

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Main Church
7190 Highway 17 South
Fleming Island FL 32003

Green Cove Springs Church
207 Palmetto Avenue
Green Cove Springs FL 32043



Welcome to Sacred Heart

We extend a warm welcome to those who attend our Church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome. Parish registration forms are in the back of the church or may be obtained at the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE

Tel 284-3811 Fax 529-8845
Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Pastor: Father Michael Pendergraft
Parochial Vicar: Father Sebastian Garcia
Business Manager: Tish Aguilar
Receptionists: Mary Bullington, Silvia Alexander
Hall Director: Arlene Manalo
Youth Director: Janice Schubert
Facility Manager: Kirk Nicholson
Music Director: Karen Otto

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tel 284-9983
Kristin Michler-Belleza (K-5)
Sandra Curtis (6-12)

CONTACTOS DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Padre Sebastian Garcia and Sandra Curtis

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1610 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg 32068
Tel. 282-0504

MASS SCHEDULE

Due to Coronavirus Pandemic we have limited occupancy. Please call the office for mass times and to reserve your spot for weekend services.

Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
or by appointment

To arrange for Baptism or Marriages please call the Parish Office. Homebound Parishioners: Please call the office if you know of anyone who needs Eucharist brought to the home or would like a visit.

Web site: www.SacredHeartCatholicChurch.org

MISSION STATEMENT

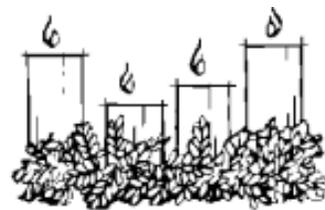
Compelled by the Gospel, we the parish family of Sacred Heart, promote and support Christian Life by serving our parish and community through the celebration of the sacraments, educational programs and other parish ministries.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

**The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.**

—Luke 1:35



STEWARDSHIP

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

Your Gifts to God and Parish - December 6th

Sacrificial Giving: \$ 15,276.50

Building Fund: \$ 8,085.00

Not in envelopes: \$ 4,037.00

Children's Sharing: \$ 4.00



Thank you for your continuing contributions.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, Thursday, December 24th

English Masses

4:00 pm (Church)

4:00 pm (Sullivan Hall)

6:00 pm (Church)

6:00 pm (Sullivan Hall)

12:00 am (Bi-lingual in Church)

*(A Carols Program will begin
at 11:30 pm)*

CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, December 25th

English Mass (Church)

10:00 am Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES

We will be taking reservations for the Christmas Masses by email. Please respond to christmasmasssh@gmail.com with your request. For the 4 pm and 6 pm Masses, we will be seating the first 150 in the sanctuary and the next 125 in Sullivan Hall. The Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Mass will both be in the Sanctuary. You will receive an email response letting you know if we can accommodate your request and which location (if it is one of the 4 pm or 6 pm Masses). Thank you so much for your cooperation, these are trying times and we are trying :) Merry Christmas and God Bless.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE—Thursday, December 31st

English - 5:30 pm Vigil Mass (Church)

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Friday, January 1st

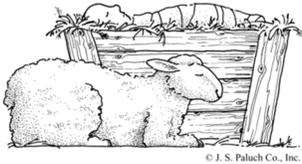
English - 9:00 am Mass (Church)

Spanish 5:00 pm Mass (en Español en Church)

The Parish Office will be closed to visitors from December 14th - January 4th for the utmost safety of the staff and our parishioners. You can sign up for weekend and Christmas Masses at christmasmasssh@gmail.com. You will receive a reply confirming your seats for that Mass. If you need to reach a staff member, please leave a message or send an email and they will try their best to get back with you. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.



CHRISTMAS BREAK
December 14th - January 5th



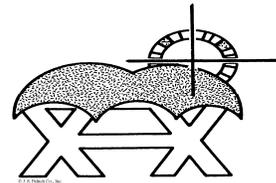
Merry Christmas!

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Youth Ministry Corner

Youth Group Christmas Break
December 21st - January 4th Merry Christmas

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



From Fr. Mike, Fr. Sebastian,
and the Staff of Sacred Heart Parish



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HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Articles for the January 2nd bulletin are due by
noon on Monday, December 21st. They
may be emailed to:

bulletin@sacredheartcatholicchurch.org

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS READINGS

Primera Lectura, Isaías 9:1-6

(Spanish Translation)

Lectura del Libro del profeta Isaías.

El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una gran luz; sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombras, una luz resplandeció. Engrandeciste a tu pueblo e hiciste grande su alegría. Se gozan en tu presencia como gozan al cosechar, como se alegran al repartirse el botín. Porque tú quebrantaste su pesado yugo, la barra que oprimía sus hombros y el cetro de su trono, como en el día de Madián. Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo se nos ha dado; lleva sobre sus hombros el signo del imperio y su nombre será: "Consejero admirable", "Dios poderoso", "Padre sempiterno", "Príncipe de la luz", para extender el principado con una paz sin límites sobre el trono de David y sobre su reino; para establecerlo y consolidarlo con la justicia y el derecho, desde ahora y para siempre. El celo del Señor lo realizara.

Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos, Señor.**

Responsorial Psalm/Salmo Responsorial

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Hoy nos ha nacido un Salvador: el Mesías, el Señor.

Second Reading, Titus 2:11-14

(Traducción en Inglés)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus.

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Lucas 2:1-14

(Spanish Translation)

Por aquellos días, se promulgó un edicto de César Augusto, que ordenaba un censo de todo el imperio. Este primer censo se hizo cuando Quirino era gobernador de Siria. Todos iban a empadronarse, cada uno en su propia ciudad; así es que también José, perteneciente a la casa y familia de David, se dirigió desde la ciudad de Nazaret, en Galilea, a la ciudad de David, llamada Belén, para empadronarse, juntamente con María, su esposa, que estaba encinta.

Mientras estaban ahí, le llegó a María el tiempo de dar a luz y tuvo a su hijo primogénito; lo envolvió en pañales y lo recostó en un pesebre, porque no hubo lugar para ellos en la posada.

En aquella región había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo, vigilando por turno sus rebaños. Un ángel del Señor se les apareció y la gloria de Dios los envolvió con su luz y se llenaron de temor. El ángel les dijo: "No teman. Les traigo una buena noticia que causará gran alegría a todo el pueblo: hoy les ha nacido, en la ciudad de David, un Salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor. Esto les servirá de señal; encontrarán al niño envuelto en pañales y recostado en un pesebre".

De pronto se le unió al ángel una multitud del ejército celestial, que alababa a Dios, diciendo: "¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo, y en la tierra paz a los hombres de buena voluntad!"

Palabra del Señor.

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**. Pre-registration for each of these programs is mandatory.



For more information about the diocesan requirements or to register for any of the diocesan programs, please visit www.dcfi.org or call (904) 551-2619.

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@dosafli.com

DID YOU KNOW...



Difficulties can come up during prayer. One of the most habitual form of difficulty is that of distraction. While we recognize that this can affect the words and their meaning during vocal prayer, we must not set about hunting

down these distractions. Instead they can reveal what it is that we are attached to and awaken our love for God. This does require vigilance and temperance.

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David’s descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

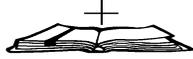
Mary’s prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. “How can this come about?” Mary wondered. “The Holy Spirit will come upon you,” she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary’s acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God’s reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the “obedience of faith” “according to the command of the eternal God” (Romans 16:26).

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Mass Intentions



Monday, December 21st, 8:00 am – In memory of Al Cerone requested by the Belleza Family.
Tuesday, December 22nd, 8:00 am - In memory of Barbara Hambleton requested by Sacred Heart Parish.
Wednesday, December 23rd, 8:00 am - In memory of Dorothea Delson requested by Ray and Anne Hejmanowski.
Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th, 4:00 pm Church- In memory of Ciriaco dela Cruz requested by Barbara and Ed Labao.
4:00 pm Sullivan Hall– For Kristin Michler-Belleza.
6:00 pm Church- For the Aybar and Lafont Families.
6:00 pm Sullivan Hall - In memory of Richard Witman.
12:00 am Church - For the Abueg Family in thanksgiving.
Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th, 10:00 am - For Jose Asencia and Family requested by his wife.
Saturday, December 26th, 5:30 pm –In memory of Rosario Nemeth requested by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Corpus.
Sunday, December 27th, 8:00 am - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish.
Sunday, December 27th, 10:30 am - In memory of Kyle Klocek requested by his Parents.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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...

Fr. Andy Blaszkowski, Robert Lafont, Kristin Michler – Belleza, Joseph Moldoon, Lynn Molineaux,

Carmen Agosto, Noline Killi, Mike Roe, Paulette Rosevear, Mary Beth Wagner, Murray Willis, Dennis Witt,

Hugh James, Ansley Luther, Justin, Karen McCallan, Sharon Peden, Donna Ramos, Levi Shepherd, Patricia Weikel, Rita Williams,

Patricia Angelini, Will Bennett, Henry DeWerth, Laura Lynn Elgin, Glen Dutcher, Nick and Mary Ann Williams, Pat Winkeler,

John Anderson, Donald Black, Kitty Estes, Cheryl Gomes, Mark Hathaway, Art Hernandez, Daniel Hubert, Mark Jones, Doug Kirk, John Knight, Kat Launer, Cindy Mackert, Yvonne McCarter, Patty Nolen, Ben O'Steen, Stephanie Wiley, Bonnie and Keith Willis, Martha Wilson, Carol Wilson, our homebound parishioners and our prayer blanket recipients.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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SULLIVAN HALL

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