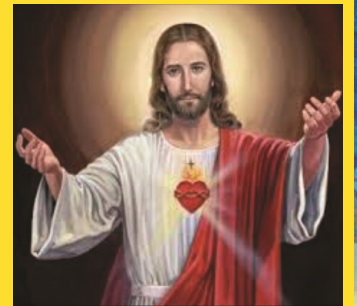


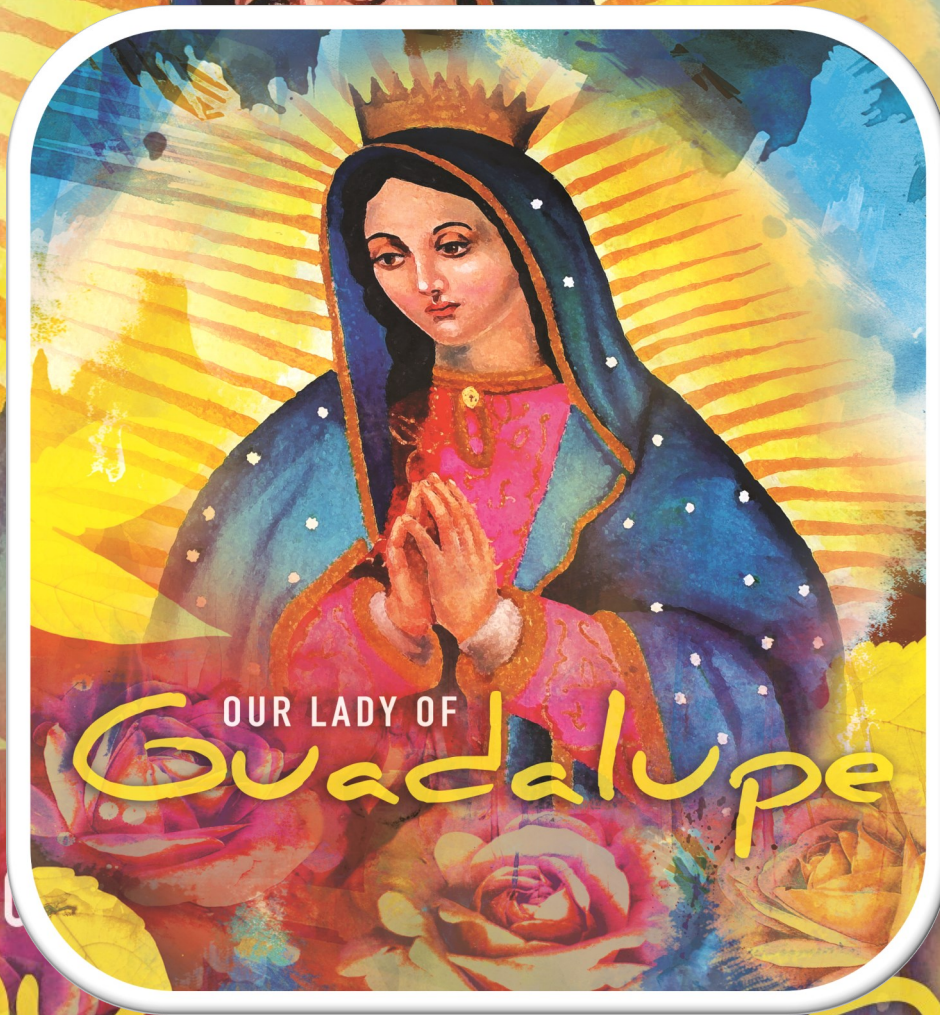


# Sacred Heart CATHOLIC CHURCH



2015 ADAMS AVENUE,  
HUNTINGTON, WV 25704

DEC 8, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## PARISH STAFF

**Administrator**  
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## WORSHIP

### WEEKEND LITURGIES

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

### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

**Monday:** NO MASS  
**Tuesday:** Adoration: 3PM  
Mass: 4PM  
**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)



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## 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

## - SACRAMENTS -



### BENEDICTION/ ADORATION

Tuesdays: Adoration 3:00PM, Mass 4:00PM

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 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words. Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations. Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come." – *Father John Muir*



### Oración para la segunda semana de Adviento

Con una esperanza perdurable mientras esperamos la llegada de Jesús,  
¡Endereza los caminos, Señor!  
Llénanos de santa emoción, en Tu nombre.  
Amén.

### Prayer for the second week of Advent

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival –Make straight the paths, Lord!  
Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.  
Amen.

"Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."  
- Lk 3:5-6



The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



### SAVE THE DATES

Dec 9th: Penance Service before 4PM Mass  
2:30pm to 3:45pm (Dec 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
Dec 14th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Christmas Dinner after 4PM Mass  
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass—4PM  
Christmas Day Mass—9AM

# 4 STEWARDSHIP AND PRAYER

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## OUR STEWARDSHIP

NOV 23 & NOV 24, 2024

Loose and Envelopes	\$1,413.00
Christmas Flower Collection	\$333.00
Collection Total	\$1,746.00
Mass Attendance	Sat 5:00 pm: 51 Sun 9:00 am: 58 Total: 109

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ruth Angle	The Vincent Mendez family
Beverly Beldon	Francisco Mendoza
Rose Blankenship	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
Trey Clayborne	Pat Stach
Kay Cox	Josh Straud
Jennifer Eastham-Chapman	Carolyn & Barry Smith
Capri Elswick	Judi Smith
Elizabeth George	Trish Smith
Linda Gutierrez	Craig Spaulding
Brooke Howerton	Sam & Lydia Spurlock
Amanda Hunter	Louise Tamlyn
Robert Hutton	Dreama Taylor
Susan Johnson	Denise Taylor
Conner Karr	Michael Taylor
Delores Law	Monica Thompson
Joe Leonoro	Earl Wall
Hannah Long	Loretta Whitfield
Pat Manis	Jean Williams
Andrea Markham	Jim Wright
Mandy Martinez	Christy York
Fr. Chuck McGinnis	Jennifer Blatt
Mario Mendez	

## 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 30 Nov 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 8th, 2024

- Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** 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
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



### Las lecturas de la semana del 8 de diciembre de 2024

- Domingo:** Bar 5, 1-9/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3)/Flp 1, 4-6. 8-11/Lc 3, 1-6
- Lunes:** Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38
- Martes:** Is 40, 1-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 3 y 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 18, 12-14
- Miércoles:** Is 40, 25-31/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10/Mt 11, 28-30
- Jueves:** Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Jdt 13, 18. 19/Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47
- Viernes:** Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Mt 11, 16-19
- Sábado:** Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 79, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19/Mt 17, 9. 10-13
- Domingo siguiente:** Sof 3, 14-18/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (6)/Flp 4, 4-7/Lc 3, 10-18

## PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00PM

People of the Parish

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00AM

+Americo Sebastiani

By: Ricky Sebastiani

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

No Mass

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00PM

+Celidea Cordiso

By: Ricky Sebastiani

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30AM

Healing of Jennifer Blatt

By: Rita Howerton

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

No Mass

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30AM

+Deceased family members of the Clifford and Gooderham Family

By: The Gooderham Family

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00PM

Homebound Parishioners

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00AM

The 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

## Las Posadas

### Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

### Answer:

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem. Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days. While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

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



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