



# Sacred Heart CATHOLIC CHURCH

2015 ADAMS AVENUE,  
HUNTINGTON, WV 25704



DEC 22, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Blessed are you who  
believed that what was  
spoken to you by the  
Lord would be fulfilled.”  
- Lk 1:45

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### PARISH STAFF

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### WORSHIP

#### WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday Evening: 4:00pm  
Sunday Morning 9:00am

#### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday: NO MASS  
Tuesday: Adoration: 4PM  
Mass: 5PM  
Wednesday: 8:30AM  
Thursday: NO MASS  
Friday: 8:30AM MASS  
First Friday: 9AM-10AM  
Benediction/Adoration after Mass

### PARISH CENTER

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
*(Bulletin Deadline: Monday by  
10:00am)*

Phone: (304) 429-4318

Parish Email: [shcchwv@gmail.com](mailto:shcchwv@gmail.com)

Parish Facebook: [fb.com/shcchwv](https://www.facebook.com/shcchwv)

Parish Website: [shcchwv.com](http://shcchwv.com)



A Parish of  
Wheeling Charleston



**CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS**

- CCD/Youth Leader**  
Jim Schray: (304) 697-6932
- Finance Council Chairperson**  
Pat Reger: (304) 522-2031
- Burke Foundation**  
Wayne Budrus: (304) 523-3501
- Parish Council Chairperson/Men's Club**  
Ron Gazdik: (304) 417-1213
- St. Ann Circle President**  
Katie Ergenekon: (540) 539-4881
- Parish Pastoral Council**  
3rd Wednesday of every month 6:00pm
- St. Ann Circle**  
2nd Tuesday of month 1:00pm
- Men's Club**  
3rd Monday of the month 6:00pm (Sept -June)
- OCIA/RCIA**  
September-May Wednesdays 5:30pm



- BENEDICTION/ ADORATION**  
Tuesdays: Adoration 4:00PM, Mass 5:00PM  
First Friday: 8:30AM Mass; Benediction/Adoration 9-10AM
- RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm. Anytime by appt.
- BAPTISM**  
By appointment. Parents should be registered in parish at least 6 months. Instructions required.
- MARRIAGE**  
Arrangements made AT LEAST 6 months in advance. Instructions required, and parishioners registered in the parish at least 1 year.
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
Please notify Fr. Paul prior to surgery or in times of illness. Also, please notify us when a parishioner is in the hospital, nursing home, or is homebound.



**WELCOME TO SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Our warmest welcome to all who are visiting us for today's Liturgy. If you are not officially registered in the parish and would like to become a member, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket.

Please use this form to also note any address and/or family information changes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Sacred Heart Church is a small family-oriented parish serving West Huntington and Northern Wayne County community through Word and Ministry. Our primary goal is to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone in our area. In our Social Ministry we reach out to help the many poor and needy in our midst, with special concern for the elderly and the homeless.

**THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON ; TO REPORT SUSPECTED CASES OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO CHILDREN**

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that **"there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord"** (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him. So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him. Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

– Father John Muir



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." -

Lk 1:41-42

### Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus,  
The news of your coming was met with boundless joy – fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

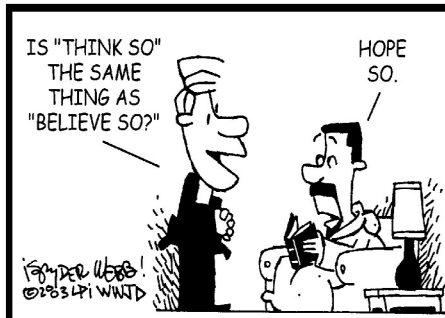
### Oración por la Alegría del Adviento

Querido Jesús,  
La noticia de tu venida fue recibida con una alegría sin límites: llénanos de nuevo con la maravilla de tu presencia. Tú eres Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros. Amén.

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:43-45



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### SAVE THE DATES

- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Mass–5PM
- Dec 25th Christmas Day Mass–9AM
- Dec 31st Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God–5PM Vigil Mass
- Jan 1st Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God–5PM Mass

# 4 STEWARDSHIP AND PRAYER

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## OUR STEWARDSHIP

DEC 7 & DEC 8, 2024

Loose and Envelopes	\$1,445.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$470.00
Maintenance Fund	\$392.00
Storehouse Food Pantry	\$190.00
Christmas Flower Collection	\$25.00
Candles	\$5.00
Collection Total	\$2,527.00
Mass Attendance	Sat 5:00 pm: 40 Sun 9:00 am: 53 Total: 93

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ruth Angle	Fr. Chuck McGinnis
Connie Beford	Mario Mendez
Beverly Beldon	The Vincent Mendez family
Rose Blankenship	Francisco Mendoza
Jennifer Blatt	Catalina Mendoza
Linda Blatt	Tom Michaels
Margaret Brooks	Maria Morabito
Marietta Brumbaugh	Viola Parsley
Nancy Burrell	Felicia Perry
Anna Burke	Joan Radcliffe
Sarah Cash	Dave Rice
Scott Chaffin	Leo Rudnytzky
Markai Chandler	Ricky Sebastiani
Mike Clark	Sister Elizabeth
Kay Cox	Pat Stach
Jennifer Eastham-Chapman	Josh Straud
Capri Elswick	Carolyn & Barry Smith
Elizabeth George	Judi Smith
Linda Gutierrez	Trish Smith
Brooke Howerton	Craig Spaulding
Amanda Hunter	Sam & Lydia Spurlock
Robert Hutton	Louise Tamlyn
Susan Johnson	Dreama Taylor
Conner Karr	Denise Taylor
Delores Law	Michael Taylor
Joe Leonoro	Earl Wall
Hannah Long	Loretta Whitfield
Pat Manis	Jean Williams
Andrea Markham	Jim Wright
Mandy Martinez	Christy York
Shannon Mayes	Kristi Fisher Marcus

## PRAYER LIST

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list call: (304-)429-4318 or email shcchwv@gmail.com

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify Fr. Paul in times of illness, prior to surgery, and when in the hospital, nursing home, or you are homebound. Call (304) 397-0694

## CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

We have met **93% of our goal as of 9 Dec with \$9,750 contributed and a goal of \$10,485. Thank you to all who have contributed.** The first 50% of our Parish goal goes to various ministries & outreach efforts. Everything over the 50% of the Parish goal comes back to the Parish.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The Diocese requires all volunteers to have a criminal background check and take "Safe Environment" training annually. Both are available on the VIRTUS website. The background check needs renewed every three years. Results from the background check are not revealed to the Parish Staff; but, if there is something that may keep you from working with children, the Diocesan Safe Environment Office will contact Father Paul directly. Additionally, printed VIRTUS material and a verification form can be provided to you. If this is your first time to complete Virtus, please go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to fill out the form and view the video. Click on "First Time Applicant" and the program will direct you from there.

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Readings for the week of December 22nd, 2024

<b>Sunday:</b>	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
<b>Monday:</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<i>Morning:</i> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/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 (Lk 2:11)/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/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



### Las lecturas de la semana del 22 de Diciembre de 2024

<b>Domingo:</b>	Miq 5, 1-4/Sal 79, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/Heb 10, 5-10/Lc 1, 39-45
<b>Lunes:</b>	Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66
<b>Martes:</b>	<i>Mañana:</i> 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Lc 1, 67-79
<b>Miércoles:</b>	<i>Vigilia:</i> Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2)/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 <i>Noche:</i> Is 9, 1-6/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 (Lc 2, 11)/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 <i>Matutina:</i> Is 62, 11-12/Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20 <i>Día:</i> Is 52, 7-10/Heb 1, 1-6/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3)/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14
<b>Jueves:</b>	Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17/Mt 10, 17-22
<b>Viernes:</b>	1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/Jn 20, 1. 2-8
<b>Sábado:</b>	1 Jn 1, 5-2, 2/Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 2, 13-18
<b>Domingo siguiente:</b>	1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28/Sal 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 (ver 5)/1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24/Lc 2, 41-52

## PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:00PM

+Curtis & +Muriel Thompson

By: Connie & Mark Beford

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00AM

The People of the Parish

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

No Mass

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00PM

+Jason Stanley

By: The Stanley Family

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30AM

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

No Mass

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30AM

Safety of pregnant women, safe delivery of newborns & end to abortion

By: The Stapleton Family

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:00PM

+Caterina Chianesi

By: Domenico Chianesi

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00AM

People of the Parish

**MASS INTENTIONS:** SUGGESTED LEVEL OF GIVING IS \$20 FOR WEEKEND OR \$10 FOR A DAILY MASS. ANY OFFERING IS WELCOMED. IF YOU DON'T HAVE FUNDS TO OFFER, YOU ARE STILL ENCOURAGED TO REQUEST YOUR INTENTION

## Christmas Gifts

### Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

### Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable. Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness. In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

# 6 COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SACRED HEART ASSIGNMENTS - December 2024

Date	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Servers	Money Counters
7	Sandee Lloyd	Jenny Bias & Kristy Blankenship	Katy S	
8	Mary Ruth Pruitt	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Eileen Farren & Joe Bickar
9	Kristy Blankenship	Vince Macri		
14	Kristy Blankenship	Sue Stanley & Serafina Nester	Katy S	
15	Kateryna Schray	Vince Macri & Jim Schray	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Eileen Farren & Joe Bickar
21	Kristy Blankenship	Jenny Bias & Sally Scheibelhood	Katy S	
22	Kristen Earl	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Ron Gazdik & Joe Bickar
24	Kristy Blankenship	<b>NEED TWO</b>	<b>NEED TWO</b>	
25	Kristy Blankenship	Vince Macri & <b>NEED ONE</b>	<b>NEED TWO</b>	
28	Kristy Blankenship	Sue Stanley & Serafina Nester	Katy S	
29	Mary Ruth Pruitt	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Ron Gazdik & Eileen Farren

# December 2024



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		2	3	4	5	6	7
Advent CCD Cancelled Mass 9AM	Stitchers Club 6-8PM No Mass	Adoration 3PM Mass 4PM	Knitting Club 1PM OCIA/RCIA 5:30PM Mass 8:30AM	No Mass	First Friday Novena to Sacred Heart & Benediction after Mass 8:30AM	Penance Service 2:30 - 3:45PM Mass 4PM	Penance Service 2:30 - 3:45PM Mass 4PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Immaculate Conception Holy Day Penance Service 3:30 - 4:45PM Mass 5PM	St. Ann Circle Christmas lunch 1:30P@Olive Garden Mass Cancelled	Knitting Club 1PM OCIA/RCIA 5:30PM Mass 8:30AM	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe No Mass	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM	Church Christmas Dinner after Mass & Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 4:00 PM	Mass 8:30AM
Advent CCD after Mass Mass 9AM	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	No Mass	Adoration 4PM Mass 5PM	Knitting Club 1PM OCIA/RCIA 5:30PM Storehouse Food Pantry Pickup Mass 8:30AM	No Mass	Engineers 3-10PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Advent CCD after Mass Mass 9AM	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	Christmas Day Mass	Christmas Day Mass	No Mass	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Mass 9AM	No Mass	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass 5PM	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Mass 5PM	No Mass	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM
St. Peter Claver: Christmas Eve Vigil 8PM							
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