

SACRED HEART PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CHURCH

36 E. Main Street
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December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent



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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday ~ 9:30 am – 4:30
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 3:15-3:45 pm (L)
or upon request

Weekend Holy Masses

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm (L)
Sunday – 8:30 am (P) & 10:00 am (L)

First Friday Devotions

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Holy
Eucharist – 4:30 pm (L)
Holy Mass – 5:30 pm (L)

First Saturday Holy Mass

9:00 am (L)

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 11

Sunday Vigil Mass

4:00pm (L) +Michael Cappa by Estate

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am (P) +James Maleski by Blose Family

10:00am (L)+ Damian Rieg by Louise & Christine Rieg

Monday, December 13

No Church Service

Tuesday, December 14

No Church Service

Wednesday, December 15

No Church Service

Thursday, December 16

No Church Service

Friday, December 17

No Church Service

Saturday, December 18

Sunday Vigil Mass

4:00pm (L) +Dora Cicchini by SH Altar & Rosary

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am: (P) +Betty Hemmerle by Radka Family

10:00am: (L) + DMO Slipetz & Gawlik Families

By Barb Wendel

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Piotr Zaczynski, Pastor
Dineen Muniz, Secretary/Faith Formation
Doris Pappalardo, Business Manager
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WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 5-\$3608.00

**Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes must be in by 12/19
for printing for our insert.**

**Please remember us in your monthly giving!
Thank you for your generosity.**

PRAYER LIST

**Grant Damon, James Post, the Unborn, Rose
Atkins, Essential Workers, those in the Military,
Fr. Albert Clody, Marty Sargent, and Therese Whit,
Dorothy and David Seth, Emily Sechriest, Lynn
Funte, My Nguyen, Megan and Sean.**

All those touched by loneliness or illness.

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 19

**Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews10:5-10**

**GOSPEL
Luke1:38**

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dora Cicchini

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, Amen.

The Sanctuary Lamp for December is in Memory of

Deceased Priests of Diocese of Buffalo

The Hosts for the Month of December are in Honor of

All Parishioners

This week's Gospel is all about humility. How do we teach our kids how to have humility? It all starts at home.

And with ourselves!

. **Teach gratitude.** The best way to teach the virtue of humility is to foster in our children a deep sense of gratitude, first to God for all His blessings, but also to the people (parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, pastors,) who help cultivate the gift. A sense of gratitude for even the little things, in fact all things-including difficulty-is a sure path to humility.

. **Teach kids to know themselves.** We think as parents it is our job to tell our children they can do anything they want to do and be anything they want to be. But St. Augustine described humility as knowing oneself. We don't want to squash our kids dreams or discourage their goals. It means helping them to take a realistic look at where their gifts and talents lie. To gently help them recognize, not only their own limitations but also their flaws and faults-not so they can give up but so they can improve and grow whatever virtues they need to develop.

Reject the cockiness culture. Not only is humility a virtue, but pride is considered one of the deadly sins (the sin that leads to all others) It isn't easy to teach kids humility in a world that has made a virtue of in-your-face bragging, but like many of the virtue's parents strive to instill in our kids, humility is not hip and trendy.

. **Look for the gift of others.** One of the best ways to think of yourself less is to think about others more-to think about what is good in them. Start by talking about what you appreciate in your own friends and encourage them to look for what is noteworthy and admirable in their friends too.

. **Pray.** Praying a prayer for humility is a beautiful way to grow in virtue.

FROM THE PASTOR

3rd Sunday of Advent "Humility"

John 1:6-8, 19-28 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel John the Baptist bears witness to Jesus by his life and preaching. John had all the characteristics of a great catechist. He led a life of great self-discipline and prayer while preparing his countrymen for the arrival of the Messiah. He also earned a prestigious reputation as evident by the Jewish authorities sent from Jerusalem to question his identity in today's Gospel. Yet John is a man of great humility. He quickly announces, "I am not Christ" and he sees himself as unworthy to even untie the thong of the sandal of the Messiah (v47). Christ often taught humility by His own words (Mt5:3, 18-4) and example, "Learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart" (Mt 11:29). Humility is that indispensable moral virtue that recognizes our total dependence on God and makes us grateful for every gift God has bestowed on us while freeing us from the capital sin of pride. If we want to announce Christ, whom John the Baptist heralds, and spread "the good news", we must imitate the Baptist.

Prayer for Humility

Let me have too deep a sense of humor to be proud, Let me know my absurdity before I act absurdly, Let me realize that when I am humble, I am most human, most truthful, and most worthy of your serious consideration.

Confessions will be held on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 6pm here at Sacred Heart. Please come and prepare you heart for Jesus!

Upcoming News
Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 -4:00pm (L)
December 24-8:30pm (P)
December 25-10:00am (L)
December 26-8:30am (P)
December 26-10:00am (L)

New Year's Schedule (Communion Service)

January 1- 4:00pm (L)
January 2-10:00am (L)

Africa

Thank you again, as donations continue to come in to help support Sr. Iwona and the people she serves. Because of your generous donations, they will hopefully be able to enjoy Mass in their new church by Christmas. Our updated amount for this weekend is **\$21,136.00**

Thank you also to God, Sr. Iwona's persistence and Fr. Piotr for helping God to answer her prayer!

IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Abbate and Frank Geaben

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen.