

SACRED HEART CHURCH



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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (English) & 11:00 a.m. (Latin)

Weekday: 9:00 a.m. (Latin)

Holy Day: 9:00 a.m. (Latin) 12:00 Noon (English) & 7:00 p.m. (Latin)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thirty minutes before Mass Sunday-Friday

Saturday during Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Novena of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Tuesdays after Mass

Holy Hour: Saturdays at 7:50 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER	25	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (I)
12:00 Midnight		Pro Populo
9:00 a.m.		Special Intention/Dan McCullough by Mary Claire, Daniel & Christian
11:00 a.m.		Ethel Haehnle
MONDAY	26	SAINT STEPHEN (II)
9:00 a.m.		Elizabeth Wiesman by Family
TUESDAY	27	SAINT JOHN (II)
9:00 a.m.		Thomas Jaeger by Jerry & Susan Salzl
WEDNESDAY	28	HOLY INNOCENTS (II)
9:00 a.m.		Beth Hambrick by Therese Kenning
THURSDAY	29	DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY (II)
9:00 a.m.		Beth Hambrick by Mary Burwinkel
FRIDAY	30	DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY (II)
9:00 a.m.		Rose & Albert DiPilla by The Ciafardini Family
SATURDAY	31	DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY (II)
9:00 a.m.		Ethel Haehnle by Daughter, Cathy & Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY	1	OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS (I)
9:00 a.m.		Special Intention/Jerry & Susan Salzl
11:00 a.m.		Paul & Claire Schneider by Pat & Mary Ashcraft

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, December 18: (46 Envelopes)

Your Gift to God through Your Parish: \$2,771.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Alexander Piening

Call the Parish Office to be included on the Sick List

OLD ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday 7:30 a.m. (Low Latin) 9:15 a.m. (Sung Latin Ordinary Form) 11:00 a.m. (German)
12:30 p.m. (English) & 7:00 p.m. (English)

Monday-Friday 7:15 a.m. (Traditional Latin) & 12:10 p.m. (English)

Saturday 6:45 a.m. (Traditional Latin) & 12:10 p.m. (English)

Tuesday – Adoration 8:00 a.m. – Noon & 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Parish Holy Hour from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. with Confession

Sacrament of Penance offered before Sunday Mass (9:15 a.m. 12:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Daily after 12:10 Mass until 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday 7:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

*You may drop your collection envelope at either parish and it will make its way to its intended destination.

FROM THE PASTOR

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Gelobt sei Jesus Christus! Sia lodato Gesù Cristo! Praised be Jesus Christ!

Felicem diem Nativitatis! Frohe Weihnachten! Buon Natale! Merry Christmas!

Today we celebrate Christmas Day. On behalf of the priests, brothers, and staff of Old St. Mary's and Sacred Heart, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas. Fr. Earl Fernandes also sends his Christmas greetings from Washington to each of you! I pray that the day of the Nativity of the Lord is blessed for each of you. The Lord has come into time and space on this day, accepting our human nature so that we may become like God. May we not take this gift for granted, striving each day to grow in greater perfection. Please find this Christmas Sermon from St. Leo the Great for your meditation. Have a blessed Christmas Season!

Fr. Paul Beach

"Our Savior, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon. Let the gentile take courage in that he is called to life. For the Son of God in the fullness of time which the inscrutable depth of the Divine counsel has determined, has taken on him the nature of man, thereby to reconcile it to its Author: in order that the inventor of death, the devil, might be conquered through that (nature) which he had conquered. And in this conflict undertaken for us, the fight was fought on great and wondrous principles of fairness; for the Almighty Lord enters the lists with His savage foe not in His own majesty but in our humility, opposing him with the same form and the same nature, which shares indeed our mortality, though it is free from all sin. . .

A royal Virgin of the stem of David is chosen, to be impregnated with the sacred seed and to conceive the Divinely-human offspring in mind first and then in body. And lest in ignorance of the heavenly counsel she should tremble at so strange a result, she learns from converse with the angel that what is to be wrought in her is of the Holy Ghost. Nor does she believe it loss of honor that she is soon to be the Mother of God. For why should she be in despair over the novelty of such conception, to whom the power of the most High has promised to effect it. Her implicit faith is confirmed also by the attestation of a precursory miracle, and Elizabeth receives unexpected fertility: in order that there might be no doubt that He who had given conception to the barren, would give it even to a virgin.

Let us then, dearly beloved, give thanks to God the Father, through His Son, in the Holy Spirit, Who for His great mercy, wherewith He has loved us, has had pity on us: and when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together in Christ, that we might be in Him a new creation and a new production. Let us put off then the old man with his deeds: and having obtained a share in the birth of Christ let us renounce the works of the flesh. Christian, acknowledge your dignity, and becoming a partner in the Divine nature, refuse to return to the old baseness by degenerate conduct. Remember the Head and the Body of which you are a member. Recollect that you were rescued from the power of darkness and brought out into God's light and kingdom. By the mystery of Baptism you were made the temple of the Holy Ghost: do not put such a denizen to flight from you by base acts, and subject yourself once more to the devil's thralldom: because your purchase money is the blood of Christ, because He shall judge you in truth Who ransomed you in mercy, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit reigns for ever and ever. Amen." - St. Leo the Great

PARISH NEWS

The Parish Office will be closed from December 26 thru January 2. Messages will be checked periodically, but may not be returned until the Parish Office reopens on January 3. If there is an emergency requiring the Sacraments, please call the parish number and select the appropriate option for a priest.

FORMED Please do not forget about our parish subscription to Formed. Every parishioner can have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including computer, smartphone, and tablet. You may register at www.formed.org/register. Our parish code is NFDBVP. Please take advantage of great opportunity to learn more about our Holy Faith!

2017 Calendars are available in the Church. There is the regular Sacred Heart calendar that is free for anyone to take. For those who asked for a calendar with the Traditional Feasts, there are some calendars from Old St. Mary's available for a donation of \$3 (this goes to cover the cost of the printing). The calendar includes all New and Traditional Calendar Feasts, Obligatory and Suggested Days of Penance, as well as some parish events. If anyone would like to take some random photos going forward, we can make our own Sacred Heart Calendar for 2018, but the work needs to begin now! You can submit photos for consideration by emailing them to Fr. Jon-Paul.

Mass Intentions We are now accepting mass intentions for 2017. If you wish to request a mass for a deceased relative, friend or a special intention for the living please mail or drop the information in the collection basket. The normal stipend for a mass is \$5.00. If you have any questions please call the office at 513-541-4654.

Catechism Classes are held each Tuesday at Old St. Mary's for our children and our adults and on Wednesday mornings at Sacred Heart for adults. Tuesday evening at Old St. Mary's begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. Confession is available from 7:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. with Benediction at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday catechism begins after the daily Mass at Sacred Heart. Please join us for these opportunities. Classes will be on Christmas Break thru January 3. Classes will resume on January 10 & 11.

End of the Year Giving Many people are looking to donate to a good charity, especially at the end of the year (for tax purposes). Why not give to your parish? Please remember Sacred Heart as you consider charities, knowing that you will be remembered in our prayers.

We have had individuals and groups of individuals solicit parishioners for money, both in church and in the parking lot. You are asked *not* give money to such individuals. If you notice any solicitation, please bring it to the celebrating priest's attention and discourage it.

Fr. Mario has asked that we extend his greetings for the Christmas season to all his friends and parishioners at Sacred Heart. He also wishes to thank you for your gratitude shown to him and wants everyone to know he prays for you everyday. Everyday? Yes, everyday. Fr. Mario's address is: c/o Villa Scalabrini Retirement Ctr., 10631 Vinedale St., Sun Valley, CA 91352. Please keep Fr. Vincent in your prayers while he recuperates. He can be reached at the same address as Fr. Mario.

Ravioli! We are now selling cases of ravioli (20 boxes per case) for \$120.00 each, that's only \$6.00 per box. Quart of meatballs (12) are now \$6.00 and a quart of sauce is \$5.00. If you are interested in sharing with relatives or friends for the holidays please call the office at 541-4654, Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Individual boxes (50 ravioli) may be purchased at \$7.00 per box.