



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Roman Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 6th, 2016

### PARISH CLERGY

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### RECTORY HOURS

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

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*Youth Ministry Director*  
**Mrs. Yvonne Russell-Smith**  
*Principal, Sacred Heart Academy*

### 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.

## A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING



Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice

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## Laetere Sunday

Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and they hardly ever think about the fact that Latin remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But occasionally, Latin reasserts itself, as it does in the case of Laetare Sunday.

*Laetare Sunday* is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. *Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the Introit (entrance antiphon) in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo is Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "Laetare, Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem"). Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, *Laetare Sunday* has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on *Laetare Sunday*, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar. Traditionally, the organ was never played during Lent, except on *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare Sunday* is also known as *Rose Sunday* or *Refreshment Sunday*, and it has a counterpart in Advent: *Gaudete Sunday*, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

[http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/f/Laetare\\_Sunday.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/f/Laetare_Sunday.htm)

## Weekly Readings

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## Pray For

Dominique Gustave, Mie Antoinette Ferere, Marguerite Etienne, Ms. Anglade, Christiane Bellot, Raymond Cleopha, Terry Gilbert, Katena Charles, Evelina Malebranche, Cecille Lingoard, Delreta Mason, Claudette Perrin, George L. Jordan, Elizabeth Kingston, Joane Zamy, Celine Duverger, 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, Edward P. Johnson, Marie Clise Raymond Cadet, Isabelle Michel, Edward Johnson, Elise Lee, Max Roger, Viola Bazile, Rolande Adolphe.

### Generations of Faith

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**P.O. Box 7356  
Berlin, CT 06037**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, March 5th, 2016

5:00 pm Louis Joseph Nicholas (B)

### Sunday, March 6th, 2016

8:00 am Doris Sanford (D)

10:00 am Austin Charles Jr. (D)

12:45 pm Josette & Prudent Vanderpool (D)

Max Davermann (D)

### Monday, March 7th, 2016

9:00 am Patricia Patino (*In thanksgiving*)

### Tuesday, March 7th, 2016

9:00 am Jolette Ulysse (B)

### Wednesday, March 9th, 2016

9:00 am Marie Fancoise Cleopha (D)

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Michel (D)

### Thursday, March 10th, 2016

9:00 am Marie Marcelle Ligonde (B)

Gerard & Marie Danielle Morency

(*In thanksgiving*)

### Friday, March 11th, 2016

9:00 am Roldy Auguste (B)

### Saturday, March 5th, 2016

9:00 am Justin Lafague (D)

*Bread & Wine offered by James Hyacinth*

As this is the year of Divine Mercy,  
We are encouraging every ministry in the  
parish to participate in the upcoming  
Divine Mercy Pilgrimage sponsored by "Groupe  
Misericorde". It will be held at Eden Hill Divine  
Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts  
**on Saturday, April 2nd, 2016.**

Buses leave in front of the Church at 7 AM.  
There's a participation fee of \$55. For more information  
please contact Evelyne at 347-682-3644 or  
Michael Mekako 516-775-0410

## Facility

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

## SUNDAY READINGS AND BACKGROUNDS FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 **Joshua 5:9a, 10-12** *They ate the produce of the land.*

The Passover celebration described in today's reading is the first in the Promised Land. Because they have now settled in Canaan, the people no longer need the manna (the "bread from heaven") God has been providing on their journey through the desert. Their new homeland will produce all the food they need.

Reading 2 **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** *We are reconciled with God through Christ.*

Paul enthusiastically describes how God has made all things new through Christ. He pictures each of us as an ambassador of peace sent by God to our own little corner of the world. To be effective ambassadors, we must first experience God's peace in our lives. One way we can do this is through the sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of peace.

Reconciliation is a key theme of the Lenten season. How can you make it a key theme in your life? During this Lenten season, how can you prepare yourself to be Christ's ambassador of peace?

Gospel: **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32** *The son that was lost came back home.*

Religious people often criticized Jesus for eating and associating with sinners. But these people did not realize that everyone needs God's mercy and love. In today's gospel story, Jesus wants us to know what God's mercy is like. When anyone sins and is sorry for that sin, God rushes out at top speed to embrace that person. Even when we feel that we may be undeserving of God's love, Jesus tells us that God rejoices like the father in the gospel story.

**Pray:** Jesus, during this Lenten season, help me to ask for forgiveness. Help me to forgive generously as God does. Help me to celebrate that I am God's child. I do not have to compare myself with others. My needs are being met as God knows best. Amen.

**Questions of the Week**  
**Theme:** *God wants us to come back.*  
*Now is the time to reconcile.*

**Question for Children:** Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

**Question for Youth:** Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

**Question for Adults:** How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?



## THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY THIS SEASON OF LENT

How can we show others the mercy of God? We say that God is compassionate, but we ignore the poor. We say that God loves us and has mercy on us, but we hold grudges against our friends. Our actions need to authentically reflect God's mercy. Here are different ways that you can live out that mercy every day!

### FEED THE HUNGRY

Bring canned goods to food pantries and soup kitchens.

Volunteer as a family to serve others.

### GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

Conserve water.

Be thoughtful when using natural resources.

### SHELTER THE HOMELESS

Help neighbors care for their homes.

Donate to Catholic Charities and give money to those in need.

### VISIT THE SICK

Spend time with those who are sick or cannot leave their homes.

Call, send a card, or e-mail someone who is sick.

### VISIT THE IMPRISONED

Pray for prisoners.

Visit people "imprisoned" by loneliness, sickness, or old age.

### BURY THE DEAD

Attend wakes and funerals.

Provide meals for grieving neighbors.

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2016

### Universal: *Families in Difficulty*

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

### Evangelization: *Persecuted Christians*

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

## 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!

### 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.

## 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.

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Parish is excited to launch a brand new ministry specifically tailored to the needs of **young adults ages 21 to 35.**

This Ministry aims to help strengthen the faith of this very special target group through various faith building and social dialogues, exercises and activities.

Please join our very first gathering on Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 PM in the auditorium.

For more information please contact the rectory

## Sacred Heart Parish Mission Project

We are half way through our Parish Lenten Mission project. We are thankful to everyone who's picked up a box or 2, If you have not yet done so, boxes are still available.



Please remember to return the boxes filled with your Lenten sacrifice on Holy Thursday at the evening mass dedicated to the poor.

*"The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).*

The English Lenten Retreat will be on

**March 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**

With Monsignor Anselm from New Jersey

This year's theme is: "Be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful"