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He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...

Lk 3:16



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3rd Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2024

**Welcome to the Redemptorist Community of
Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School and St. Gerard Mission
Redemptorists Serving our Parish Since 1926**

We, the Eucharistic communities of Sacred Heart and St. Gerard, being faithful to the Mission of the Church as expressed by the Redemptorist way of life, seek and invite others into an ever deepening relationship with Jesus and with one another. Seeking to build up the Kingdom of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Sacraments and Prayer, we commit to reaching out to everyone through evangelization, especially to those most in need.

**Fr. John Tizio C.Ss.R., Pastor Fr. Aldrin Nunes, C.Ss.R., Fr. Charlie Donovan C.Ss.R.
Permanent Deacon Tom Meyer**

Sacred Heart Masses

Reconciliation- Sat.....3:00—3:45pm
Saturday Vigil.....4:00pm
Sunday:8:00 & 10:30am
Weekdays:Mon—Fri—8:00am only
Holy Day Vigil:.....7:00pm
Holy Day: Please check with the Parish Office and Bulletin for varying schedules or contact Parish Office to schedule an appointment for reconciliation.

Sacred Heart Catholic School

1003 Turnbull Street
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Pre-Kindergarten - 8th Grade
Principal: Mrs. Elizabeth Labreche
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St. Gerard Mission Church

3171 S. Ridgewood Ave.,
Edgewater, FL 32141

**All administration is at Sacred Heart
Parish Office**

St. Gerard Mission Masses

Reconciliation-Sat...3:45pm—4:15pm
Saturday: 4:30pm
Reconciliation-Sun.....9:15—9:45am
Sunday: 10:00am

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14

4:00pm + Mary & Frank Paige by Patty & Winford Geary

Sunday, December 15

8:00am + Marilyn Brower by Space Family
10:30am + Harry Gillis by Wife Jane

Monday, December 16

8:00am + Deceased Members Stawicki & Witkowski Families by Family
by Gina Orlando

Tuesday, December 17

8:00am + Mary Ann Garvey by Garvey Family

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am Sick & Dying by Carlos & Maria Costa

Thursday, December 19

8:00am + Jean Maggiore by Mary Helen Waters

Friday, December 20

8:00am Louie Benishek by Larry, Catherine & Daniel

Saturday, December 21

4:00pm + Louis & Phyllis Benishek by Family

Sunday, December 22

8:00am + Tom Simmons by The DiBello's
10:30am + Luisa Bertoli by Dina Giordano

Cross indicates the person is deceased. No cross the person is alive.

Readings for the Week of December 15, 2024

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 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
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 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
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



DECEMBER

**Deceased Deacons
Diocese of Orlando
Eternal rest grant
unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.**

**Dcn James Boerstler
Dcn. John Crotty
Dcn Frank Diaz
Dcn Frank Gingras**

Events Calendar

Saturday, 9am—3pm	December 14 Adoration Mass	Religious Article Store open after all weekend Masses Come check us out Gifts, Cards, stocking stuffers, religious Articles, Free book library
Sunday, 8:00am	December 15 Mass	
10:30am	Mass	
Monday, 8:00am	December 16 Mass	
6:00pm	BINGO	
Tuesday, 8:00am	December 17 Mass	
9:00am	Sr. Exercise / Social Hall	
9:00am	Legion of Mary / Fr. Burke Hall	
9:00am	Mat Ministry / Social Hall	
Wednesday, 8:00am	December 18 Mass	
7:00pm	<i>Wed Evening Bible Study</i>	
Thursday, 8:00am	December 19 Mass	
9:00am	Sr. Exercise / Social Hall	
7:00pm	OCIA / Fr. Burke Hall	
Friday, 8:00am	December 20 Mass	
Saturday, 9am—3pm	December 21 Adoration / Chapel	
4:00pm	Mass	
Sunday, 8:00am	December 22 Mass	
10:30am	Mass	

Sacred Heart Weekly Offering December 8, 2024

Offertory Income Last Week.....\$7,682.00
 Online Giving this Week.....\$2,833.14
Total Offertory Income.....\$10,515.14
 Attendance.....742



Our parish goal for
**2024 Our Catholic Appeal
 Sacred Heart Balance**
 is \$2,968.92



Paid to Date - \$95,434.08



2025 calendars are available in the Narthex of the Church



**Brighten a young boy or girl's
Christmas!**

Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Gerard

Just a reminder!

**Gifts need to be back to the church by Dec 16th,
unwrapped with the Angel tag taped to it.**

Thank you for your support!



Join us –Saturdays
9am-3pm
in the CHAPEL

Come and visit, you'll be glad you did. All are welcome!
 The Blessed Sacrament is the great truth that Jesus Christ is in the Tabernacle and is accessible to all who believe in Him.



**EVERY TUESDAY @ 9.00 AM -
IN THE FR. BURKE HALL**

All men and women who want to
 deepen their Catholic Faith and find
 meaningful ways to express this in our
 community are invited to attend.

Diocesan Special Collection January 5, 2025—Seminarians

This special collection for seminarians is used to support the formation of seminarians as they discern their vocation to the priesthood. Preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a nine year process of intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human formation that prepares men to answer the call they have received to serve God's people in love and humility. The full cost of a seminary tuition, insurance and books exceeds \$400,000 during the nine year formation period. Your support ensures that our seminarians receive adequate tuition assistance.

THANK YOU!! DUDLEY FUNERAL HOME!!

A big thank you goes out to the staff of Dudley Funeral Home who have donated the calendars to Sacred Heart for over 50 years. We are truly blessed with their continued support of our parish. May the Lord continue to Bless them in all that they do for the parish and the community.

Rejoice

Dear Parishioners

I want you to close your eyes for a moment. Think about a time in your life, either recently or in the past, when you experienced joy at Christmas. It could be a special time when you were with family or friends. It could be when you found great satisfaction in a gift you gave or received. It might be when you experienced a mighty answer to a prayer from God. Think about that moment. Think about the emotions you experienced and the thoughts you had.

Joy. What an amazing gift it is. When it's present, our lives are richer, and when it's absent there's an emptiness in our souls. Joy is a complex subject, and in some ways

it's hard to define. But once you've experienced it, once you've tasted its fruit, there's a longing in your heart to want to know and experience it again and again for the rest of your life.

Joy is one of those words we hear most often at Christmas. You see it on Christmas cards. You hear it sung about in Christmas carols. It's a word that describes many of the celebrations and parties at this time of the year.

However, I believe that if we're honest, we have to admit that sometimes it's hard to be joyful during this Advent season. There are perhaps a lot of reasons for a person not to be joyful during this time of the year. For some people dreams have been shattered, relationships and families have been broken, and if we're honest, some of us battle the Advent-Christmas blues. Joy isn't something you can manufacture or drum up, at Christmas or any other time of the year. So if you don't feel joy, then how do you get it? The way we get joy is by finding God. Or better, by being found by Him. It's a divine gift that comes our way only through God. However, I've come to believe that joy isn't just a gift; it's also a choice.

There are two things you can do with joy when it comes your way. One way you can respond is by being a joy-killer. There are two classic Christmas stories that have immortalized joy-killers. When I say the names "Scrooge" and "the Grinch," what immediately comes to mind? Someone who says, "Bah, humbug," and a person who tried to steal Christmas from everyone else. Whenever you and I act like Scrooge, or we act like the Grinch, we're killing the joy of Christmas and we contribute to the sadness of the world.

There are a lot of ways we can be joy-killers at Christmas. Bitterness, anger, criticism, ingratitude, isolation, greed and envy – they all steal joy from our hearts. Joy is a rather fragile thing, and it can easily be killed. The most joyful moment for a family at Christmas can be shattered by an angry word or a flippant remark. Be careful to treasure and encourage joy when you gather with friends and family, and don't be a joy-killer. The other response we can have to joy is to share it. It's never as much fun to experience joy and then keep it to yourself. It's always a better experience when you have someone with whom you can share it.

When you've got joyful news, you want to share it with others. When you've got good news to share, you can't keep it in.

What should we do with joy? We don't keep it to ourselves. We share it with others or, as the famous Christmas carol suggests, we "repeat the sounding joy!" And when we do, it has a rippling effect that can change our lives and even change the world. On this third Sunday of Advent - Happy Gaudete - Joyful Sunday!

God Bless Us All

Fr. Tizio

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Pastors Pun: What did the drummer name her twin daughters?

Anna 1, Anna 2

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS



Eagle Trek: A fun tradition that ushers our Thanksgiving break. Let us remember to give thanks to God for all the blessings that we have especially the gift of our school and parish.



Kennedy K. attended Mass at St. Mary's in Utah while Ella H., The Sheltons, Andrea M. and The Lisantis combined creativity and service to contribute to the craft fair at Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you for sharing your photos.



MINISTRY IN ACTION!

A profoundly moving Pilgrim Virgin visit, led by Fr. Aldrin Nunes, took place at Richard Shutak's residence on Nov. 13th. It inspired hope and unity through the Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy Enthronement, Rosary, uplifting music, and the presence of the Traveling Mother of Divine Mercy Prayer Group, Legion of Mary, and Richard's parish family and friends.



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The Knights of Columbus Chaplain Fr. Aldrin visiting parishioners CJ, Maria and the Knights as they cook and serve over 100 homeless in NSB. GOD BLESS Fr. Aldrin, CJ, Maria and the Knights!



Saint Gerard Mission

3171 S Ridgewood Ave, Edgewater, FL 32141

Mass Schedule—

Sunday - 10:00am



St. Gerard
Mission

Happy 25th
Anniversary

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, 4:30pm	+	December 14 Ann Pulzello	by Tues, Rosary Group Fri, Small Church Comm
Sunday, 10:00am		December 15 Kimberly Warren	by Ellen Torrey
Saturday, 4:30pm	+	December 21 Ann Pulzello & Nick Bratton	by SVdP
Sunday, 4:30pm	+	December 22 Ann Pulzello	by Tues, Rosary Group Fri, Small Church Comm

The first Mass held at St. Gerard was on Christmas Eve, 1999.

What better way to celebrate the Anniversary of this Redemptorist Mission Community than PRAYER!! A Novena Prayer to St. Gerard is scheduled to be recited in recognition of this monumental occasion and pray for the continued growth and presence of this mission parish in Edgewater.

All are invited to gather at St. Gerard daily beginning December 28th-January 5th at 10:30 am for a Communal Novena to St. Gerard. If you would like to participate from home, copies of the St. Gerard Novena prayers will be available at St. Gerard beginning December 14th.

St. Gerard Events Calendar

December 16, 2024—December 22, 2024

MONDAY—FRIDAY

10am—2pm **SVdP Operations Open M-F till 1:30pm**

Tuesday, 10:30am	December 17 Intercessory Prayer Group
Wednesday, 1:00pm	December 18 Small Church Community Meets
Thursday, 3:00pm	December 19 CHOIR PRACTICE
Friday 10:00am	December 20 Small Church Community Meets
2:00pm	Week 4-ADVENT HOLY HOUR
Saturday, 4:00pm	December 21 Confession & Rosary
4:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 9:30am	December 22 Confession & Rosary
10:00am	4th Sunday of Advent

An Anniversary Party Gathering will take place after Mass on Sunday, January 5th.



Please help yourself to the Spiritual Reading Bookcase at St. Gerard. There is a plethora of knowledge and insight from which to choose.

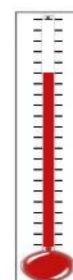
St. Gerard Weekly Offering December 8, 2024

Offertory Income Last	\$2,636.00
Online Giving this Week.....	\$745.00
Total Offertory Income.....	\$3,381.00
Attendance.....	270

Our parish goal for
2024 Our Catholic Appeal

**St. Gerard Balance
is \$1,821.79**

Paid to Date - \$20,290.71



\$22,112.00

\$20,290.71





St. Vincent de Paul volunteers delivered 85 turkeys and bags of groceries with Thanksgiving fixings to needy families in the community on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024. Sacred Heart School and Edgewater Alliance Church donated nearly four dozen boxes of food for the event.



Car Donations Help Those in Need

That old clunker sitting in the garage helps St. Vincent de Paul Society of Orlando help others. Donating your vehicle is simple, the pick-up is free and we provide a tax receipt. Please contact us now: 800.322.8284 or visit svdporlando.org



St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry has established a PayPal account to receive monetary contributions. If you can help in this manner please click on the QR Code below to make a cash donation. Please help support St. Vincent de Paul .



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