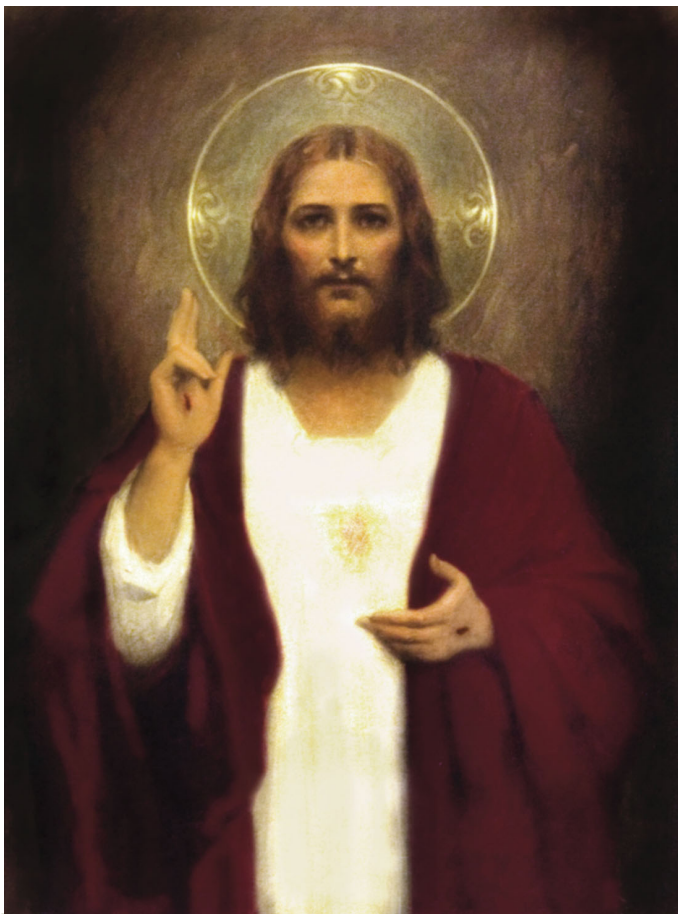


Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Mary Church

December 1, 2019



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Mass Schedule:

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before every Mass.

	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>
Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	
Thursday		7:00 a.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m.	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

Pastoral Staff

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MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 1, 2019-DECEMBER 8, 2019

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 12:05 p.m.: Gantt Wade Wyble

Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 6:00 p.m.:

Thursday, December 5, 2019, St. Mary Church, 7:00 a.m.:

Friday, December 6, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 a.m.:

Saturday, December 7, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 4:00 p.m.: Marcel and Theresa Daspit, Adolph and Yvonne Bourque, Herman Devillier, Una Mae Miller, Dan and James Danton Kennison

Sunday, December 8, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 a.m.: Matthew James Polaniecki, Herman John, Alec Hayden and Kenneth J. Olivier, Garland Badeaux

Sunday, December 8, 2019, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 9:00 a.m.: Parochial Mass for all Parishioners

Sunday, December 8, 2019, St. Mary Church, 11:00 a.m.:

First Saturday Mass will be on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at St. Mary at 9:00 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus
Collections**

Due to an early bulletin
deadline offertory
amount are not available.

**St. Mary Church
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**Offertory:
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HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749)

December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict said that in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2019.
The obligation to attend Mass is dispensed
because December 8 falls on Sunday.

December 1, 2019 First Sunday of Advent

NEXT WEEKEND: Second collection for Capital Improvements.

COME, LORD JESUS!

A Bible Study and So Much More!

We are excited to offer our parish an opportunity to study the life-giving Word of God in the format used by our Apostles and the early Church. We invite you to experience *Come, Lord Jesus!* For a deeper understanding of Scripture, greater knowledge of our Catholic faith, as well as a closer relationship with our Lord and each other. Please make plans to attend An Introduction to *Come, Lord Jesus!* Tuesday evening, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Hall. Revive your faith with *Come, Lord Jesus!*

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

In addition to the regular schedule of Confession listed on the front of the bulletin, Fr. Clint will be available for Confession on Wednesday evenings following the 6:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart on December 4th, 11th, 18th.

2019 CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 7, 2019

10 A.M. SAIZAN STREET

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

At St. Joseph Hall. Santa will have gifts for the children. Door prizes for the adults. This is a family gathering. Red beans and rice and soft drinks will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

SACRED HEART AND ST. MARY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Christmas Social will be on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Hall. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a dish. Santa will be there.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

Christmas Flower Intention Envelopes are available at the entrance of Church. If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers please use the envelope provided and list the intention.

SACRED HEART GENERAL CHURCH CLEANING

Parishioners of Sacred Heart are invited to give a general cleaning to the Church on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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