

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	4	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (I)
9:00 a.m.		Poor Souls by Ron & Marilyn Claybron
11:00 a.m.		Bill Wilson by Therese & Bob Kenning
MONDAY	5	FERIA OF ADVENT (III)
9:00 a.m.		Special Intention/RA by Mary Jo Simon
TUESDAY	6	SAINT NICHOLAS (III)
9:00 a.m.		Herb Gable by Sue Prieshoff
WEDNESDAY	7	SAINT AMBROSE (III)
9:00 a.m.		Leo & Mary Cassini by Ross, Rub & Cassini Family
THURSDAY	8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (I)
9:00 a.m.		Rita Alfano by Gabriella Selm
12:00 noon		Tom Acra by Family
7:00 p.m.		Pro Populo
FRIDAY	9	FERIA OF ADVENT (III)
9:00 a.m.		Special Intention/RA by Mary Jo Simon
SATURDAY	10	FERIA OF ADVENT (III)
9:00 a.m.		Leo & Mary Cassini by Dean, Hidi, Dennie & Jack
SUNDAY	11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>GAUDETE SUNDAY (I)</i>
9:00 a.m.		Rosemary Vassolo by Family
11:00 a.m.		Bill Wilson by Edward & Catherine Geiser

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, November 27: (34 Envelopes)

Your Gift to God through Your Parish: \$6,550

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please submit names to the parish office!

FROM THE PASTOR

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

I am happy to release this new bulletin format today. The new format will provide the parish more space to advertise and promote events, and help to keep each of you informed about the parish. It is important to read the bulletin each week, so please be sure to take home a bulletin after Mass. Included on the previous page is a list of the sick in our parish. If you, or know anyone in our parish, who is sick and in need of prayers, please

contact the parish office to include them. If you would like to have information or an event included, please contact the office no later than the Monday prior to the following Sunday.

This coming Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, so please be sure to make it to Mass this coming Thursday. Please see parish news on the next page for information regarding Mass times here at Sacred Heart.

The bishops of this country, in 1846 at the First Council of Baltimore, declared Our Lady, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, to be the patroness of our country. During this time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was disputed. Throughout the centuries, even saints debated the matter. St. Thomas Aquinas, for example, doubted the Immaculate Conception. It was the Franciscans, specifically Bl. Duns Scotus, who advocated for the Immaculate Conception.

Contrary to so much of what we will read, the Immaculate Conception is not the conception of Our Lord. Rather, it is the conception of the Blessed Virgin. When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's command, they committed the first human sin. As a result, they lost many of the original gifts that God enshrined within human nature. Gifts such as immortality, complete health, and perfect happiness. They lost the grace that God originally gave to humanity, and Adam and Eve could not pass these gifts on to their children. This, in a simplified form, can be understood to be Original Sin. Adam and Eve caused their children to not be born in the friendship of God.

This is what Our Lord came to correct, while restoring all things in Himself. The Immaculate Conception teaches, that in anticipation of the act of redemption by Our Lord (called prevenient grace), that Our Lady was preserved from Original Sin, being born full of grace. The first human since Adam and Eve to be born in Sanctifying Grace.

It wasn't until 1854 that Bl. Pope Pius IX settled the matter, and solemnly defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Four years later, on March 25, 1858 (the Feast of the Annunciation and the Patronal Feast Day of Old St. Mary's), Our Lady gave Heavenly confirmation of the dogma at Lourdes, when she declared to St. Bernadette that she was 'the Immaculate Conception.'

The Feast, as we know it, began to be celebrated in England in the eleventh century. There was a Feast of the Conception of St. Anne (the mother of the Blessed Virgin) since the seventh century, but the Feast made no reference to Mary's sinlessness. By the fifteenth century, the Feast was extended throughout the Church. It became a Holy Day of Obligation in 1708.

We entrust our parish to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception. We pray for her continued intercession for us, and that through her, more grace will flow into the world through the Sacraments. Have a blessed week ahead!

Fr. Paul Beach

PARISH NEWS

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, in which Catholics are bound to attend Mass. Our Lady, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States. Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. (Traditional Latin), 12:00 noon (English), & 7:00 p.m. (Traditional Latin).

A Solemn Rorate Mass will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 6:45 a.m. at Old St. Mary's Church. This will be a Solemn Traditional Latin Mass, completely by candlelight. This is a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and has been called a mini-Christmas. Please join us for this inspiring Mass as we prepare for the birth of the Lord. **Please note that there will be no Holy Hour at Sacred Heart on December 10.**

Christmas is on a Sunday this year. Please find the Christmas schedule below:

Midnight (Traditional Latin Mass)

9:00 a.m. (English)

11:00 a.m. (Traditional Latin Mass)

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! 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. Supplies will also be available for sale after Masses on Sunday, December 11, 2016.

Holy Hour Please join us for a Holy Hour each Saturday before Mass. The Holy Hour begins at 7:50 a.m. and concludes at 8:50 a.m. with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will open ten minutes before the Holy Hour. Confession will be heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in praying for our parish, the Community-in-Formation, for vocations, and the needs of our families, and nation.

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 from December 20 until January 3. Classes will resume on January 10 & 11.

Second Collection for Religious will be taken up next Sunday. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given their lives for the Church.