <i>(Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.)</i> Eucharistic Adoration, 9 AM-7 PM, Chapel
FRI 29	Parish & School Offices Closed Confessions, 7:30 AM Daily Mass, 8 AM Eucharistic Adoration, 9 AM-7 PM, Chapel
SAT 30	Confessions, 3 PM Rosary, 3:20 PM Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for Building Fund, 4 PM
SUN 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Masses/2nd Collection for Building Fund, 9 & 11 AM (No Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary - Not a holy day of obligation this year)
MON 1	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Not a holy day of obligation this year.) Solemnity of Mary Mass, 9 AM Parish & School Offices Closed Eucharistic Adoration, 9 AM-7 PM, Chapel

◆ ◆ Mass Intentions ◆ ◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Monday 12-25-2023	12 AM	Christmas Midnight Mass Michael DiVincenti III Mattia Blasco Didier & Gerald Ricord Didier, Sr.
	10 AM	Christmas Day Mass Monaca Reech
Tuesday 12-26-23	6 PM	Michael DiVincenti III
Wednesday 12-27-23	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 12-28-23	6 AM	
Friday 12-29-23	8 AM	Michael DiVincenti III
Saturday 12-30-23	4 PM	Shirlene Cooper Monaca Reech
Sunday 12-31-23	9 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio Monaca Reech

◆ ◆ Minister Assignments ◆ ◆

December 23-24, 2023: 4th Sunday of Advent		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Clare Coulon (1) Jared Hromadka (2)	Davis Hotard
Sunday 10:00 AM	Deanna Wilson (1) Perry Key (2)	Davis Hotard
December 24,-25 2023: The Nativity of the Lord		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Sunday-Christmas Vigil, 4:00 PM	Tammy Simien (1) Sara Smith (2)	Denise Williston
Monday-Christmas 12:00 AM (Midnight)	Mark LeBlanc (1) NOT FILLED (2)	Davis Hotard
Monday-Christmas Day 10:00 AM	Jeanne Garcia (1) Caesar Garcia (2)	Melissa Simien
December 30-31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Philip O'Neill (1) Kay Gaudin (2)	Natalie Overall
Sunday 9:00 AM	Marilyn Kelley (1) Risa Mueller (2)	Natalie Overall
Sunday 11:00 AM	Sid Bowden, Sr. (1) Charlotte Bertrand (2)	Natalie Overall

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date and must complete the Marriage Preparation Program.

BAPTISM

Seminar required. Please visit the website or call the Parish Office for information.

CARE OF THE SICK

Visits made regularly to hospitalized and homebound. Contact the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion.

FUNERAL PLANNING

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Matthew 7:7


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