

MASS SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart

Sat, Dec 13	Vigil 3rd Sunday of Advent SH 5:30PM +Lucia Colacci From mom and the family
Sun Dec 14	3rd Sunday of Advent SH 9:00AM For all Parishioners. Latin 12:00PM Latin Mass.
Mon, Dec 15	Mass at St. John the B. 8:00 AM
Tue, Dec 16	Advent Weekday SH 8:00AM Special Intention for Pilar & Ricardo Ruiz From Friends.
Wed, Dec 17	Mass at St. John the B. 8:00 AM
Thu., Dec 18	Advent Weekday SH 8:00AM +Rita Duffus From Family.
Fri, Dec 19	Advent Weekday SH 8:00AM +Hallam,+Angela Welch, Shirley Boos & their Parents From Ironside Family.
Sat, Dec 20	Vigil 4th Sunday of Advent 5:30 PM For all Parishioners.
Sun, Dec 21	4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM +Oscar Uson From Celeste Martignetti & family. Latin 12:00PM Latin Mass.

Weekend of December 7		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
5:30pm Saturday & 9:00am Sunday	25 118	\$ 1106.60
12:00pm Sunday (Latin Weekend Nov 30)	89	\$ 630.60
Online donations:		\$ 224.00
Total	232	\$ 1960.66
Special donation: Fuel \$125		
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support!</i>		

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,
As we journey through the season of Advent, the figure of Mary shines even more brightly. Her “yes” to the Angel Gabriel paved the way for the coming—the advent—of Jesus, our Savior. This past week, we had the joy of celebrating her through three beautiful Marian feasts:

- 1- The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8):** Mary was conceived in St. Anne’s womb without original sin. God prepared her to be the pure vessel who would give Jesus her own flesh and bones by becoming His Mother.
- 2- Our Lady of Loreto (Dec. 10):** This feast commemorates the “Translation of the Holy House of

Mary” from Nazareth to Loreto, Italy. It reminds us of that sacred place where the Word became flesh.
3- Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12): Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego as a tender mother, leading a multitude of people to embrace the Catholic faith. She is honored as the Patroness of the Americas, uniting us in her maternal love.
Our Blessed Mother was the way Jesus came to us in His first Advent, and she will also play a role in His second coming at the end of time. Through her, Jesus continues to come to us throughout our lives. Let us focus our attention on her as the way to Christ, and let us pray with renewed devotion, asking for her intercession as we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew this Christmas. May her example inspire us to say our own “yes” to God’s will in our lives.
In Christ,
Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

WEEKLY NEWS

Christmas Play- The St. John the Baptist Catholic Missionary Children group will be putting the annual Christmas play on December 19 at 7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist school. All are invited



Sacred Heart Annual Memorial Wish Tree
This year's Wish Tree Mass is on Sat, Dec. 20th at Sacred Heart Church at 5:30PM. This is a Mass for all the Faithful Departed presided by His Excellency,

Bishop Daniel Miehm. There will be a light reception following the Holy Mass.

The Posadas : POSADAS will be at 6:00pm:

Tuesday Dec. 16th at St. John
Wednesday Dec. 17th at Sacred Heart

Thursday Dec. 18th at St. John
(no Posadas on Friday Dec. 19th & Saturday Dec. 20th)

Sunday Dec. 21st at Sacred Heart
Monday Dec. 22nd at St. John
Tuesday Dec. 23rd at Sacred Heart

Poinsettias A Donation would be appreciated to help purchase Poinsettias for the decoration of the church on Christmas. Please drop your donation in the collection basket using the provided envelopes.

Christmas Schedule

Wednesday Dec. 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm Confessions at St. John
4:00pm Holy Mass at St. John
5:30pm Holy Mass at Sacred Heart
12:00am Holy Mass TLM at Sacred Heart

Thursday Dec. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am Confessions at Sacred Heart
9:00am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart
10:30am Holy Mass at St. John
12:00pm Holy Mass TLM at Sacred Heart

Thursday January 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY – HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

3:00pm Confessions at St. John
4:00pm Holy Mass at St. John
5:30pm Holy Mass at Sacred Heart
11:00pm Adoration followed by a ‘toast’ to receive the new year at St. John.

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PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM – BILL C-9

(Ottawa) — The Liberal government has reached an agreement with the Bloc Québécois concerning an amendment to eliminate the religious exemption



clause from Canada’s hate speech legislation in Section 319 (3) (b) of the Criminal Code. This initiative is intended to garner support for Bill C-9, titled ‘An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime, and access to religious or cultural places).’ The current provision in the Criminal Code slated for removal states: “(3) No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2) [...] (b) if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text.”
Bill C-9 has passed the first and second readings and it is now undergoing review by the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

Given all that could be at stake if the amendment passes, the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, with other government officials in carbon copy.

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-12-04-Letter-to-PM-Religious-Freedom-EN.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE- 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee closing Mass will be Sunday December 28 at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains at 10:30. Light reception to follow in the Bishop Doyle Hall.

GOSPEL Matthew 11.2-11 of Sunday Dec 14

When John the Baptist heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples who said to Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”

Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A Prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a Prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”