



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Roman Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6th, 2015

### PARISH CLERGY

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### MASSES

**Monday to Saturday**  
9:00 AM in the Chapel

**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 PM in the Church

**Sunday**  
English Mass  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
Creole Mass 12:45 PM

**Holy Days**  
English Mass 9:00 AM  
Bilingual Mass 7:30 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Saturdays at 4:00 pm in the Church  
Every 1st Friday after the 9 AM Mass  
after the 9:00am Mass in the church



### Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Church, Cambria Heights is a diverse, vibrant, family united in faith. Drawing from our rich cultural backgrounds, we proclaim Christ as Lord, celebrate His living presence in the Sacraments, and serve others in his name.

## LIVING MERCY IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

The **Jubilee Year of Mercy** begins on **December 8, 2015**, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, and will end on **November 20, 2016, Sunday of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**. Here are a few important themes for reflection during this important year.

### Jesus is the “face” of the Father’s mercy

Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Francis writes in *Misericordiae Vultus, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*, is the “face” of the Father’s mercy—he reveals the mercy of God by his words, actions, and person. We follow Jesus’ example when we open ourselves to the Father’s mercy by looking “sincerely” into the eyes of our brothers and sisters, including those “who are denied their dignity.” **How have you experienced the Father’s mercy in your own life? How might Jesus be calling you to look “sincerely” into the eyes of those who are denied their dignity?**

### Mercy is “the beating heart of the Gospel”

Pope Francis writes: “It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy.” Mercy, he says, is “the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*). To live mercy, we must rediscover both the spiritual works of mercy (counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead), and the corporal works of mercy (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead). **Which spiritual works of mercy might Christ be calling you to practice? Which corporal works of mercy?**

### Mercy “demands justice”

“True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice, it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer,” Pope Francis notes. “It asks us, the Church, us, the City of Rome, it asks the institutions — to ensure that no one ever again stand in need of a soup kitchen, Of makeshift-lodgings, of a service of legal assistance in order to have his legitimate right recognized to live and to work, to be fully a person” (Address to Jesuit Refugee Services, 9/10/13). **In your own life, and in your faith community, how do you work for justice? Do you seek to address the root causes of problems that affect those who are vulnerable?**

Visit this link for more information about the Jubilee Year of Mercy:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/index.cfm>

The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.



### PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

## Celebration of the Sacraments

### Reconciliation/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 PM in church, or by appointment in the rectory.

### Matrimony

If you are planning to get married, please schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. If you are not in a valid marriage (a marriage not celebrated in church by a priest or deacon), please call or write the rectory for an appointment to see a priest.

### Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in English on the 2nd Saturday at 1:00 PM, and in Creole on the 4th Saturday at 1:00 PM. If you are planning to have your child baptized in the parish, please call the rectory.

### Communion for the Homebound

Anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Please call the rectory.

## Weekly Reading

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 5th, 2015

5:00 pm Lawrence Lazarus (D)

### Sunday, December 6th, 2015

8:00 am Ketly Jean-Baptiste (*In thanksgiving*)

10:00 am Marie Regine Maye (*In thanksgiving*)

12:45 pm Josette Joseph Vanderpool (D)

### Monday, December 7th, 2015

9:00 am Madeleine & Denise Leys (D)

### Tuesday, December 8th, 2015

9:00 am Elvcia & Murat Cajoux (D)

### Wednesday, December 9th, 2015

9:00 am Richessner Elgarus (D)

### Thursday, December 10th, 2015

9:00 am Serge Williams (B)

### Friday, December 11th, 2015

9:00 am Arielle Desravines (*In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help*)

### Saturday, December 12th, 2015

9:00 am Marie Chantal Desravines (*In thanksgiving*)

Hosts and wine offered in memory of Stephen Patino

## Pray For

Myriam St Louis Juste, Yolande Pierre, Hubert Mills, Mythe Ste Rose, Rosa Wright, Irma Ali, Saintecile Joseph, Sade Jean-Raymond, Jahlil Nahser, Mrs. Kenneth Baptiste, Brenda Alleyne, Elliot Haynes, Ann Gutman, Candie Olmstead, Augustina Pitt, Gloria John, Clarence Hoggard, Lela Moton, Narque and Patrick Jean, Carolyn Keller, Carolin Edith, Steve Ste Rose, Raymonde Bertrand, Carmene Muscad, Genevieve Morin, Marie Kernisant, Cecilie Campayne, Monarque Jean, Ucile Pierre-Louis

## Generations of Faith

If you have already submitted your pledge card for the Campaign, please send all future payments directly to the Generations of Faith office at : Generations of Faith: Diocese of Brooklyn

P.O. Box 7356  
Berlin, CT 06037

## SUNDAY READINGS AND BACKGROUNDS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In response to Pope Francis' urgent call to the new evangelization and his challenge to families to love according to Gospel values, each week in the bulletin our parish will offer a great opportunity to involve the entire family. There will be a short explanation of the three readings with possible questions to help us reflect on and apply the Gospel message to our lives. There are suggested questions for children, the youth and adults. May this parish endeavor help all of us deepen our relationship with the Lord.

Reading 1 Baruch 5:1-9 *God will show all the earth the splendor of Jerusalem.*

Perhaps you noticed right away that the author of this reading is a poet. He is filled with hope and joy as he assures the Israelites in exile that God will bring them back to the holy city of Jerusalem. They are suffering very much because they are far from their homeland. But their return will be such a joyful event that even the mountains, the valleys, and the forests will do what they can to make the journey easier! In this beautiful vision of the future, the people have God's "mercy and justice for company."

Advent is a time for making progress on our faith journey. Take time to give thanks for God's mercy and justice in your life.

Reading 2 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 *He who has begun a great work in you will continue to strengthen you.*

In his letter to the Christians at Philippi, a city in Macedonia, Paul makes two things clear. The first is his great love and affection for the Philippians, who have helped him in his ministry. The second is his hope that they will continue to become more and more like Christ. Paul is looking forward to the second coming of Christ. And he wants to make sure that all Christ's followers will be ready to receive him when he comes. What will you do during this second week of Advent to show that you, too, are becoming more like Christ?

Gospel Luke 3:1-6 *The preaching of John the Baptist.*

Why do you suppose Luke makes such an effort to pin down the historical timing of the preaching of John the Baptist? He gives us a complete rundown of Roman and Jewish leaders who were in power. Luke wants us to realize that John, a "common man" chosen by God, is much more important than any worldly ruler, because he is the herald who announces the Lord's coming. John urges the people to be baptized as a sign of their repentance for their sins. When they do this, they will make the path clear for Christ to come into their lives. Then all people "shall see the salvation of God."

## Questions of the Week

**Theme:** We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

**Question for Youth:** How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

**Question for Adults:** Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?"

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Try to answer the following questions. Answers will be given next week.

1. When is the Gloria not prayed or sung during the Mass?
2. When do we celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas?
3. What prayer in the Mass is all about praising God?
4. What was Jesus doing in the Temple when Mary and Joseph found Him?
5. Which Mysteries of the Rosary are about the public life of Jesus?
6. What book of the bible would you read if you wanted to learn more about the Church when it first began?
7. What does the name Jesus mean?
8. Who was born in Peru and known as the patroness of Latin America and the Philippines? She wears a crown of roses.
9. What is crescent shaped and used to hold the Host in an upright position when exposed in the Monstrance?
10. Through what sacrament do we begin to share God's life and love in us?
11. Is it true or false: there are some big sins that cannot be forgiven in confession?
12. What feast day do we celebrate on the last day of the liturgical season?
13. What do we call the vessel that holds the Precious Blood of Jesus?
14. What was Mary's main message to the children at Fatima, Portugal?
15. When did Jesus give us Mary as our Mother?
16. What happened to Zechariah when he would not believe the message of the angel that he and Elizabeth were going to become parents?
17. Which mystery of the rosary is about Mary going to help her cousin Elizabeth when she was going to have a baby?
18. Who is considered the last of the prophets?
19. Who was the first native born American to be canonized a saint and established the first Catholic School in the U.S.?
20. When do we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception?

Answers to the Diocesan Religion Bee last week, November 29, 2015

1. Advent
2. Purple
3. Lectionary
4. Monstrance
5. Church
6. Bible
7. Incense
8. 3rd Commandment
9. People of God
10. Martin de Porres
11. Lord, Have Mercy
12. Idolatry
13. Lucia, Jacinta & Francisco
14. Creed
15. St. Margaret Mary
16. Holy Thursday
17. Cruets
18. Easter Sunday
19. St. Francis of Assisi
20. St. Anthony

## Rituel de L'initiation Chrétienne Des Adultes

Si vous voulez devenir Catholique, ou si vous avez été baptisé et n'avez pas encore reçu les sacrements de la Sainte Communion et la Confirmation, inscrivez-vous au programme «RCIA ». Durant ce processus, les candidats et les catéchumènes se rapprochent du Seigneur et se joignent à la communauté chrétienne. Les cours sont offerts chaque mercredi soir à 7:00. Pour plus d'informations ou pour vous inscrire, appelez ou écrivez au presbytère et quelqu'un vous rappellera.

## Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement

The Ministry of Consolation is a group of caring and compassionate volunteers who assist you and your family in planning the funeral liturgy of your loved ones. If you have recently lost someone, we invite you and your family to join us for prayerful support on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in Father Nolan's Unity Room. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

## Gwoup Konsolasyon

Gwoup Konsolasyon la pou sipòte w ak fanmi w lè nou gen lanmò. Nou ede w prepare litiji antèman an, e nou gide w pandan sèvis yo. Nou la tou pou sipòte w ak fanmi w menm apre antèman an. Nou rankontre chak dènye Jedi nan mwa a anba presbitè ya a 7è diswa. NOU PAP LAGE W!

## Sacred Heart 55 and over Jazzy

Will be going to a Country Music Christmas show on Monday December 21st, 2015 at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theatre in NJ

**Tickets: \$80**

The bus will leave the church at 9 AM

For more information

Contact: Suna Hunter 718-468-5830,

Uris McKay 718-949-0868,

## Facility

Wish to reserve a room for your next function?  
Please call Fritz Kernizan at 718-406-5277.

## Sacred Heart Church Presents Christmas Cantata

An evening of Musical Spirituality

**On December 20th, 2015**

Come and support the Creole choir and friends

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Donation: \$25 for Adults &

\$10 for Children under 10

## LOVE SPIRIT

## Seminar for the Youth

**13-16 years old**

**Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015**

**9:30am- 5pm, 5:00 PM – Mass**

Followed by Graduation, Reception & Dinner

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

115-50 221<sup>st</sup> St., Cambria Heights, NY 11411

**Free registration, food and bible**

Love offering welcome!

Contact: Vanessa Bazile or Sr. Vilma Orejola, FLP

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Presented by: **Pater Noster** Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Please return this slip to the rectory.

**I would like to support the Life in the Spirit  
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Cost per Bible is \$20.00

Would you like your name to be printed in the Bible? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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