

The background is a dark blue night sky filled with stars. A large, bright, multi-pointed star is positioned in the upper left quadrant, with a beam of light shining down from it. In the center, the word "FAITH" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. The letter "A" is significantly larger than the other letters. Inside the "A", there is a black silhouette of the Nativity scene, showing Mary kneeling, Joseph standing, and the infant Jesus in a manger. Below the word "FAITH", there is a paragraph of text and a quote. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark blue horizontal band containing the church's name and address in white text.

FAITH

The Word became flesh
and made His dwelling
among us. We have seen
His glory, the glory of the
One and Only, who came
from the Father, full of
grace and truth.

- John 1:14

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
HARTSDALE, NEW YORK 10530



Merry Christmas ©JPPC

The Clergy & staff of Sacred Heart Church wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas!

The rectory will be closed Monday, December 25th in observance of this most joyful celebration.

Last WEEK

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December 3, 2023 - \$7,918
December 10, 2023 - \$8,124
December Parish Reserve Fund - \$2,995
Immaculate Conception - \$1,952
Religious Retirement Fund - \$2,722

New Years Mass Times

Sunday, December 31st
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM
2:00 PM Korean
7:00 PM

Monday, January 1st
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
7:00 AM
12:10 PM
2:00 PM Korean

Weekly Readings HOLY BIBLE

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 | Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 | Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 | Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 | Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 | Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 | Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 | Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 | Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 | Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 | Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Week of December 24, 2023 The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23:

- 8:30 Victoria & Epifania Conde & Cecilia Correa (+)
- 5:00 Rufino & Cerelina Luistro (+)
- 7:00 Special Intentions

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 Ines Ramos (+)(1st A)
- 10:00 Dan, Rosa, & Michael Rubino Giglio (+)
- 12:00 Susan Serafin (+)(B)
- 2:00 **Korean Mass**

Sunday, December 24:

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve Vigil)

- 4:00 Jane & Hank Goldwasser (+)
- 9:00 The Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
- 10:30 **Korean Mass**

Monday, December 25:

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

- 8:00 William Smith (+), Victoria Guerrero Smith (L), and their children Andrew & Philip Smith (L)
- 10:00 Martin Tori (+)(A)
- 12:00 Martin Maistre (+)
- 2:00 Korean Mass

Tuesday, December 26:

- 7:00 Theresa Panicker (+)
- 12:10 Maria & Salvatore Imperati (+)

Wednesday, December 27:

- 7:00 Kathleen Carlin (+)
- 12:10 Maria Hernandez (+)

Thursday, December 28:

- 7:00 Theresa Kim (L)
- 12:10 Thanksgiving Mass for the Labao & Polintan Families

Friday, December 29:

- 7:00 Donna Advincula (L)
- 12:10 Pasquale Ruvo (+)(B)

Saturday, December 30:

- 8:30 Eleanor Theresa Kim (L)
- 5:00 Vivienne Dupré (+)
- 7:00 Jenny de Maria España & Diego & Oscar Rodrigues España (+)

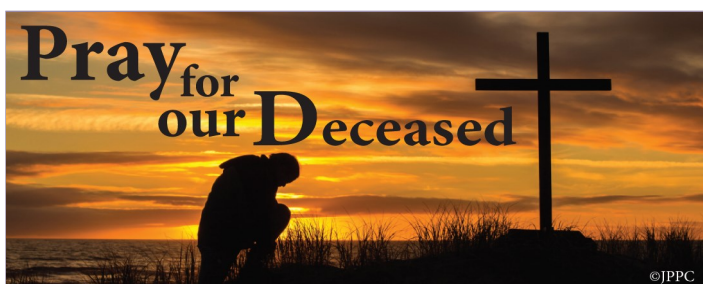
Sunday, December 31:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 8:00 Fr. Anthony Uwandu (L)
- 10:00 Ronald Baker (+)(A)
- 12:00 Richard Paul (L)
- 2:00 **Korean Mass**
- 7:00 The Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church



Peter Tomasini, Tessie Tan,
Joan Vought, Caroline Alongi,
Andrea Kallaras, Julie Diaz,
Jose Rivera, Robert Muller,
Geshika Chirinos, Marie Ruvo,
Geraldine Towey, Dawn Ann Donnathan



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives, for those who are most forgotten and for those who recently died, especially:

Sr. Danielle Baran, Elaine Fiorina,
and Joanne Potenza

We extend our deepest condolences to everyone who has lost a loved one.

May God grant you peace and comfort!

If you would like the name of a loved one to be placed on the Pray For the Sick list, please contact the rectory or leave a note in the collection basket.



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What is Your Gift?

From the Advent Mission
Father Fred Nickle
Capuchin Franciscan of
the Province of St. Mary

“To those who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God.” - John 1:12

Today’s Gospel reveals the gift that each of us carries within.

The 2006 film, *The Nativity Story*, brings to life an old legend. The movie shows a scene where Mary & Joseph meet a poor, elderly shepherd. The shepherd encourages a tired-looking Mary with this comment “We are all given something, a gift. Your gift is what you carry inside of you.” Then she asks him, “What is your gift?” The man replies, “Nothing. Nothing, but the hope of waiting for one.” Later, he comes to the manger with the other shepherds. All the other shepherds were carrying gifts, but he had nothing to give. Seeing the shepherd embarrassed and with empty hands, Mary puts the baby Jesus in his arms. While giving him the Christ Child, she says with tenderness, “He is for all humankind. We are each given a gift.”

Today’s Gospel reveals the gift that each of us carries within. The Gospel ends with this verse: “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace upon grace.” Pope Francis reminds us that grace is a synonym of beauty. Today, we encounter beauty upon beauty. The beauty of a God – who created the universe, heaven, and earth – becoming human like us. Jesus, Word of God, who is God, became human – one of us. He built his house next to ours, lived among us, ate like us, suffered with us, for us, to save us. He came as a baby, a humble, vulnerable child, to a poor family. He came to serve and give his life, embracing everything about us because he loved us.

In the beauty of God’s love, we discover our own beauty. We are all beloved of God. This is the gift we carry inside of us, according to Pope Francis: “For better or worse, in sickness and in health, whether happy or sad, in [God’s] eyes we are beautiful, not for what we do but for what we are. Deep within us, there is an indelible and intangible beauty, an irrepressible beauty, which is the core of our being.”

While I know this with my mind, I struggle to accept it in my heart. We all have loved ones who struggle deeply. Because I love these people dearly, I find myself hurting with them, and wanting so much to change their situation, to fix them. Yet, I feel helpless, powerless. It kills me to see people I love suffer because my weaknesses and self-reliance are exposed.

Through these loved ones, I find myself before a disguised gift. I find myself responding with the old shepherd to the question of gift, “Nothing. Nothing, but the hope of waiting for one.” Like him, I am being drawn by Mary’s tender gaze as she places the Christ Child in my arms, inviting me to open my heart as the cradle of God. Albeit not easy, I am grateful for this opportunity to receive this gift in this season of hope.

What is your gift this Christmas? How are you letting yourself become more fully a beloved of God?



Marian Hymns
Father Michael Moon
Pastor

Once, I was asked why our parishioners at Sacred Heart do not say the prayer to St. Michael after daily Masses. I said, “Because we pray Hail Holy

Queen in honor of our blessed mother who gave birth to our Savior.” It is a wonderful tradition to pray to St. Michael after the Mass, but I believe it is a better tradition to sing the Marian Hymns after each celebration of Communion.

One of the principle Dogmatic Constitution documents of Vatican II, the *Lumen Gentium* ends like this:

In the interim just as the Mother of Jesus, glorified in body and soul in heaven, is the image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come, so too does she shine forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, as a sign of sure hope and solace to the people of God during its sojourn on earth.

It gives great joy and comfort to this holy and general Synod that even among the separated brethren there are some who give due honor to the Mother of our Lord and Savior, especially among the Orientals, who with devout mind and fervent impulse give honor to the Mother of God, ever virgin. The entire body of the faithful pours forth instant supplication to the Mother of God and Mother of men that she, who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers, may now, exalted as she is above all the angels and saints, intercede before her Son in the fellowship of all the saints, until all families of people, whether they are honored with the title of Christian or whether they still do not know the Savior, may be happily gathered together in peace and harmony into one people of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Seasonally, we can sing *Salve Regina*, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, *Ave Regina Caelorum* and *Regina Caeli* throughout the Liturgical year. Though these hymns may sound like we are praising Our Lady, they are not praise directed to her, but they are her praise of how God has blessed her. And all these sung prayers to Our Blessed Mother are asking her to intercede with Jesus on our behalf and to bring us closer to him.

So as we begin the new year, we will sing these Marian Hymns after all Sunday Masses.

Liturgical Calendar of Marian Hymns

From Pentecost to the 1 st Sunday of Advent	<i>Salve Regina</i> <i>Hail O Queen</i>
From the 1 st Sunday of Advent to the Feast of the Purification on February 2nd	<i>Alma Redemptoris Mater</i> <i>Loving Mother of Our Redeemer</i>
From the Feast of the Purification to Wednesday of Holy Week	<i>Ave Regina Caeli</i> <i>Hail O Queen of Heaven</i>
From Easter Sunday to Pentecost	<i>Regina Caeli</i> <i>Queen of Heaven</i>

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THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Love

Reflection & Prayer for The Fourth Week of Advent

"And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." - Luke 2:10-11

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



The Advent Wreath is dedicated
in Loving Memory of
Antoinette & Frank Schilero

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<http://www.usccb.org>

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<https://shchartsdale.churchgiving.com/>



To visiting family members and anyone new to our parish, welcome! We're happy to have you here at Sacred Heart. We hope that your time here will be fruitful and full of God's peace.

If you are new to the parish and looking to make this your home, please stop by the rectory or visit <https://shchartsdale.com/about/online-registration/> to register. We will collect your contact information and some sacramental information before we issue you tithing envelopes. There is no charge for registration. We want your hearts, not your money.

Sacred Heart Church

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm in Spanish
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm and 7:00 pm
2:00 pm in Korean

10:00 am in German
(Archbishop Stepinac HS
Chapel, White Plains, NY)

Adoration

Fridays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday
7:00 am and 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am

Holy Day Masses

When on a work day:
Vigil: 7:00 pm,
Day: 7:00 am and 12:10 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday in Sacristy
3:45 pm and 4:30 pm