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4th Sunday of Advent—December 22, 2024 & Christmas

**Welcome to the Redemptorist Community of  
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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**

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**St. Gerard Mission Church**

3171 S. Ridgewood Ave.,  
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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 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

**Monday, December 23**

8:00am + Jim Morey by Wife Ginny

**Tuesday, December 24**

5:00pm + Joseph Bosquet by Wife Rosemary  
10:00pm All Parishioners

**Wednesday, December 25**

9:00am + Donald & Shirley Keller by Donna Carter

**Thursday, December 26**

8:00am + Anne & Bernard Duclos by Mary Schoolcraft

**Friday, December 27**

8:00am Bingham's Family by Zena

**Saturday, December 28**

4:00pm + Theresa Perkins & June Sack by Patty & Winford Geary

**Sunday, December 29**

8:00am + Art & Florie Moeller by Daughter Nancy & Tom Homan  
10:30am + Bob Ward by Katie Connor

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

**Readings for the Week of December 22, 2024**

**Monday** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66  
**Tuesday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79  
**Wednesday** **The Nativity of the Lord**  
Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25  
Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14  
**Thursday** **Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr**  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22  
**Friday** **Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8  
**Saturday** **Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18  
**Sunday** **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



*Altar  
Flowers*

*for this  
weekend*

*are in Memory of*

*Louis & Phyllis  
Benishek*

*by  
Family*



## Events Calendar

Saturday, 9am—3pm 4:00pm	December 21 Adoration Mass	<b>Religious Article Store</b> open after all weekend Masses <b>Come check us out</b> Gifts, cards, stocking stuffers, religious articles, free book library
Sunday, 8:00am 10:30am	December 22 Mass Mass	
Monday, 8:00am 6:00pm	December 23 Mass <b>NO BINGO</b>	
Tuesday, 5:00pm 10:00pm	December 24 Children's Mass Midnight Mass	
Wednesday, 8:00am 7:00pm	December 25 Mass Wed Evening Bible Study—Resumes 1/8/2025	
Thursday, 8:00am 9:00am	December 26 Mass Sr. Exercise / Social Hall	
Friday, 8:00am	December 27 Mass	
Saturday, 9am—3pm 4:00pm	December 28 Adoration / Chapel Mass	
Sunday, 8:00am 10:30am	December 29 Mass Mass	

### Sacred Heart Weekly Offering December 15, 2024

Offertory Income Last Week.....\$9,605.00  
 Online Giving this Week.....\$2,125.00  
**Total Offertory Income.....\$10,856.83**  
 Attendance.....663



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



**Paid to Date - \$95,434.08**



### THANK YOU!!

For brightening a young boy or girl's Christmas!  
 Your love and generosity made less fortunate families  
 have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all that you  
 have done to support the Parish and the community of  
 New Smyrna, Edgewater & Oak Hill.

**Adoration**  
 of the  
**Blessed Sacrament**



**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.



**NO BINGO**  
**MONDAY DEC 23rd!**  
**MONDAY BINGO WILL**

**RESUME ON DEC 30th, 2024**  
**Doors open at 4pm—Games start 6:00pm**

### 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.

#### SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS MASSES

**TUESDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 24TH (EVE)**  
**5:00pm - Children's Mass**  
**10:00pm - "Midnight" Mass**

**WEDNESDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 25TH (DAY)**  
**9:00am Mass**  
**Only Mass of the Day**



#### ST. GERARD CHRISTMAS MASSES

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**  
**7:00pm (EVE)**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**  
**10:00am (DAY)**

Everyone at Sacred Heart Parish/School, Office Staff, St. Gerard Mission and the Redemptorist Community wish you and your family a very Blessed Christmas Season!

## Pastor's Corner



### Dear Parishioners

For my Christmas letter this year, I decided to give Jesus Himself the honor since it is His birthday....

### Letter from Jesus about Christmas --

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.

Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15: 1 - 8.

If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth, here is My wish list. Choose something from it:

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.
2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.
3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up... It will be nice hearing from you again.
4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford, and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.
5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.
6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.
7. Instead of nit-picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind word. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families
8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary-- especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.
9. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to a charity which believes in Me and they will make the delivery for you.
10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of Mine.

Don't forget; I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember.

I LOVE YOU, JESUS **On Behalf of the Redemptorist Community and staff of Sacred Heart,  
St. Gerard and Sacred Heart School. Merry Christmas!**

God Bless Us All  
Fr. Tizio  
Email: frtizio@gmail.com

**Pastors Pun:** What is a parent's favorite Christmas carol?  
**Silent Night.**



## SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS



The cast and crew of Seussical Jr. meets for the first time. "I can see that you've got quite a mind for your age!" - Cat



Fourth grade started their study of composting worms in STREAM.



Congratulations, 3rd graders Andrew and Marcel N. who won the NONA Cup Soccer Tournament in Orlando!

## MINISTRY IN ACTION!



### OCIA News!

On Saturday, November 30th, our faith community celebrated the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate and the Rite of Welcoming Candidates.

Congratulations **Naomi Brady**, **Nancy Brady**, **Carin Hoblick**, **John and Audrey Jankowich**, **Tara Jones**, **Summer Lisanti**, **Teresa Lister**, **Christian Ponce**, **Jane Spencer** and **Douglas Zimmerman!**

The catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (already baptized) will continue their journey of faith toward full communion into the Catholic Church.

The parish, as the Church, are an important part of this journey.

We ask that you warmly welcome these catechumens and candidates into our faith family and to support them with your prayers.



The Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Leo Decker went to Orlando and watched Fr. John, Deacon Tom and Joe Adamick get elevated to 4th Degree Sir Knights. 4th symbolizes patriotism. Congratulations to Father John, Deacon Tom, Joe A and all 4th Degree Sir Knights! GOD BLESS!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS & JOIN US!**

**JANUARY 25, 2025**

for a **SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER** to benefit **SVdP, OCIA, & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**



# Saint Gerard Mission

3171 S Ridgewood Ave, Edgewater, FL 32141

## Mass Schedule—

**Sunday - 10:00am**



### St. Gerard Mass Schedule for Christmas

**Tues. December 24th - 7:00 pm**

**Wed. December 25th 10:00 am**

### MASS INTENTION

**Saturday, December 21**  
4:30pm + Ann Pulzello & Nick Bratton by SVdP

**Sunday, December 22**  
10:00am + Ann Pulzello by Tues, Rosary Group  
Fri., Small Church Comm

**Tuesday, December 24**  
7:00pm + Gary Butt by Wife Freda

**Wednesday, December 25**  
10:00am All Parishioners

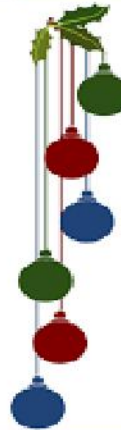
**Saturday, December 28**  
4:30pm + Ann Pulzello by Tues, Rosary Group  
Fri., Small Church Comm

**Sunday, December 29**  
10:00am + Ann Pulzello by Tues, Rosary Group  
Fri., Small Church Comm



*Be vigilant at all times*

LUKE 21:36



**Monday, December 23rd at 10:00 am.**

St. Gerard Arts and Environment Committee is seeking help with decorating the Church for Christmas.

Please contact Maryann Oliver at 386-689-3149 or [mboinfla@bellsouth.net](mailto:mboinfla@bellsouth.net) for more details

### St. Gerard Events Calendar

December 23, 2024—December 29, 2024

#### MONDAY—FRIDAY

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

10am **Decorating the Sanctuary**

**Tuesday, December 24**  
10:30am Intercessory Prayer Group-Cancelled Today  
7:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass-St. Gerard

**Wednesday, December 25**  
10:00am Christmas Day Mass-St. Gerard

**Thursday, December 26**  
3:00pm CHOIR PRACTICE-Cancelled Today

**Friday, December 27**  
10:00am Small Church Community-Cancelled Today

**Saturday, December 28**  
10:30am Novena to St. Gerard Anniversary Prayer  
4:00pm Confession & Rosary

4:30pm Vigil for Feast of the Holy Family

**Sunday, December 29**  
9:30am Confession & Rosary

10:00am Mass for Feast of the Holy Family  
11:00am Novena to St. Gerard Anniversary Prayer

### St. Gerard Weekly Offering

December 15, 2024

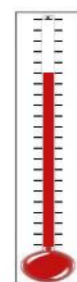
Offertory Income Last .....\$2,851.00  
Online Giving this Week.....\$100.00  
**Total Offertory Income.....\$2,951.00**  
Attendance.....261



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**





## Faith & Prayer at St. Gerard's

### Happy Anniversary St. Gerard Mission!!

December 24th marks the 25th Anniversary of our Redemptorist Mission Church of St. Gerard.

The Redemptorists began this work, and by the will of God and power of the Holy Spirit it is going strong today.

Let us pray for spiritual growth and continued prosperity, as well as the continuation of sharing the good news of the Gospel and redemption by our Savior, Redeemer and Lord.

**Happy Birthday, Jesus!!**

### Novena to St. Gerard commemorating our 25th Anniversary



What better way to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. Gerard Redemptorist Mission Community than

#### PRAYER!!

All are invited to gather at St. Gerard daily beginning **December 28th-January 5 that 10:30 am** for a Communal Novena to St. Gerard. We are specifically praying for St. Gerard's intercession in thanksgiving of 25 years of existence; and continued growth and presence of this mission in Edgewater.

If you cannot attend physically each day, and would like to participate from home, copies of the St. Gerard Novena are available at St. Gerard near the entrances.

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

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