

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018

***Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.***

— Luke 1:42



STEWARDSHIP

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior, gave her time and love to others as well.

Your Gifts to God and Parish - December 9th

Sacrificial Giving: \$ 11,736.64

Building Fund: \$ 3,475.41

Not in envelopes: \$ 6,002.00

Children's Sharing

Treasure: \$ 16.57



Christmas Eve Scripture and Songs



Please join the Choir for our annual **Scripture and Songs Event prior to the 11 pm Mass.** The program will begin at **10:15 pm.** This program will prayerfully and joyfully start off your Christmas Season.



FORMED

Prepare the Way – an Advent Journey

Week Four: The Last Things

Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell are not necessarily topics that people like to think of or discuss. However, at the end of time, Christ will come again in glory, our bodies will be resurrected, and all humanity will face the Last Judgment, in which the truth of each person's relationship with God will be made known and the consequences of each person's actions will be revealed. Are we preparing ourselves for this moment?

This week, login to formed.org, go to "Study", select Symbolon and select Session 10, *The Last Things, What Happens After We Die?*

Still haven't signed up for FORMED?

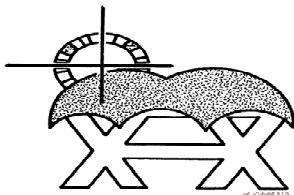
To Register!

1. Go to www.sacredheartcatholicchurch.formed.org
2. Click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password
3. You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED!



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, and Wednesday, December 26th, for the Christmas holiday.

***May the wonder and peace of Christmas
be yours all through the year.***



***from Fr. Mike
and the Staff of Sacred Heart Parish***

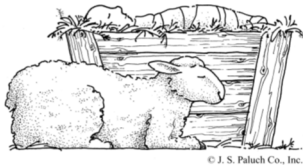


Christmas Break
Begins **Wednesday, December 19th**
Classes resume on **Sunday, January 9th**.

Join our Facebook Page to keep updated about schedules, make-up dates & important info. Sacred Heart Fleming Island Religious Ed.

Reminders for the New Year:

Confirmation Parent Meeting, January 25th
First Communion Parent Meeting, February 11th



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PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILD

From the teachers and staff of Annunciation School:

During the season of Advent, here are a few final ideas to help children to stay focused on the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

1. Never be afraid to express your faith in front of your children, even if it is something simple such as wishing someone 'Merry Christmas' or blessing yourself in front of the Nativity scene at the mall.
2. On Christmas morning, before going to church or opening presents, gather at your family's Nativity set and sing a religious song together, to welcome Jesus into your home.

Always try to be a good example of the love Jesus shows, being patient, forgiving, generous, and attentive to the spiritual gifts of the Advent season. By preparing our homes and our hearts for His birth, we will find this time truly joy-filled. *It is a challenge to attempt all these things, but starting some of these faith-based traditions will certainly result in your children having a deeper grasp of what Advent is really about, and they will benefit from developing their innate spirituality with your attention to the 'things of God.'*

May you have a blessed Christmas!



Youth Ministry Corner

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas to all of our AMAZING TEEN S AND 'TWEENS in our Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Program.

We will see you back on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 for our **Winter 2019 Kickoff!**

A HUGE **Thank You** goes out to **Mrs. Amanda Streeter** for creating a delicious homemade meal for BOTH sessions of our High School Youth Night and our 6th - 8th Youth Night on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Each teen and 'tween truly enjoyed every morsel.

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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PLEASE HELP!

The appliances in our Education building are reaching the end of their efficiency and usefulness. If you are replacing your refrigerator or stove in the near future and would consider donating them, please keep us in mind. Call the Parish Office at 284-3811 to let us know. Pick-up is available. Thanks!

In Our Parish...

PARISHIONER SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCH

The Senior Luncheon is open to all Seniors of Sacred Heart Catholic Church to encourage fellowship and camaraderie among registered parishioners while enjoying a lunch. Please join us



on **Wednesday, January 16th**, at 11:30am in Sullivan Hall for **Potluck and Bingo!**



Please bring a dish to share.

RSVP to the Parish Office at 284-3811 by Friday, January 11th.

All are welcome but please no walk-ins!



*Joy
to the
world,
the Lord
is come! Let
earth receive its
King; Let ev'ry heart
prepare Him room. And
heav'n and nature sing. Joy
to the earth the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ. While
fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy!*

Men's Alpha Breakfast

Saturday, January 5th, 8:00 am, Activity Center
Sausage, biscuits and gravy

Who is Jesus? The historical evidence.

RSVP Joe Brundage at joeslonghorns@icloud.com

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, Monday, December 24th

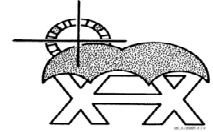
Fleming Island

4:00 pm Children's Mass

6:00 pm

11:00 pm *(A Lessons and
Carols Program*

will begin at 10:15 pm)



Green Cove Springs

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
(in English)

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
(en Español)

CHRISTMAS DAY, Tuesday, December 25th

Fleming Island

10:00 am Mass

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE—Monday, December 31st

Fleming Island - 5:30 pm Vigil

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Tuesday, January 1st

Fleming Island - 9:00 am Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Tuesday, January 1st

Green Cove Springs - 5:00 pm Mass
(en Español)



Merry Christmas
from your Outreach Volunteers!

Marriage Preparation



Marriage Preparation: To schedule a wedding, an engaged couple must meet with their parish priest or deacon at least eight months before their proposed wedding date. Preparation for the sacrament includes attending a diocesan program such as **Engaged Encounter** or **Pre Cana**. Also, couples of child-bearing age will need to take a full course of **Natural Family Planning**. Pre-registration for each of these programs is mandatory.

The **next Engaged Encounter** program will be **February 8th-10th** at Marywood Retreat Center. The **next Pre Cana** program will be **March 2nd** in Jacksonville. For more information about the diocesan requirements or to register for any of the diocesan programs, please visit www.dcfl.org or call (904) 551-2619.

PARISH WEBSITE

Be in the know... check out our website at www.sacredheartcatholicchurch.org Contact Parish Office at 284-3811 or email bulletin@sacredheartcatholicchurch.org if you have something for the website.



Matching Donation

One of our parishioners has generously offered to match any end of year contributions up to a total \$10,000. If you would like to make a contribution to be matched, please write "Matching Donation" in the memo section of your check and we will make sure that it is put towards the amount to be matched. Thank you for your consideration and your generosity throughout the year, we are so very blessed.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pray For Vocations

Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say, "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38).

If you have a question about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, contact the Vocation Office, at (904) 262-3200 ext. 101, or email vocations@dosafll.com



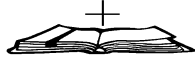
Catholic Schools Build the Kingdom of God and You Can Help!

Catholic schools have served for centuries as a powerful tool to evangelize the Faith, energize Catholic families, and build the Kingdom of God in our communities. Our Diocesan Catholic schools are growing to fulfil this mission for the years to come.

Deacon Scott Conway, our Superintendent of Schools, and our schools need your help. Rising costs and a growing Catholic community present real challenges in operational and capital costs. As you make gifts to many charities at year end, please consider our own Catholic Schools.

A gift to your parish school or to the Diocesan schools would have a wonderful direct and immediate impact as it will change the lives of children and families in our Diocese. You can help a deserving student's Catholic education for as little as \$10-\$400 per month, or make a pledge to help our Catholic schools create new programs and serve new communities. Please contact Principal **Vicki Farrington at Annunciation Catholic School** to make a gift. You can also contact Lesley Harvey of the Council of Catholic Academies at lharvey@dosafll.com to hear about ways you can build the Kingdom of God through our Diocesan schools.

Mass Intentions



CHRISTMAS EVE - Monday, December 24th,

4:00 - In memory of Carlos Santos requested by Patti Bolanos.

5:00 (Green Cove) For the Aybar and Cardoza Families requested by Mildred Aybar.

6:00- For our homebound parishioners, those in the hospital and those in care facilities.

11:00 - For Marybeth Frisbie requested by the Bachman Family.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Tuesday, December 25th,

10:00 am - In memory of Ann Cekosh requested by Don and Kathy Yoakley.

Wednesday, December 26th - No Mass

Thursday, December 27th, 8:00 am - In memory of Kyle Klocek requested by Mom, Dad and Family.

Friday, December 28th, 8:00 am - In memory of Luke Raspa requested by Don and Kathy Yoakley.

Saturday, December 29th, 5:30 pm - In memory of Ginny Halligan requested by Diane Conlon.

Sunday, December 30th, 8:00 am - For the Special Intentions of the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish.

Sunday, December 30th, 10:30 am - In memory of Richard Mountain requested by Janet and Doug Wilson.

Sunday, December 30th, 5:30 pm - In memory of Nicholas Gonzalez requested by the Gonzalez Family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 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]

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

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

PRAYER LIST

Please call the Parish Office to have names included on our list. Names will be printed in the bulletin for four weeks before being removed or unless re-added by request.



Thank you for helping us keep our list current.

Please pray for...

Daniel Brown,

Ansley Luther, Tabitha Perry, Levi Shepherd, Charley Strayer, Patty Trahan, Rita Williams,

Donna Musselwhite, Michelle Robichaud, Alan Slaughter, Robin Thompson, Lara Wojciechowski,

Marsha Ennis, Thomas Fanning, James Macklin, Karen McCallan, Elizabeth Otto, Gregorio Rosario, Rita Trzaska, our prayer blanket recipients and our homebound parishioners.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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SULLIVAN HALL

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