# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

November 17, 2024 Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



The Last Judgement (The Archangel Michael weighing souls on Judgement Day) Hans Memling (circa 1433–1494)

### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday Reconciliation 3:30PM - 4:30PM Mass 5:00 PM Sunday Mass 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

### Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, in striving to be like Christ, are committed to living the Gospel by participating in the Sacraments, promoting spiritual growth and religious education, and being an example of His Eucharistic love.

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# An Introduction to the Advent Study written by Nick Bonds, DRE

In the vast and complex history of humanity and the Christian faith, certain events stand out - not merely for their immediate impact but for their enduring influence on society's spiritual, cultural, and social fabric. The upcoming Catholic Jubilee Year in 2025 is one such milestone, promising to be a profound time of reflection, renewal, and celebration for millions of Catholics the world over. This Jubilee is particularly significant because it coincides with the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, a connection that underscores its historical context and its importance in the history of early Christianity.

The tradition of the Jubilee Year dates to the Old Testament and ancient Jewish culture, where it was observed as a time of liberation and restoration. In Leviticus 25, God commands the Israelites to proclaim a year of Jubilee every fifty years. Jubilee would be a time when enslaved people would be freed, debts forgiven, and lands restored. The Roman Catholic Church, in turn, adopted this practice in the year 1300 under Pope Boniface VIII, and it has since evolved into a transformative period of pilgrimage, penance, and profound spiritual renewal. Every twenty-five years, the Catholic Church invites the faithful to embark on a journey of faith, seeking reconciliation with God and each other. Pilgrims travel to Rome and other designated holy sites, passing through "Holy Doors" to symbolize their commitment to spiritual renewal. The Jubilee Year is marked by numerous religious ceremonies, acts of charity, and opportunities to gain indulgences, reflecting on the core Christian values of mercy, forgiveness, and love.

In 325 AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine, widely venerated in the Orthodox Church, convened the first ecumenical council in Nicaea, now in modern-day Turkey. The Council of Nicaea was a watershed moment in the history of Christianity, as it addressed critical theological disputes that threatened to divide the early Church. The most significant of these was the Arian controversy, which questioned the very divinity of Jesus Christ. Under the leadership of bishops from across the Christian world, from Europe to the Near East to the coasts of North Africa, the council formulated the Nicene Creed, a declaration of faith that affirms the consubstantiality of the Son with the Father - an assertion that Jesus Christ is "true God from true God." This creed has since become a foundational statement of Christian belief, recited in churches throughout Christendom. The Council of Nicaea established essential precedents for church governance and the celebration of Easter, ensuring a unified observance of Christ's resurrection. Its legacy is profound, still shaping the theological and organizational framework of Christianity today.

The 2025 Jubilee's confluence with the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea offers a unique opportunity for the global Catholic community to reflect on its rich heritage and reaffirm its faith. It is a time to celebrate the enduring truths of the Nicene Creed and the transformative power of God's mercy as experienced through the Jubilee tradition. As we embark on this journey of faith, we are reminded of the timeless call to unity, charity, and holiness proclaimed by Jesus Christ, which has resonated throughout the ages. The Jubilee Year and the commemoration of the Council of Nicaea beckon us to look back with gratitude, live in the present with grace, and move forward with hope, ever guided by the light of Christ.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Life Center Pledged: \$531,765.00

Total Collected Last Week: \$5,722.00 **Total Collected Overall:** \$835,363.00



Congratulations
As a community of faith we welcome

Annie Pham Bonnie Pham Cathie Pham

who were baptized last weekend.

ST. HILDEGARD'S

St. Hildegards group would like to invite you to attend their Monday morning meetings at 10:00 am in the Parish Life Center. There next meeting will be on November 18th. This group is a health and wellness/weight loss group that meet to support each other in their health goals. Next week's meeting will include group exercises followed by group discussion.

# his Week at Sacred Heart

11:00am Mass 1:00pm Mass en español 2:00pm Ladies Guild Vlonday

10:00 am St. Hildegard/Health and Weight Loss Group

Tuesday

7:00am Mass 10:00am-Chrismon Group-Activity Center 6:00pm-Choir Practice-Church 6:00pm-8:00pm-Scouts-Activity Center

There will be PSR Class this week!

Wednesdau

7:00am Mass 6:00 pm Parish School of Religion **First Communion** Confirmation Year 1 Confirmation Year 2 **OCIA-English OCIA-Spanish Parent Classes** Thursday

7:00am Mass

Friday 7:00am Mass

Saturday 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass Sundau 11:00am Mass 1:00pm Mass en español

## St. Cecilia

Feast Day Nov. 22nd Dear St. Cecilia, may you inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people by filling the air with God's gift of music and reminding them of the divine Musician who created all beauty. Amen

Our Adult Advent Study kicks off this Tuesday, November 19th at 9:30am. We will gather in fellowship until 10:00am and our program will start with lessons with Mary Rhodes in music and prayer, Yvonne Boothe will show us how to make our own advent wreaths. Deacon Cova will finish the morning with a lesson on Hope and how it relates to the season of Advent.



Offering Tips-From Our Counters

1. Pleae write the amount of check or cash on the front of your envelopes.

Please don't tape or seal the envelope, simply tuck the flap

**Daily Mass Schedule** Saturday, Nov. 16th 5pm---Friars Intention Sunday, Nov. 17th 9 am-----Friars Intention 11am ----- Friars Intention 1 pm ----Friars Intention Tuesday, Nov. 19th 7am----- Faithful Departed Wednesday, Nov. 20th 7am-----Faithful Departed Thursday, Nov. 21st 7am-----Faithful Departed

Saturday, Nov. 23rd 5pm---+Beverly Pletcher

Friday, Nov. 22nd

Sunday, Nov. 24th

9 am----+Tom Walsh 11am ----- +Joe Will McGuire 1 pm ----Parish Family

7am---- +Julianna Murillo and +Noel Murillo

The flowers at the altar are offered in loving memory of Kenton Keith, given by Tim and Donna Barton.

The flowers at the pieta are in loving memory of Greg Gilliland on the occasion of his birthday. They are given by his family.

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Nov. 23rd & 24th Lectors 5pm-----Sally Smith 9 am -----Sonja Deno 11 am ----Richard Curtin **Eucharistic Ministers** 5pm -- Deacon Cova

9 am (choir) -----Michelle Proper

**Ushers:** 5pm-Joe Fox, Jesse Edwards 9 am ---Kenny Steppe, Chuck Sibley

11am---Felipe and Danneal Gijon

Sacristans

5pm ---- Susan Watson, Keila Sevgi 9 am -Nick and Tristn Bonds 11am---Glori H Whitaker, Kelly Matson

Hospitality

5 pm -----Linda Chenard 9am----Kathy Hopper

11am -----Margaret Roberts

Altar Servers

5pm ---- Efe Sevgi, Dean and Evan Lombardi,

9am---The Mancillas, The Maniscalcos, 11am -The Gijons, Melanie Micete,

Andrew Cofield

Hospital Ministry

Nov. 19th-Nov. 25th Richard Curtin

Mass Attendance Nov. 9th & 10th

5:00 pm-----154 9:00 am -----265 11:00 am -----232 1:00 pm -----380

**UPCOMING** SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 24th Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Dn 7:13 – 14

• Ps 93:1, 1–2, 5

• Rv 1:5 - 8

• Jn 18:33b - 37

Weekly Offertory Nov. 9nth & 10th

Collection: \$13,152.00 Online: \$2,283.34 Total: \$15,435.34 Building Fund:

Collection: \$4,832.00 Online: \$890.00 Total: \$5,722.00

Online Giving

You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.



Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, John Winn, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie & Everett Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Stephanie Velasquez, Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Elizabeth-Anne Heathcock, Diane Seales, Debbie Buzan, Julianne & Oliver Semmes, Tom Beam, Sharon Coverstone, Chris Warden, Michael Ingram, Sandie Pasquinelli, Bob Anderson, Allison Doyal, Sandy Demarois, Sheri Ballard, JoAnn Nelson, Cameron Chenard, Jo Greathouse, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Micky Zielenski, Jamie Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Michael Griffin, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba



Our Holy Father's **Prayer Intention** 



For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.