



*And the Word became
flesh and made His
dwelling among us.*

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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Where is everyone? Should I wait or am I late?

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Time has taken its toll. These past months, so many events in our personal lives and in the world have been rescheduled, pushed back or forward, postponed or canceled. We are invited to experience and share our encounters in real-time and in-person or digitally and at some other time. We can relive a moment in time, again and again; and yet, is this a matter of technology or simply a part of life? How many times through the years have you seen your favorite movie, or reread that special book that rests on your night table, or played back that voice message that you will never delete from your phone? How many times have you told that same story to family and friends who have heard it countless times, yet each time as if it were the first? Where are you with Jesus, this Christmas, this time around? Wherever you are, it is Christ Who has been and will always be with you.

The calendar this year sets the Christmas Season into a compressed schedule that seems to perfectly fit our current situation of “here and gone.” The individual liturgies from Christmas Eve through Christmas Day carry us on a journey through time in the course of a single day. We have been celebrating Christmas this way for centuries. The final Mass of the day includes the beginning of the Gospel of St. John, where John the Evangelist, through John the Baptist, reminds us of who Jesus is ... just in case we missed Him the first time around. But the *Christmas Story* doesn't end there; no, now we expand it and hold on to it for eight days ... the Octave of Christmas ... and retell it with a new encounter each time over.

So, don't let the time worry you. We would love to see you in Church and in-person. If that doesn't work, you can find us online at the parish website: churchofthesacredheart.net or on the parish Youtube channel. Please know that we continue to do what we can to stay connected to you. The Christmas schedule is on the reverse side. The printed, abbreviated version of the weekly bulletin is available at the church and parish office. The full, digital version is available in all of its glory with archived issues, always accessible from the parish website.

Be safe and healthy in body, mind and spirit. Thank you for your faithful witness and generous spirit. God bless you and your loved ones. With the prayers and best wishes of our Sacred Heart Parish Staff, I am devotedly yours in Christ,

Rev. John P. Alvarado, pastor

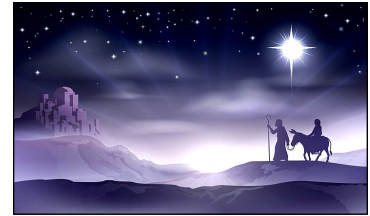
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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

Celebrate the rich traditions and spiritual treasures of the Seasons of Advent and Christmas with family & friends, at home and in church.

The Advent Wreath is composed of candles, light, and evergreen in an unbroken circle — a four-week “calendar” of prayer inviting us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, Who calls us to everlasting life.



The Christmas Crèche was first presented by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century at a chapel in Greccio, Italy. It brings to our view the place, people and animals gathered around Jesus at His birth. It is a reminder also that the Wood of the Crib would become the Wood of the Cross.

Advent Confessions

W, DEC 01 (12:00-1:00PM); W, DEC 08 (12:00-1:00PM);
W, DEC 15 (12:00-1:00PM); W, DEC 22 (12:00-1:00PM);
EVERY SATURDAY (10:00-11:30AM)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 — 6:30AM, 9:00AM & 7:00PM

Our liturgies are celebrated in-person and live-streamed and are accessible to you at all times from our parish website. Christmas is actually 8 days long (the Octave of Christmas). With Christmas Day falling on Saturday this year, it will be an extended, busy, holy weekend of events.



Take the time and enter into the sacred celebrations with family and friends.



CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 — 5:00PM & MIDNIGHT

Music prelude begins 15 minutes prior to each Mass.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 —
9:00AM & 11:30AM



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 — 9:00 & 11:30AM

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

World Day of Prayer for Peace

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 —
5:00PM EVENING PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE;
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 — 9:00AM



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 —
SATURDAY VIGIL- 5:00PM;
SUNDAY- 9:00 & 11:30AM



The Baptism of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 —
SATURDAY VIGIL- 5:00PM;
SUNDAY- 9:00 & 11:30AM

The Christmas Season ends with The Baptism of the Lord.