



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Roman Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13th, 2015

### PARISH CLERGY

**Rev. Fr. Hilaire Belizaire**  
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### RECTORY HOURS

10:00 AM to 4:00PM (M - F)

### FAITH FORMATION

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**Mr. Kalel Dennis**  
*Youth Ministry Director*  
**Mrs. Yvonne Russell-Smith**  
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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



### 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.

## WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

According to the Holy See, the origin of the Christian Jubilee goes back to Old Testament times. The Law of Moses prescribed a special year for the Jewish people (Lev 25:10-14). The trumpet with which this particular year was announced was a goat's horn, called Yobel in Hebrew, and the origin of the word "jubilee." The celebration of this year also included the restitution of land to the original owners, the remission of debts, the liberation of slaves, and "rest" for the land, which was left fallow. In the New Testament, Jesus presents himself as the One who brings the old Jubilee to completion, because he has come to "preach the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk 4:18-19; see also Is 61:1-2).

The Holy See says that, in the Roman Catholic tradition, a Holy Year or Jubilee is a great religious event, held roughly every 25 years, for the forgiveness of sins and the punishment due to sin. The Christian Jubilee tradition began with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. Since that time, the Church has celebrated 26 ordinary and three extraordinary Jubilee Years. A Jubilee is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, conversion, and a time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consequently, it is a time of solidarity, hope, justice, and commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee Year is, above all, the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity ("What is a Holy Year?" [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)).

## WHY DID POPE FRANCIS CALL THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY?



On April 11, 2015, right before First Vespers of the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Holy Father stood before the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica and announced an historic event. For only the fourth time in Church history, there will be an extraordinary Jubilee Year – in this case, an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy," Pope Francis says in opening his papal bull *Misericordiae Vultus (The Face of Mercy)*. In this light, "Merciful like the Father" is the motto he chose for the Jubilee Year. It comes from Luke 6:36, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." The extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy runs from Dec. 8, 2015, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, to Nov. 20, 2016, the solemnity of Christ the King. By calling for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has underscored the signature message of his pontificate: mercy.

Mercy is the Holy Father's answer to evil, following the teaching of St. John Paul II who, in his last book, *Memory and Identity*, wrote "[T]he limit imposed upon evil, of which man is both perpetrator and victim, is ultimately Divine Mercy." Pope Francis explained, "Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation." This is also the teaching transmitted by St. Faustina Kowalska (who is mentioned by name in the papal bull) in her *Diary*: [Jesus said,] "I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of [sinners]. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of My visitation" (1160). "Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy" (1588). "He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice" (1146).

## THINGS TO DO IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

In calling for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to know the face of God's mercy — Jesus Christ Incarnate — and to show that face of mercy to our friends and neighbors (as well as our enemies!).

To that end, we have prepared for you a to-do list for the upcoming Jubilee:

- Forgive those who have hurt you or have done you wrong. If possible, consider forgiving debts owed you and or returning collateral.
- Go to Confession regularly — monthly or even weekly.
- Read and meditate on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Perform one or more works of mercy every day.
- Go on a pilgrimage.
- Share the Good News of God's mercy through your words and good deeds.
- Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in your parish, receiving Communion in the state of grace in order to receive the "clean slate grace."
- Place the Divine Mercy Image in a prominent place in your home and venerate it daily.
- Offer a novena of chaplets for the intentions Jesus gave St. Faustina in the nine days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, imploring mercy "on us, and on the whole world."
- Make the Stations of the Cross regularly, especially at 3 p.m., the Hour of Great Mercy.
- Read Divine Mercy in My Soul — Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.
- Fulfill the conditions for plenary indulgences and offer those indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- Resolve to learn more about some saints who are outstanding for receiving mercy or showing God's mercy to those around them.

## 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: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 12th, 2015

5:00 pm Marie Carline Fisher (*In Thanksgiving*)

### Sunday, December 13th, 2015

10:00 am Anela Rose Johnson (*B*)

12:45 pm Parnhell Jean Poix (*D*)

### Monday, December 14th, 2015

9:00 am Marie Carline Fisher (*In Thanksgiving*)

### Tuesday, December 15th, 2015

9:00 am Martes Mehu (*D*)

### Wednesday, December 16th, 2015

9:00 am Lina Martin (*B*)

### Thursday, December 17th, 2015

9:00 am Jacob Louis (*B*)

### Friday, December 18th, 2015

9:00 am Leda Prin (*D*)

### Saturday, December 19th, 2015

9:00 am Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors (*In thanksgiving*)

Hosts and wine offered in thanksgiving by Olive Gomes

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### Pray For

Dominique Gustave, Mie Antoinette Ferere, Marguerite Etienne, Ms. Anglade, Christiane Bellot, Raymond Cleophaat, Terry Gilbert, Katena Charles, Evelina Malebranche, Cecille Lingoard, Delreta Mason, Claudette Perrin, George L. Jordan, Elizabeth Kingston, Joane Zamy, Celine Duverger, Myrtha Manigat, Edrice Enayo, Nicole Crispin, Alice Anderson, Robert Gaetan, Wilford Shillingford, Sr Myrtha Polycarpe, Fabiola Emeus, Renaud Kersaint, Anne Marie Mathelier, Marguerita Johnson, Ina Johnson, Frederika Vaupen, Saintecil Joseph.

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### Generations of Faith

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P.O. Box 7356  
Berlin, CT 06037



## SUNDAY READINGS AND BACKGROUNDS THIRD 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 reading 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 Zephaniah 3:14-18a **Rejoice, for the Lord is in your midst.**

We could really get into the spirit of this reading if we could sing it and accompany ourselves with musical instruments. Our song would celebrate a renewed relationship between God and God's people. The time of exile, or separation from God, is over. Now the people can once again feel good about themselves because they are living according to God's will. They sing out their joy, and God sings with them.

### Reading 2 Philippians 4:4-7 **Rejoice in the Lord always.**

This Third Sunday of Advent is sometimes called "Gaudete" Sunday. This is Latin for "Rejoice!" It comes from the first word of Saint Paul's letter for this Sunday. Paul reminds the Philippians that they should not merely rejoice that the Lord is near, and then go about their everyday business. They must also pray, be grateful, place their trust in God, and be unselfish in their relationships with others. Then they will experience "the peace of God."

### Gospel Luke 3:10-18 **John the Baptist announces the coming of the Messiah.**

Imagine that you are there, listening to John the Baptist in today's gospel. You hear him advising the people who have already expressed their sorrow for their sins. They are about to be baptized as a sign of their repentance. But they realize that they must also change their lives and avoid sin in the future.

Then the people wonder whether John might be the promised Messiah of God. John tells them that they must look for someone greater than he. We know that he was directing them to Jesus.

We can be like John the Baptist when we help others to find Jesus Christ in their lives. Pray today that your joy in knowing Christ will help lead others to him.

Did you know that the name John means "gift of God"? How was John the Baptist a gift to the people of his time? What gifts did he bring to them?

Think of people who are gifts in your life. Do not forget those who, like John the Baptist, remind you to live as a just and peaceful person! Pray for those people. You may want to write them a note, if possible, to thank them for the gifts they bring to you.

## Questions of the Week

**Theme:** John baptized with water, but the Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

### 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:** Why is it so important to keep promises which you have made?

**Question for Youth:** What do you remember from stories about your Baptism? What does your Baptism mean to you now?

**Question for Adults:** How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Try to answer the following questions.

Answers will be given next week.

1. What do we call talking to God?
2. What is the center of our life of prayer and worship?
3. Name one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.
4. What do we call the liturgical season during which we prepare our hearts and homes to receive Jesus in a special way?
5. Who is the saint to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared?
6. What do we call the prayer that its first part contains the words of St. Elizabeth?
7. Jesus forgives our sins through what sacrament?
8. What do we call the vessel that contains the Consecrated Hosts?
9. What do we call the sin committed by Adam and Eve?
10. Who was the saint who taught us that doing all things (small and big) out of love pleases God very much?
11. Who is a well-known person, not yet a canonized saint, who spent her life among the poor?
12. What prayer did Jesus Himself teach us?
13. What does the word "Eucharist" mean?
14. Which sacraments can never be repeated because of the indelible mark left on the soul?
15. What is the liturgical color used during Advent?
16. When do the bread and wine offered at Mass become the Body and Blood of Jesus?
17. What do we call the special prayer that Our Lady of Fatima asks us to pray?
18. Who was the saint that spent his life calling people to prepare for the coming of Jesus?
19. What was a strong message that Jesus gave many times while He went around preaching and teaching?
20. What commandment tells us we must always honor and respect our mother and father?

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Answers to the Do you know your Catholic Faith?  
December 6, 2015

1. Advent and Lent, 2. Dec. 6th 3. Gloria
4. Teaching the Jewish Leaders 5. The Mysteries of Light 6. The Acts of the Apostles 7. God Saves
8. St. Rose of Lema 9. Lunette 10. Baptism
11. False 12. Christ the King 13. Chalice 14. Pray the Rosary for Peace 15. When Jesus was dying on the cross 16. He was unable to speak until the baby was born 17. The 2nd Joyful Mystery
18. John the Baptist 19. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
20. December 8th

## 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

## 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

For tickets please see members of the Creole choir

**HAUP** would like to invite all of the Children of the Parish and the community to its annual Jingle Jam Christmas Party!

**December 19th, 2015 from 4 PM - 9 PM**

Children from 0-12 years old

Donation is \$1 at the Door

Party will be held at the Sacred Heart Auditorium

To RSVP please call Gabrielle or Johanne at

**718-527-3776**

Join us for a day filled with laughter, music, and fun !!!

As we begin the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, and continue to participate in the Diocesan Evangelization and Renewal Springboard Plan called The Joy of Encountering Christ: The Family's Hope. Take some time to attend the School of Evangelization's Third Annual Evangelization Congress 2016. Clergy, parents, catechists, catechetical leaders, parishioners, and others are urged to attend.

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**8:00AM to 3:00PM**

**Check-in/Registration begins at 8:00AM**

**Immaculate Conception Center**

**7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston**

Cost: \$15.00 per person

This includes a light breakfast and lunch.

Vendors will be on site for the Congress.

Seven hours of Living and Leading by Faith credit will be granted, but you must attend the entire Congress.

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or [www.meetmein.church](http://www.meetmein.church)