



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20th, 2015

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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.

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCA). They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are listed below. After each work of mercy there are also suggestions and words of advice for living them out in our daily lives. Have your own suggestions? Let us know.

FEED THE HUNGRY

There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

Having delicious food at Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner? Donate to a Thanksgiving or Christmas food drive so everyone can have something to eat.

Research, identify and contribute financially to organizations that serve the hungry.

The next time you make a recipe that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and donate one to your local food pantry or soup kitchen.

Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat. If you notice that you end up throwing groceries away each week, purchasing less groceries would eliminate waste and allow you to donate the savings to those in need.

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

We take it for granted that we have access to clean water. Donate. . . to help build wells for water for those in need

Organize a group of children involved on a sports team (e.g. soccer) or a summer camp. Invite them to collect bottled water to distribute at a shelter for families. If parents can be involved, ask them to accompany their children in delivering the water to the families.

Do the same for youth and young adult groups.

Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.

SHELTER THE HOMELESS

There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

See if your parish or diocese is involved with a local homeless shelter and volunteer some time.

Donate time or money to organizations that build homes for those who need shelter.

Many homeless shelters need warm blankets for their beds. If you can knit or sew that would be an extra loving gift.

There are millions of children and families who are on the move, fleeing from war, illness, hunger and impossible living conditions, and searching for peace and safety.

Engage parish groups of children, youth, young adults, and families in doing some research on the causes and challenges that these families face to survive.

Contact Catholic Social Services, or diocesan offices of peace and justice for help with your research. Seek ways to provide shelter for the homeless locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.



VISIT THE SICK

Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

Give blood.

Spend time volunteering at a nursing home – Get creative and make use of your talents (e.g. sing, read, paint, etc.)!

Take time on a Saturday to stop and visit with an elderly neighbor.

Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members on a one-time or periodic basis. Give caregivers time off from their caregiving responsibilities so they can rest, complete personal chores, or enjoy a relaxing break.

Next time you make a meal that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.

VISIT THE PRISONERS

People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

See if your parish, or a nearby parish, has a prison ministry and if so, get involved.

Volunteer to help out or donate to charities that give Christmas presents to children whose parents are in prison.



BURY THE DEAD

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one. Make your own card and use some of these prayers.

Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost.

Spend time planning your own funeral mass, read through the Order of Christian Funerals and find our hope in the Resurrection.

GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR

Donate money to organizations that have the ability to provide support and services for those in need. Do research and find organizations that put people in need first, rather than profit.

Skip the morning latte and put that money in the collection basket at church.

Find a charity that is meaningful to you and volunteer your time or donate.

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

Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
Mass 11:00 PM

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day Bilingual
Mass 11:00 A.M

Thursday, December 31st - New Year's Eve
Mass

9:00 PM to 10:00 PM – Holy Hour

10:00 PM to 11:55 PM – Bilingual Midnight
Mass, Followed by fellowship and dancing

Thursday, January 1st - New Year's Day Mass
11:00 AM - Bilingual mass

Weekly Reading

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 19th, 2015

5:00 pm Gerald Morency (*For Deliverance*)

Sunday, December 20th, 2015

8:00 am Joseph Lesko (*D*)

10:00 am Bernard Zenag (*B*)

12:45 pm Leonne Laguerre (*D*)

Roberson Warner Guillet (*D*)

Monday, December 21st, 2015

9:00 am Roberson Guillet (*D*)

Tuesday, December 22nd, 2015

9:00 am Marie Germain (*D*)

Clarie Bazile (*B*)

Wednesday, December 23rd, 2015

9:00 am Isabelle Cajoux (*B*)

Thursday, December 24th, 2015

9:00 am Lina Gaelle Vital (*D*)

Friday, December 25th, 2015

Saturday, December 26th, 2015

9:00 am Maud Percy (*D*)

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, Uicile Pierre-Louis

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P.O. Box 7356

Berlin, CT 06037

SUNDAY READINGS AND BACKGROUNDS

FOURTH 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 Micah 5:1-4a *From you will come forth a savior.*

When the prophet Micah proclaimed the coming of a shepherd-king, the Israelites in Jerusalem were under attack. Their enemies, the Assyrians, were ready to "wipe them out." So the good news that God would send them a strong and just ruler was music to their ears. Their king would be born in Bethlehem—a small, unimportant town—of the royal family of David. And he would bring lasting peace.

After the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community recognized that these words of Micah were a wonderful description of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Reading 2 Hebrews 10:5-10 *One sacrifice instead of many.*

One of the messages in today's second reading is that we should recognize how the perfect sacrifice of Jesus differs from the sacrifices of the Old Testament. Those sacrifices were often offerings of animals. Jesus' sacrifice was the offering of himself.

Giving yourself—your time, talents, and love—is the greatest gift you can offer to others. Reflect for a moment on how willing you are to give this gift. Ask Jesus to help you to follow his example.

Gospel Luke 1:39-45 *Mary visits Elizabeth*

Many artists have painted this moving scene described by Luke in today's gospel. Mary has made a difficult journey through the hill country to be with her relative Elizabeth, who is several months pregnant. The young woman, bearing in her body the Savior, and the older woman, carrying John the Baptist, embrace each other with tears and laughter. Elizabeth recognizes Mary's true identity as "the mother of my Lord." She calls Mary "blessed" three times. Mary is blessed because she trusted that the Lord's words to her would come true.

Questions of the Week

Theme: Jesus is identified as Lord before he is born.

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: How does the Blessed Virgin Mary help you to follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: When have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Question for Adults: What role does Mary play in your own spirituality? If you were Elizabeth, how would you greet her at your doorway, if she were to arrive there?

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Try to answer the following questions.

Answers will be given next week.

1. What commandment tells us that God must always be Number 1 in our lives?
2. Why is Sunday called the "Lord's Day"?
3. What special image of Jesus reminds us strongly that He always takes care of us and protects us?
4. What do we call the failure to follow Jesus?
5. What sacrament makes God's life and love in us stronger?
6. What do we call the loving guide that God gives us to help us live as His children?
7. What do we call the failure to follow Jesus?
8. Who as a baby was placed in a basket among weeds so that the Egyptians would not harm him?
9. In what is Jesus made present again what He did for us on the cross?
10. Who were the first to hear the "Word of God"?
11. What sacrament expects each of us to be involved in the life and mission of the Church?
12. Who was the apostle chosen to replace Judas after he betrayed Jesus and committed suicide?
13. To whom did Mary appear in Fatima, Portugal?
14. When is the Feast of All Saints?
15. What do we call the liturgical season during which we try to change our hearts and become more like Jesus?
16. When is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes?
17. Who guides the Church and each of us in making good moral decisions?
18. What prayer do we usually pray during the sacrament of Reconciliation?
19. What do we call the part of the Mass which includes the Scriptural Readings, homily and Prayer of the Faithful?
20. What do we call the set of teachings that Jesus gave to His disciples which describe how to live to be happy in the kingdom of God?

Answers to the "Do you know your Catholic Faith?"
" Dec. 13, 2015

1. Prayer **2.** The Mass **3.** Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of Jesus, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Finding of Jesus in the Temple **4.** Advent **5.** St. Juan Diego **6.** Hail Mary **7.** Reconciliation **8.** Ciborium **9.** Original Sin **10.** St. Therese of Lisieux **11.** Blessed Teresa of Calcutta **12.** Our Father **13.** Thanksgiving **14.** Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders **15.** Purple or violet **16.** When the priest repeats the same words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. **17.** The Rosary **18.** St. John the Baptist **19.** Love one another as He loves us **20.** Fourth Commandment

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!

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.

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

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.

To register, go to: www.bqonlineformation.org
or www.meetmein.church

Facility

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Please call Fritz Kernizan at 718-406-5277.