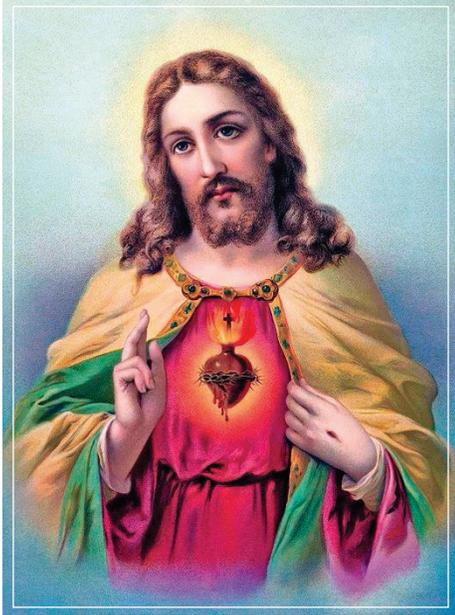


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# SACRED HEART CHURCH



## SERVED BY

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am & 12:00 noon

**Weekday:** Monday - Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 8:00 am (*No Masses on Thursday*)

**Holy Days (except Christmas & New Year's):** 8:00 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment Only

**Baptisms:** Arrangements must be made with the Parish Secretary by calling the Rectory during office hours. Baptism can take place either on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

**Marriage:** Following the Common Policy, a marriage should take place in the parish of either the bride or the groom. Marriage preparation is generally one year. Please call the Rectory as soon as possible after the engagement to discuss your wedding plans.

**Hospital Visits and Communion Calls:** The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated twice a year for anyone who may have a chronic condition (October & Easter Season) and is for the healing of body, mind or spirit. If someone is admitted to the hospital, due to the Patient Privacy Law, the priest can only make a visit upon the request of the family. If someone hasn't been to Mass due to illness, please call the Rectory to have a Minister or the priest bring the Eucharist.

**Faith Formation** is open to all children of the parish. Sessions are held in the parish center on Sunday mornings from 10:15 am – 11:45 am. Children who need to prepare for First Holy Communion and Confirmation must be enrolled in faith formation for at least two years, according to Archdiocesan policy. Please contact the parish coordinator of faith formation for more information.

**Parish Membership:** Anyone who worships with us should consider becoming a registered member of the parish. Unfortunately, unless there is a formal registration into parish we are unable to write letters of recommendation and/or fill out sponsor forms for Baptism and Confirmation.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming multi-ethnic Community of Believers, that in our diversity we are united in our discipleship in following in the footsteps of the Lord as we worship in the Catholic tradition. As we come together to celebrate the Eucharist we are empowered by our life and our witness to be living disciples of Gospel values.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 25, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS  
OF THE WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 25, 2026

- 4:30 PM Geraldine Miller Crane  
By Harry Miller
- 9:00 AM John Krzywicki  
By Pat Kelemen
- 12:00 PM Carol and Anthony Pallito  
By Janet & Art Suriano

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 (CHAPEL)

ST. TIMOTHY & TITUS

- 8:00 AM For The People

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 (CHAPEL)

- 8:00 AM No Intention

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026 (CHAPEL)

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- 8:00 AM No Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026 (CHAPEL)

- 8:00 AM Don DeZottis  
By Tony & Mary Ann Franco

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

ST. JOHN BOSCO

- 8:00 AM No Intention

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

- 4:30 PM Veronika Vido  
By Nancy Vido
- 9:00 AM Matija Fizulich  
By Zeljka Fizulich
- 12:00 PM Eleanor and Arthur Suriano, Sr.  
By Janet & Art Suriano

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. KEVIN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Do you know that in three years our Church building will be 100 years old? 100 years of service to the community is no small task, and while the parish has changed over the years, none so much as in these last eight years. We have moved from being one of the three smallest parishes to the lower range of a medium-sized parish.

I would have liked to have a celebration marking this historic event, but...1) With Pastoral Conversion, we don't know how long Sacred Heart will be a free-standing parish, and 2) With my days of active ministry drawing to a close, I am uncertain if I will even be here. Just something else to think about.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, at this time of year, I try to reassess my priestly ministry where I have been and where I am going. Pastoral Conversion and the future of our church have been on everyone's minds, but even more so for your priests.

How does one plan for an uncertain future? Should we start new ministries or not? Should I stay or retire? It seems at this moment in time, I have more questions than answers.

While there seems to be a push back from the Archdiocese about the current timeline for the merging, once again, there seems to be no clear answer. To be honest, I really don't know what to do.

So, in all things, I ask for your prayers as I pray to the Holy Spirit for Wisdom.

God's Peace!  
Fr. Kevin

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Our Goal is \$3,000 a Week

Collections from 1/1 - 1/11

\$ 6,928.00..... First Collection

\$ 1,476.00.....Assessment

\$ 3,375.00.....Christmas

\$ 670.00.....Mary, Mother of God

\$12,449.00 – Total for 2 Weeks

Thank you for your generosity

### COAT DRIVE

*Last year, we tried to have a coat drive to help the less fortunate, but it did not work out. This year, we have a parishioner who will drop off items to the homeless shelter in Hoboken. Should you have any gently used garments and wish to donate them, please leave them in the lower church before or after Sunday Mass, and we will make sure they are delivered.*

### CATHOLIC JOKE

*A child asked his mom why people put money in envelopes at church.  
She said, "To give thanks to God."  
He replied, "That's nice. I was afraid it was rent."*

### MASS ATTENDANCE

***January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>***

***Saturday – 4:30 PM – 17***

***Sunday – 9:00 AM – 32***

***Sunday – 12:00 PM – 85***

***Total – 134***

*(Attendance Was Impacted By The Weather)*

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am told that the carpet at the bottom of the stairs will soon be replaced with stair treads — possibly by the time you are reading this. It has been a challenging winter to coordinate this work, as weather conditions have made it difficult for contractors to complete projects on schedule. Thank you for your patience as we work through these practical but important improvements to our church.

As many of you know, the band was once again unable to play last week due to the weather, just as it was in December. We are grateful that they have been rescheduled and are now planned to join us for this Sunday's 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses. We look forward to gathering together in song and prayer.

Our first Finance Council meeting of the year will take place on Monday, February 2nd. At that meeting, we will continue planning for the remainder of the 2026 fiscal year and begin discussions regarding 2027. Like many parishes throughout the Archdiocese, Sacred Heart is navigating the uncertainty surrounding Pastoral Conversion. The Archdiocese has recognized the concerns being raised and is slowing the process as a result. Some parishes have expressed openness to Pastoral Conversion because they are facing serious challenges — whether financial strain, declining attendance, or aging facilities — and are hoping for renewed support and direction. While there has been discussion about evaluating those parishes first before moving forward elsewhere, I have not yet received confirmation. I will continue to share updates as they become available.

This week's psalm is **Psalm 27: "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation."** It reminds us that God brings light when the path ahead feels unclear, salvation when we feel overwhelmed, and strength when we are tempted to fear. Even in uncertain times, the Lord remains our refuge and our hope.

*May we continue to place our trust in Him, confident that He walks with us through every season — lighting our way, steadying our hearts, and guiding our parish forward in faith.*

Joyfully in Christ,  
Art Suriano

### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Maritza Castillo	Pam McGonagle
Jaydi Tejada	Gail Newmann
Noel Pabatto	Alfred Koegler
Monica Maria Cano	Carla Clancy
Kim Pozharsky	

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 25, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

TO REGISTER, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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I have someone at home who wishes to receive Holy Communion.

I have an issue that I would like to discuss with a priest. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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MASS BOOK FOR 2026

**We Are Booking Masses This Weekend Of: January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**- The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.**

**- You can book up to two Sunday Masses and/or three Weekday Masses each time.**

**- The Sanctuary Lamp costs \$10.00, and the Bread and Wine for Mass is \$10.00.**

**If a parishioner memorializes both of these, the candle for the Blessed Mother cost is \$10.00. If the candle is purchased alone, the cost is \$20.00.**

PARISH ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

**Our Next Assessment Collection The Weekend Of January 31<sup>st</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*Please be as generous as your means allow.*

**Our goal each month is \$1,474.00.**

*We thank you for your generosity!*

FOOD DRIVE

*This is a reminder that Food for the Franciscan Sisters Development Service is collected each weekend. The Food Pantry accepts Turkey, Ham, and Chicken year-round; however, dropping off these items needs to be coordinated with:*

*Ani Jorge – 973-931-6343 or*

*Mercedes Avello -201-637-9726*

*Please remember those who have less than we do.*

THE SACRED HEART CHURCH BAND

*The Sacred Heart Church Band will be at the*

*• 9 am and 12 noon Masses on January 25<sup>th</sup>*

*• 9 am and 12 noon Masses on February 15<sup>th</sup>*

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

*This weekend, we are raffling off a beautiful gift basket generously donated to the parish by **The Health Department of North Bergen**. Raffle tickets are **\$5.00 each**, and all proceeds will be donated to the **Franciscan Sisters who faithfully operate our Food Pantry**.*

*The basket is filled with a wonderful assortment of delicious food items to enjoy.*

*The drawing will take place on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 12:00 PM Mass.*

*Please consider supporting the Franciscan Sisters and this important ministry by purchasing a raffle ticket.*

*Good luck — and thank you for your generosity!*

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

If any parishioner wishes to receive a tax statement for their 2025 contributions to Sacred Heart, please email **asuriano@shpnb.com** and include your name, envelope number, and address. If you do not have access to a computer or email, please place that information in a sealed envelope and give it to **Art Suriano** before or after Mass. Tax statements will be sent via email whenever possible. If you do not have access to email or are unable to print documents, please let us know, and a printed tax statement will be made available for you to pick up at church before or after Mass. Tax statements can only be provided to registered parishioners. The deadline to receive a Tax Statement is February 23rd.

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## Gospel Today Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Matthew 4:12-23

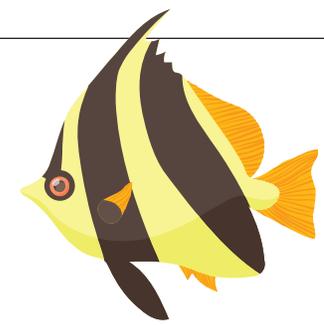
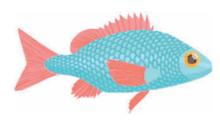
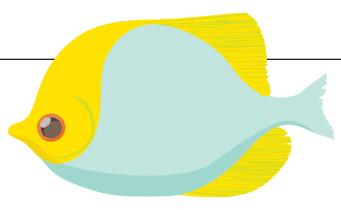
In today's Gospel, Jesus chose His first disciples at the Sea of Galilee. Brothers Simon Peter and Andrew were the first to be greeted by Jesus, followed by James and John. At once they left their boat and nets to become fishers of men and women with Jesus, as He began His ministry.

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Brothers James and John left their father Zebedee, their boat and nets, and followed Jesus.

As fishers of men and women, they would now help Jesus gather the people and preach the Good News.

### FOLLOW JESUS



Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found in the fish.

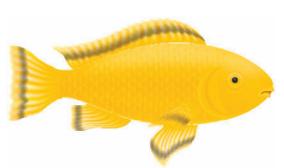
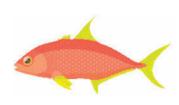


Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the

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of Heaven is at hand." - Matthew 4:17



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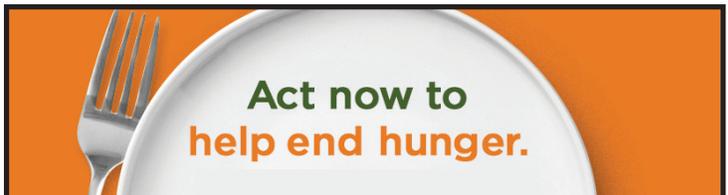


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