

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

Pinehurst, North Carolina

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

The Pastor, Parochial Vicar, and Staff welcome you to Sacred Heart Catholic Church! We hope you will participate in the many activities here whether you are a regular Parishioner, a seasonal resident or a visitor.



2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:
*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*
—Mt 3:3



PASTOR'S CORNER

December 4, 2016

- **We are called to prepare the way for Jesus.**
- John the Baptist was called to prepare the way for Jesus. He did this by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Similarly, each one of us is called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. We do this whenever we assist someone in need, visit someone who is sick or lend a listening ear.
- The first reading prophesies that the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the promised Messiah, who shall come forth from the line of King David. The second from Romans reminds us that by living in love and unity with one another, we glorify God. In the Gospel, John the Baptist preaches in the desert, *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Solemnity - Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 8th at 9:00 AM

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday 9:00AM - 2:00 PM Tuesday, 10:30 AM - 2:00

PM or call to make an appointment 910-295-6550

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM followed by Rosary/Chapel

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 4:30 PM,

Sunday 8:00AM & 10:45AM

Benediction: After 8:00AM Mass on every

First Friday

Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00-4:15 PM or by appt.

Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday except

Children's Mass

Children's Mass: Last Sunday of each month

10:45 AM (except June, July, August)

Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick: Please

call 910.295.6550 X122 for arrangements.

SACRED HEART CHURCH STAFF

Liturgy

Mary Round 910-295-1196 ext.122

Tracy Enkema 910-295-6550 ext. 125

Religious Education

Michael Griffith 910-295-6550 ext. 130

Youth Minister

Derek Erwin 910-295-6550

Early Childhood Education Center

Stephanie Hinds 910-295-3514 ext. 134

Music Director

Suzanne Wolonick 910-295-6550

Choir Director : Roger Castanien 910-295-6550

Administration & Communication

Jeanne Ryan 910-295-6550 Ext. 136

Accounting

James McCusker 910-295-6550 ext. 133

Facilities

Anna Sinisi 910-295-6550 ext. 126

Nursery Coordinator

Jillian Martin 708-359-2741

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Due to the number of worthwhile charities we support, we encourage participation on 2nd collections as you are able towards those that interest you! Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH INFORMATION

MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Formation	Erica Davis 636-262-3708
Altar Servers	Mary Round 910-295-1196
Bereavement	Donald Galligan 910-246-6066
Charismatic Prayer Group	Beth Renwick Renwickle@aol.com Donna Murray 910-235-0547
Coalition Food Delivery	Tom Cestone 910-235-0371
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Round 910-295-1196
Faith Discussion Group	Betty Rossi 910-295-0489
Finance Council	Tom Fagan 910-687-0212
Greeters	Mary Round 910-295-1196
Knights of Columbus	Walter Dworak 910-975-9179
Knitting Ministry	Marilyn Wirick 910-215-9639
Little Rock Scripture Study	Ed Biebrich 910-585-4564
Matthew 25	Carolyn Gale 910-215-0250
Meditation	Helen Schillaci 910-255-0545
Military Family Outreach	Suzy Carlton 910-235-0271 910-528-9772
Money Counters	Church office 910-295-6550
Mother's Bible Study	Sarah Mergen 307-337-6660
Music Coordinator	Suzanne Wolonick 910-295-6550
Nursery	Jillian Martin 708-359-2741
Parish Advisory Council	Bill May 910-215-0710
Perpetual Adoration	Barbara Kemple 910-585-2132
Respect Life	Jo Mordini 910-420-2321 Mary Byrne 910-295-3029
Rosary Makers	Linda Huey 910-295-2481
San Juan Diego Ministry	Tom Fagan (Education, Scholarship, Clothing) 910-687-0212 Jan Torgersen (Food) 910-215-0400
Sanctuary Society	Barbara Duggan 910-295-5219
Social Justice	Ed Taylor 910-295-3321 Ed Biebrich 910-585-4564
Uganda Wells/Education	Lin Hutaff 910-295-3580 Mary Beth Thomas 910-235-0777
Ushers	Frank Valitutto 910-295-9097
Welcoming Committee	Cecy Doherty 910-215-5967
Women of Sacred Heart	Maria McBrayer 910-295-9969

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 3– December 11, 2016

Sat.	4:30 PM	Joan Timpe by Tom and Marlene Leonhard
Sun.	8:00 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart by the Pastor
	10:45 AM	Andrew Thomas by Mimi and Bill O'Dell
Mon.	8:00 AM	Tommy Hasick by Orest and Gloria Camillo
Tues.	8:00AM	Thomas Nixon by Ron and Kathy Stewart
Wed.	8:00 AM	Terry Valitutto by Frank and Helen Houston
	6:00 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart by the Pastor
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Prunty and Loftus Families by Anne Prunty
Fri.	8:00 AM	Lois Mitchell by the Women of Sacred Heart
Sat.	8:00 AM	Frank P. Chemery by Mary and Tom Cestone
	4:30 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart by the Pastor
Sun.	8:00 AM	Merle Chapman by Margene Chapman and Family
	10:45 AM	Christopher Picard by His Parents, Marlene and Sal Picard

ADVENT REFLECTION ON LIFE

We know it's a church event, not a secular event, when we hear references to the "Sacredness of Human Life." But what exactly does that mean? And what is the biblical basis for the term? Join us **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the JP II School Activity Center** as we are invited to join our personal experience with that of the One Who is both human and divine.

Dec 14: The Middle Years

Dec 21: Beyond and Forever

Led by Msgr. Stephen C. Worsley, M.D., a graduate of Duke Medical School and the Academia Alfonsiana in Rome, who serves as Chaplain at St. Joseph of the Pines.

Perpetual Adoration



Dear Fellow Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

Like you all, for some time I had been listening to the need for regular adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. In my previous parish and surrounding parishes, this had never been available. I hesitated to be committed to a specific time on a particular day, as we still travel a great deal. However, finally, when a friend asked me directly, I found I really didn't have any reason to negate; and I'm sure the Holy Spirit was at work in me as well. Today, I am grateful to each of them that they continued knocking on the door to my heart.

Two years ago, I committed to becoming a regular adorer. Well, I cannot begin to explain what an awesome experience and journey this has been for me. It is the most intimate and personal time between just Jesus and me that I have ever had. It is the most peaceful hour of my entire week to which I look forward greatly, being able to shut the world out and just BE with HIM alone. It is the gift of a lifetime, and I have come to cherish and value it immensely. Is Our Lord knocking on your heart?

I encourage you to grab the brass ring now, today.

Your Sister in Christ,
Judy Beardslee

WEEKLY EVENTS AT SACRED HEART

Week of December 5– December 11, 2016

Mon	9:15 AM 1:30 PM	Deacon Phil's Spiritual Book Club Knitters - Room 8
Tues	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sacred Heart Weekly Staff Meeting Little Rock Scripture Study - Room 8 KOC Meeting
Wed.	8:45 AM 2:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00PM	Meditation - Room 12 Servants of the Holy Spirit - Room 8 Choir Practice– Choir Room RCIA –Classroom TBA
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Thursday Morning Prayer Group Rosary Makers WSH Christmas Luncheon Faith Discussion Group
Sat	7:45 AM 10:15 AM	Coats for Kids Veteran's Angel Tree
Sun	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:15 AM	Coats for Kids Nursery Time -Room 7 Adult Faith Formation - Room 8 Veteran's Angel Tree



There will be NO Matthew 25 Meeting in December

THE JANUARY MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH at 9:00 am. This is the second anniversary of the beginning of Matthew 25. All members are invited to come to the 8:00am Mass to thank God for the grace He gives us to be able to serve His people and to ask God for His Blessings on our work.

PARISH OFFICE TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Each **Tuesday** morning a meeting is held for the Parish Office Staff at 9 AM. As all staff members are in attendance, **our offices will not open until 11:00 AM.**

All other weekdays we will open at 9AM as usual. Please keep this in mind when planning to visit the Parish office.

SACRED HEART BULLETIN BOARD



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As this Jubilee Year of Mercy concludes, I join you in expressing gratitude to our retired men and women Consecrated Religious who have given their lives in faithful dedicated service as instruments of Our Lord's mercy to all of those entrusted to their care.

Saint John Paul II said all Consecrated Religious serve as a leaven in our society in comforting the sick, educating our youth and generously tending to all those most in need. These men and women, who have provided so much for us and countless others, are now in need themselves. Attending to these needs is done each year through the Retirement Fund for Religious, which greatly assists in the care of nearly 33,000 senior brothers, sisters, and priests, as they continue to serve in their apostolate, if even only by the power of their prayer.

I request that you prayerfully consider a gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious this year and that you remember them among your daily intentions. May Our Lord Jesus continue to bless you and your loved ones, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, watch over all those who have served the mission of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Diocesan Administrator

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The Youth Group and the Women of Sacred Heart say "Thank You!" There was a wonderful response to the Ann Walsh Sunday collection. 327 bags of groceries were collected plus \$355 in monetary donations. Your generous donations have been delivered to the Sandhills Coalition for Human Care and will be distributed to the needy families of Moore County.

Janet Varro

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

"PARISHIONERS" The Knights of Columbus Council is holding a meeting on Tuesday December 6th at 5:00 P.M in Founders Hall to discuss having a Polish dinner in January. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS TO ATTEND.** If there is enough interest, two options are available: (1) A social/covered dish dinner where each family would bring food or drinks to feed six, or (2) A Knights prepared dinner with a charge comparable to those for the Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day Dinners

December 3-4 is the last chance to purchase Religious Christmas Cards in the Gathering Area.

CCD Youth Christmas Party for pre-school to 3rd grade with support from the Knights will be held on December 4th, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in Founders Hall. AND Santa Claus will make a special visit.

December 1	Business Meeting in Founders Hall 7:30 P.M.
December 3-4	Christmas Card Sale in Gathering Area
December 3-4	Coats for Kids in Gathering Area
December 4	CCD Youth Christmas Party
December 6	Adopt-a-Child Christmas Party at Bowling Alley
December 10-11	Coats for Kids in Gathering Area



Your continued participation is much needed and appreciated. Thank you.
For membership information call Joe Harenski: 215-9856

If you have any questions about the Knights, please call Grand Knight Walter Dworak, at 975-9179.

COATS FOR KIDS
Continues...



The Knights of Columbus will continue the Coats for Kids drive through Sunday December 11. We request new and gently used winter coats from infants to age 16. These coats are donated to children in the area who are not as fortunate as ourselves. On weekends, coats can be dropped off before and after Masses. During the week, the Gathering Area remains open until 1:30 PM. Thanking you in advance for your continuing generosity.



The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

God's most Highly-Favoured One

The feast of the Immaculate Conception centers on God's loving power to make us holy. Our Blessed Lady's integrity or holiness right from the moment of her conception is not something she achieved by her own power. It is a pure gift of God, given to her for a saving purpose. It was *in her genes*, as we might say today, on behalf of us all. For it was supremely fitting that the woman who brought our Saviour into the world should be herself totally free from sin and available to do God's work.

Belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary is belief in a provident God, who provides for the future, who prepares His children for their assigned task in life even before they are born, a God who foresees and equips us with all the natural and supernatural qualities we need to play our assigned role in the drama of human salvation. God anoints them already in the womb those men and women whom He appointed as prophets. Jeremiah was told, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." God does not just launch us into this world as beasts, meant to fight it out among ourselves. The evolutionary view of the survival of the fittest, of "Nature red in tooth and claw," may well describe the animal kingdom, but it is not the destiny of the people of God redeemed by grace from the harmful effects of the Fall.

As we admire our Blessed Lady, God's most favoured one ("Full of grace") on the feast of her conception, let us thank God for His love and mercy which embraces us right from the moment of our own conception. As Scripture says, "or who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?" (1 Cor 4:7). Everything is gift, everything good in us is by God's grace. For we all, children of God, are also favoured and heirs of God's grace. Yet Mary remains the most God's most Highly-Favoured One

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