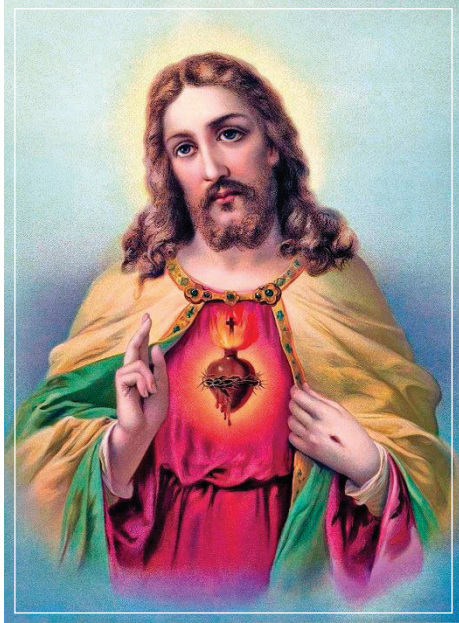


The Parish Family of SACRED HEART CHURCH



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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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 18, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18, 2026

4:30 PM Maria & Anton Toic
By Mr. & Mrs. Toic
9:00 AM Anthony LoForte
By Joan LoForte
12:00 PM Monica Maria Cano (Living)
By Claudia & Charles Koelger

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 (CHAPEL)

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

8:00 AM For The People

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 (CHAPEL)

8:00 AM Dinka Matesic
By The Vudragovic Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 (CHAPEL)

8:00 AM Alicia McCormick
By Claudia & Charles Koegler

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026 (CHURCH)

8:00 AM Mario Porro
By Barbara & Demi Infante

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 (CHURCH)

8:00 AM Velimir Zic
By Frances Picinic

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 25, 2026

4:30 PM Joy Gorman
By Sue & Bob Carrano
9:00 AM Deceased Members of The Rosary
Society
By Sacred Heart
12:00 PM Bryan Corujo
By Barbara & Demi Infante

IN MEMORIAM

There Are No Memorials This Week

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KEVIN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the 60 people who attended last Saturday's Anointing Mass. As a priest, few things bring me greater joy or spiritual fulfillment than serving as an instrument of God's healing grace. reminder of His boundless love, compassion, and presence in our lives, especially during times of illness, suffering, and uncertainty.

For those who were unable to attend, I plan to celebrate one more Anointing Mass before my retirement during the Easter Season. I sincerely encourage you to join us and experience the peace, comfort, and spiritual strength that this beautiful sacrament offers.

As I have mentioned many times, not every parish in our area offers a special Anointing Mass, and it has always been one of my greatest blessings to celebrate this sacrament twice a year here at Sacred Heart. We were especially pleased to welcome several people from neighboring parishes. Our doors and our hearts are always open to everyone seeking God's grace.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that while we have responsibilities to the world in which we live, our greatest responsibility is to God. So much of our time is spent meeting the demands of everyday life that we sometimes overlook what matters most: our relationship with the Lord. He asks not simply for our time or our offerings, but for our hearts, our faith, and our trust. May we always remember to give God the place He deserves in our lives, allowing His love to guide our words, our actions, and our decisions each day.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that tomorrow evening, Monday, October 19th, at 7 PM in the church, marks the second week of our nine-week spiritual journey leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patronal Feast of our country. Each gathering offers a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to our Blessed Mother through prayer, Scripture, a brief homily, intercessions, and a special blessing. I warmly invite you to join us as we seek Mary's loving intercession and prepare our hearts to celebrate this beautiful feast.

May our Blessed Mother continue to watch over our parish family and lead us ever closer to her Son.

God's Peace!

Fr. Kevin

PARISH ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

*Our Next Assessment Collection The Weekend Of
October 31st and November 1st*

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Our goal each month is \$7400.00.

We thank you for your generosity!

SACRED HEART CHURCH - NORTH BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

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	Ryan Newmann
Jennifer Hoyte Mayer	Lucy Calfat
Kevin Trelease	Glen Vandervalk
Charles Edward Koegler	

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE

October 10th & 11th

Saturday – 4:30 PM – 37

Sunday – 9:00 AM – 72

Sunday - 12:00 PM - 80

Total – 189

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Our Goal is \$3,000 a Week

Collections from 9/19- 9/27

\$ 4,218.00.....First Collection

\$ 340.00.....Memorials

4,558.00 – Total for 2 Weeks

Thank you for your generosity

MASS BOOK FOR 2026

**We Are Booking Masses The Weekend Of:
October 24th and 25th.**

- 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, the cost of the candle for the Blessed Mother is \$10.00. If the candle is purchased alone, the cost is \$20.00.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Following the wonderful response to the new votive candle sets recently installed by our Blessed Mother, Fr. Kevin has decided to purchase two additional sets for the sanctuary, replacing the electronic candles currently in place. These new candle sets will be larger than those by the Blessed Mother and will feature an elegant gold finish with amber-colored glass. We believe they will be a beautiful addition to our church, enhancing the warmth and reverence of our sacred space. While we do not yet have a delivery date, I will certainly keep everyone informed.

We are also exploring additional improvements to the sanctuary. One involves replacing the chrome strips bordering the sanctuary floor with wood or wood-look vinyl that will complement the beautiful woodwork behind the tabernacle. We are currently discussing the available options and costs with our contractor. In addition, we hope to address, once and for all, the recurring plaster issues on the ceiling above the altar, including the necessary repairs and painting. As these plans develop, I will share more information with you. Fr. Kevin's hope is to complete these improvements before his retirement in June, leaving our beloved church even more beautiful for the generations who will worship here in the years ahead.

Next weekend, I will present our 2026 Financial Report at all three Masses. I will review our parish's current financial position, reflect on the challenges and accomplishments of the past year, and share what we anticipate for 2027. I believe it is important that everyone understands not only where we stand financially, but also how your continued generosity and commitment help sustain the spiritual life and mission of Sacred Heart. Our parish is more than a building; it is a family of faith, and each of us plays a part in its future.

Our Responsorial Psalm this week is Psalm 96: "Give the Lord Glory and Honor." These beautiful words remind us that God alone is the Creator and Lord of all the earth, worthy of our praise, gratitude, and devotion. They are an invitation to recognize His presence in every aspect of our lives and to glorify Him not only through our prayers and worship, but also through the way we live and care for one another.

As we continue to care for and beautify our church, may we never forget that its greatest beauty is found not in its furnishings or surroundings, but in the faith, love, and devotion of the people who gather here. May everything we do, both within these sacred walls and beyond them, always bring glory and honor to the Lord.

Joyfully in Christ,
Art Suriano

FRANCISCAN SISTERS

As you may remember, the Franciscan Sisters need to move from their current home for the Food Pantry and are seeking financial help to cover their mortgage. As religious, they take the Vow of Poverty and own nothing for themselves. Should you be so inclined to help them, please send your donation to:

The Franciscan Community Development Center
of Fairview
PO Box 89
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

REGISTRATION FORM

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- ☐ I have an issue that I would like to discuss with a priest. Other: _____

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CATHOLIC JOKE

A man told his wife, "I accidentally put a twenty-dollar bill in the collection instead of a five."

*She said, "Well, God knows your intentions."
"That's what worries me," he replied.*

THE SACRED HEART CHURCH BAND

The Sacred Heart Church Band will be at the

- 9 am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday,
November 22nd



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Gospel Today

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees had a plan to entrap Jesus in speech. They said, "Teacher, we know you will tell the truth. Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

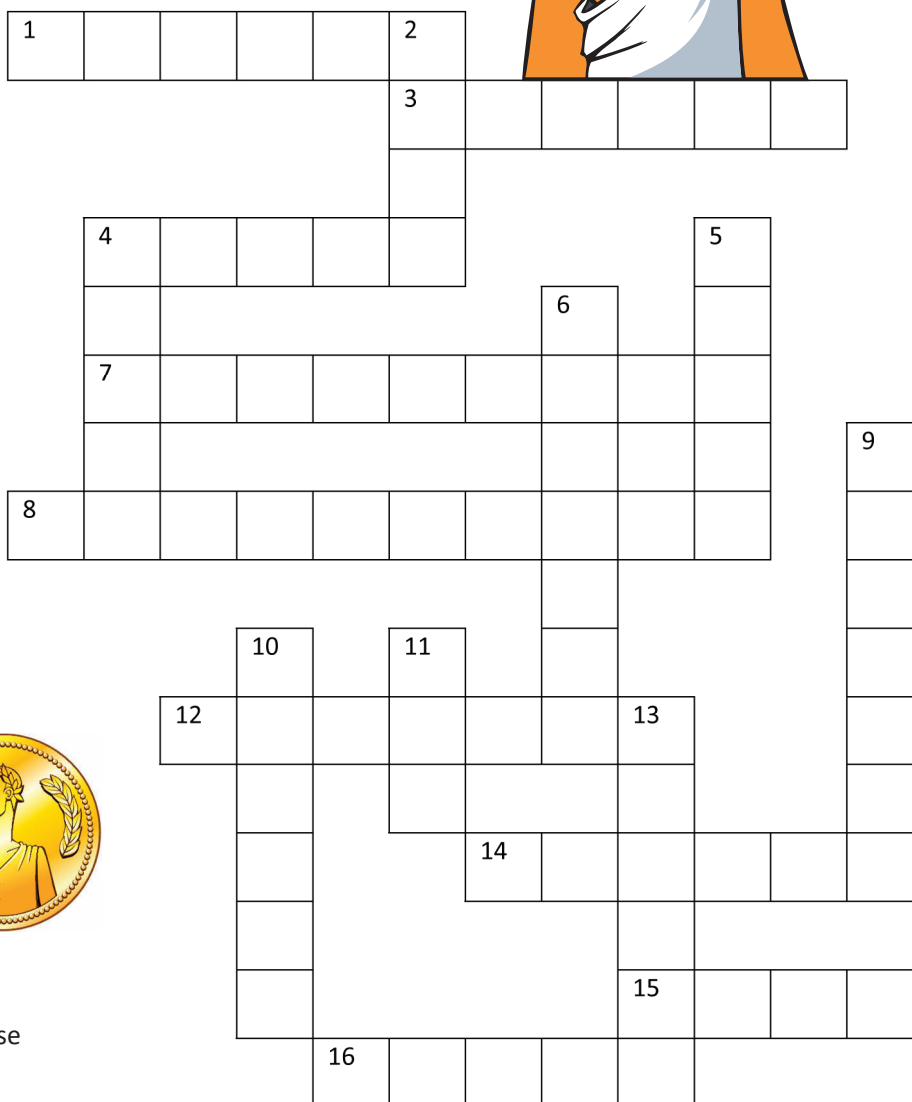
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Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." They handed Him a Roman coin, with an image and inscription of Caesar. Jesus replied, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



ACROSS

- 1 To catch in; as if in a trap
- 3 Allowed by law
- 4 ____ Catholic Church
- 7 Ancient Jews who strictly observed Mosaic law
- 8 Person pretending to be what they are not
- 12 To be owned by someone
- 14 Title of Roman emperors after Augustus
- 15 Round, flat, metal money
- 16 Real fact, honest



DOWN

- 2 A detailed scheme (to achieve an objective)
- 4 To pay back
- 5 ____ Christ
- 6 Evaluate
- 9 Person who teaches
- 10 Periodic population count
- 11 Supreme Being, Creator of universe (Our Father)
- 13 Act of speaking; public address



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