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DECEMBER 15, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Monday—Friday | 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4:30 pm Sunday | 8:00 am,10:00 am 5:00 pm

Confession

Monday | 7:30 am—7:55 am Saturday | 3:15 pm—4:00 pm Other | By Appointment

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet: After Daily Mass

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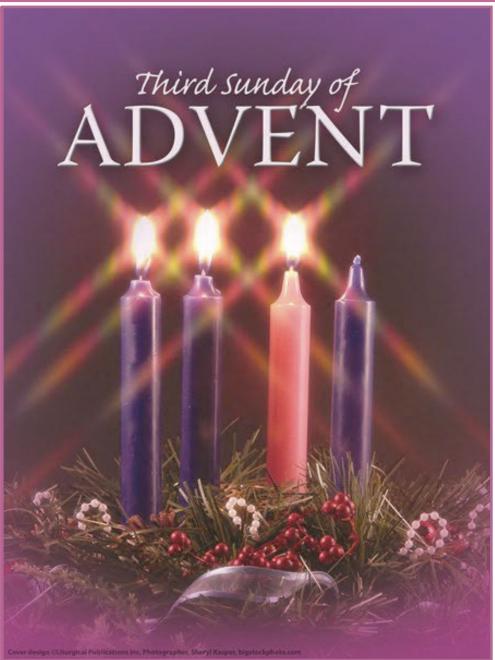
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PARISH ACTIVITIES & HAPPENINGS



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE Wednesday, December 18, 2024 7:00 PM

LAS POSADAS

Sunday, December 22, 2024 6:00 pm, Parish Courtyard

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 4:00 PM Children's Pageant 7:00 PM Adult & Families

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM No 5:00 PM Mass

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 29, 2024 4:30 pm Vigil Mass 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 9:00 AM

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 8, 2025 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Saturday) 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH OCEAN BEACH



WELCOME!

We warmly welcome all visitors to our parish, the heart of our Catholic faith-life in Ocean Beach since 1911. Thank you for joining us for Divine Worship. We hope you find ways to participate in our life in Christ through the various ministries we offer.

If you find yourself returning here, we invite you to join us as a member of our parish family. Use a registration form available at the HeartBeat Table or in the Parish Office, or go to the parish website:

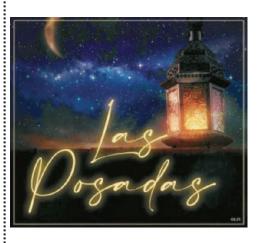
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Your registration makes it possible for us to communicate with and to plan and provide needs vour more effectively, especially for Baptism or Marriage, as well as eligibility to serve **Godparents** as Sponsors.

LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby <u>Jesus</u>. When they were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable, where the Christ Child was born.

We will celebrate this journey on December 22 here at Sacred Heart with a procession of children and adults beginning in the Sacred Heart courtyard at 6:00 pm. Join us for this joyous celebration.







Happy Holidays ...

Yes! The Holiday season is upon us. Do you know someone who is a shut-in or someone without a family who could use a dinner delivered on Christmas Day? If you know of a person who will be alone on Christmas, we would be happy to deliver a home-cooked meal to them early afternoon on Christmas day. Please call Janice Teixeira at **619-**(619-246-4955 or email her at teixeira@cox.net. Thank you and Merry Christmas!



Women and Men **Religious** offer Gratitude

the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters, Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them dignified a retirement. To learn how your donation helps. visit retiredreligious.org. If you have not yet contributed it is not too late. Please make checks out to Sacred Heart of Ocean Beach.

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Many Blessings, Fr. Billy.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

– Father John Muir

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In Memoriam

Long-time parishioner of Sacred Heart, Pat Gramm's, funeral Mass will be on Friday, December 27, at 10:00 am with a reception to follow in the parish Hall. Please pray for the family.

> May the Angels lead Pat into paradise.

Pray with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.

Amen.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What do we call an ornamental canopy above an altar inside a church?

Answer: A Baldacchino or

Baldachin.

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In Memoriam

Mike Balich a long time parishioner and resident of Ocean Beach, passed away November 24,2024. A funeral Mass for Mike will be announced later. Please pray for Mike, and his family.

> May the Angels lead Mike into paradise.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps Monday:

25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-

9/Mt 21:23-27

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-**Tuesday:**

2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1

-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12

-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps Thursday:

71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/

Lk 1:5-25

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-Friday:

4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20

-21/Lk 1:39-45

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15 **Sunday:**

-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5

-10/Lk 1:39-45

Mass for the Intentions Week

Dec. 14 Saturday

4;30 p.m. Maria, Joaquin & Bibiana Medina †

Dec. 15 Sunday

8:00 a.m. John Robert Geisler † 10:00 a.m. Maria E. Coito 5:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners **Dec. 16 Monday**

Dec. 16 Monday 8:00 a.m. Sarah Welch † Dec. 17 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Gayle Willen Dec. 18 Wednesday 8:00 a.m Marion Bench † Dec. 19 Thursday

8:00 a.m Henrietta Selina Geisler † **Dec. 20 Friday**

8:00 a.m. Pat Schmitt

Dec. 21 Saturday

4;30 p.m. Fr. Tom Kiely

Dec. 22 Sunday

8:00 a.m. Manuel & Manuel T. Garces † 10:00 a.m. Trudy Mulligan † 5:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners







Please Remember in Your Prayers

Fr. Tom Kiely Rene Acosta Cathy Adams Bill Klatt Brandon Ashcraft Rich Koppel Nicholas Kunes Nargi Barkzai Barreda Family Ed Llovd Patricia Marie Darla Bebrin Borel-LeCompte Tony Masiello Family Jim Buckley Francis Mason Loki Aevermann-Braylee Mehciz Cantu George Carrillo Barbara Mellor Melinda Carrillo Merola Family Sonia Carrillo Bill Moore Lee Pirrotti Dasan Castrapel Aubrey Clark Alex Polifka Paul Cloutier Mark Price Kat Cloutier Jack Quinn Hayden Cooper Jim Rogers Tricia Danielson Tony Rogers Cathy Sables Nazario Dorego Pat Schmitt Jules Fish The Flores Family Margaret Schweizer Richard Friel Gerry Scott Timothy Geisler Nelson Soto

Margarita Cabrera
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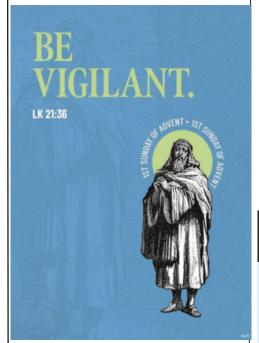
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Betty White

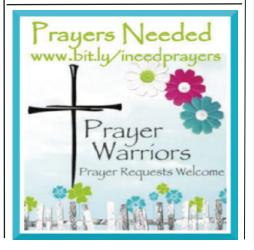


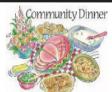
Monstrance in Adoration Chapel

Adoration in the church chapel behind the Altar is between the hours of 7am to 7pm. If you would like the new code to the chapel door, please email Janice Teixeira at: seniorministry@sacredhear tob.org or 619-246-4955.

Pray for all of us.







SACRED HEART OF OB COMMUNITY DINNER & PANTRY

Our dinner serving schedule is **EVERY OTHER TUESDAY.** Our next Dinner services will be on **December 24th** from **11:00 am** to **1:00 pm**. This will be a luncheon service. Clean up begins around 12:30 pm. If you are looking for some place to give love for **December 24th** we could use help preparing for the lunch service beginning at 9:30 am.

On January 7th we will have our usual dinner service from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for both meals. Dinner service will begin at 5:00 pm. Please arrive and be available at 3:30 pm.

Thank you for your help.
Please keep us in your prayers.

Thank You!

Giving Tuesday
To all who contributed to our
Giving Tuesday effort, your
kindness and generosity is deeply
appreciated. Thank You!!

Stewardship as a Way of Life

In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others? International Catholic Stewardship Council ICSC@catholicstewardship.org (800) 352-3452 December 2024

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RECOGNIZING OUR MILITARY

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If you have a loved one serving in the military **who is away on special deployment** and would like to add him/her to our list for prayer, please call the parish office at 619-224-2746 and give the military member's name, rank and branch of service. Please remember to call the office when your loved one has returned home.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION



Sacred Heart Church the tradition of continues remembering loved ones and friends living or deceased with "Memorial", "Special Occasion" or "Thank You." Our Christmas Flower Collection helps to defray the cost of the flowers and trees used to decorate the church during this holy season. The envelopes with the names of those remembered will be placed on the Altar during Christmas Masses.

Please use the special "Flower Offering" envelope found in the pews and return it to the Parish Office by December 20. Make checks to Sacred Heart of OB.



LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

<u>Charitable Gift Donations -</u> <u>Required Minimum Donations</u> (RMD)

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OTHER PRAYFUL OPPORTUNITIES

ADVENT RECONCILIATION/PENANCE SERVICE

Please join your parish family in celebrating this sacrament of healing on **Wednesday**, **December 18**, **2024 at 7:00 pm**

On December 18th we invite the people of our parish to receive God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation. We extend Christ's invitation to all, especially those who have been away from this beautiful sacrament. This will be the only time for receiving this Sacrament during the week before Christmas, so take advantage of this beautiful service.



Peninsula Shepherd Center (PSC)

Help the PSC help Seniors. Donate or volunteer today. For more information about this community resource, please visit their website at www.sdpsc.org or phone: 619-223-1640 or email info@sdpsc.org. Location: 1475 Catalina Blvd, SD 92107



There will be NO Senior Luncheon in January. The next SR. Luncheon will be Friday, February 7, 2025 Merry Christmas!!



PARISH OFFICE

Monday through Friday Hours: 8:30 AM—4:00 PM Closed 12:00 PM—1:00 PM for lunch 619-224-2746

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Contact Rev. Billy Zondler before planned wedding 619-224-2746

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The Well That Never **Dries Up**

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any

water - living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never Which is good news for us, dries up. because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties. The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment so let us, in turn, be committed to

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