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## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at him and said,  
"You are Simon the son of John;  
you will be called Cephas"  
—which is translated Peter.  
Jn 1:42



January 17, 2021

**Welcome to  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church & St. Gerard Mission Church**

We are delighted to welcome everyone who has come to share a Eucharistic meal with us today. Whether you are a family member, a friend, a familiar face, or a visitor, know that your presence enlivens our Eucharistic celebration and our community. We are glad you are here.

**The Redemptorist Community of Sacred Heart Church & St. Gerard Mission  
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Deacon Lou Bartos Deacon Stephen Gross

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Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00pm  
 Sunday:..... 8:00 & 10:30am  
 Weekdays:... Mom—Fri—8:00am only  
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 Reconciliation  
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 Sunday:.....10:00am  
 Wednesdays:.....9:00am  
 Holy Days:.....9:00am  
 Reconciliation: Contact Parish Office  
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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 16**

4:00pm + Robbie Clay by Rene Vaus & Ellie Bratton

**Sunday, January 17**

8:00am + Joan Farrell by Family  
 10:30am + Cecile Chabot by Sacred Heart Choir

**Monday, January 18**

8:00am + Talby Schroeder by Lori & Frank Oliveto

**Tuesday, January 19**

8:00am + Kenneth Lisk by Brother Walter

**Wednesday, January 20**

8:00am + Deceased Mem of Racicot Family by Joan & Gerald Racicot

**Thursday, January 21**

8:00am + Fr. Carl Aschmann by Dcn Lou & Dr. Kathy Bartos

**Friday, January 22**

8:00am + Fr. Tom Burke by Dcn Lou & Dr. Kathy Bartos

**Saturday, January 23**

4:00pm + Earl & Anita Marash by Daughters

**Sunday, January 24**

8:00am + Carl Kiernan by Ted & Pam Pfiffner  
 10:30am + Helen Chester by Ron & Jessie Yerrid

*Cross indicates the person is deceased.  
 No cross the person is alive.*

**Reflection**

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ (means *Anointed One* and *Messiah*). He did not hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us.

Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may joyfully seek to do your will in all things.

**Readings for the Week of  
January 17, 2021**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Monday</b>	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c; Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</b> Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</b> Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b> Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin</b> Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



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February 14, 2021  
Our Catholic Appeal**

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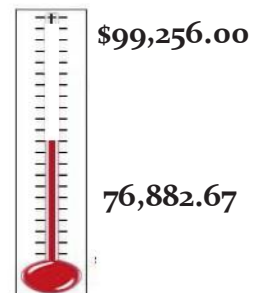
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**Sacred Heart Weekly Offering  
January 10, 2020**

Offertory Income Last Week.....	\$8,007.46
Online Giving this Week .....	\$967.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$8,974.46</b>
Attendance This Week.....	454



Our parish goal for  
2020 Our Catholic Appeal  
**Sacred Heart**  
is \$99,256.00  
Paid to Date - \$76,882.67  
Balance - \$22,373.33



# Fr. Joe Freund's Funeral Homily

## St. Alphonsus Villa, New Smyrna Beach, Fl.

1/4/21

Every Redemptorist is familiar with the words of St. Alphonsus: "Let us not lose the beautiful crown which I see prepared for everyone who lives in observance and dies in the Congregation. I am certain that Jesus has prepared a beautiful place in Paradise for those who die in the Congregation."

This is not a sad day. Fr. Joe fulfilled his promise to persevere in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. One picture on his desk was with the St. Mary's College Minor Seminary. Joe is standing in the back in a suit and tie, towering over the thirteen and fourteen year old boys in front of him. Joe had already completed high school in the Bronx and worked for a couple of years. The fact that he stuck it out after having to return to high school is a testament to his vocation and his perseverance.

He fulfilled his vows of poverty. His room was always neat and austere, whether he was in New York City, St. Lucia, or here in Florida. A few collared shirts hung in his closet with some well worn shoes underneath. There were no expensive watches or club memberships. His poverty was a lived reality - a quiet, unhurried poverty that grew even more streamlined as he grew older.

Chastity is always harder in the early years of religious life. Thankfully, the routine of prayer and pastoral work helps all of us. Interestingly, Fr. Joe found another outlet to help - creative writing. His desk was filled with completed short stories that he had written over the years. My favorite title is from a fifty page story, "Murder in the Presbytery." I'd like to share a lovely poem with you now...



**How to Craft a Nativity Scene**  
**Take a cave crowded with sheep and oxen**  
A trough bedded with straw,  
A snow-hushed winter's night;  
A brown-eyed girl of sixteen,  
And her husband of twenty;  
Myriad clusters of caroling angels  
Sparkling their song across the midnight sky  
Like silver and crystal bells sounding Peace;  
Ten or twelve shepherds, heads uplifted  
And staring in awe  
At the single, brightest star you've ever seen  
Hovering over the hill;  
And God just become a baby.  
Then kneel.  
And hush...  
Don't make a sound.



**J.T. Freund**

What stands out in Fr. Joe's obituary is the number of transfers he had over the course of his religious life. His first assignment, by the way, was right here in New Smyrna Beach, at Sacred Heart Church when he was newly ordained in 1968. Then he went to another Sacred Heart in Griffen, Georgia, where he saw the parish community almost double in size during his tenure.

We know many a confrere upon receiving a call from the Provincial about a transfer to say, "Oh, Fr. Provincial, I'm settled in here - please look for someone else." I suspect that Fr. Joe was that "someone else" on many occasions. Fr. Joe said "yes," which is the essence of religious obedience - yes to God, yes to the Redemptorists, yes to the vows and the promise of perseverance.

If we believe the words of St. Alphonsus are true about receiving a beautiful crown that is prepared for everyone who lives in observance and dies in the Congregation, then we have a new saint in heaven. A saint who can empathize with us when we struggle. A saint who can aid us with his prayers of intercession and his example. If we believe that Paradise awaits us

Then kneel  
And hush...  
Don't make a sound.

**The Master, our Lord Jesus Christ, has shown us the way.**  
**And no one comes to the Father except through him.**

**Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R.**

# Ministry News

## Sacred Heart St. Gerard CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We ended the day with a delicious seafood lunch at our famous Goodrich's in Oak Hill!

Members visited the beautiful national veterans cemetery today. We all joined together in prayer reciting the "Chaplet for All Souls in Purgatory" over our fallen men and women of the armed military buried there. Some of us had loved ones which we personally visited while we were praying. It was such a beautiful and perfect Florida day!



Lord hear our prayer:

**"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.**

**Amen."**



**Sacred Heart & St. Gerard are experiencing a sharp decline in donations.**

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Please consider supporting your parish with a **recurring online donation** or simply **mail** your weekly contribution to **Sacred Heart, P O Box 729, New Smyrna Beach, FL. 32170**

**Please remember our parish in these difficult times and thank you for your continued generosity!**

### **Bereavement Ministry**

**Our Sacred Heart & St. Gerard**

Bereavement Ministry provides a variety of services to the members of our parish who are grieving at the loss of a loved one.

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**Please call the Parish Office for more information  
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**Ushers Needed**  
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***Sacred Heart*** is in need of Ushers. We have a terrific team for all masses but we could use extra help to keep our masses running more smoothly and reverently. We are blessed with a very spiritual atmosphere because of all parishioners and your help is greatly needed.

**Please contact: Leo Decker - Cell 484- 553- 0371 or email [leodecker@aol.com](mailto:leodecker@aol.com).**

# Saint Gerard Mission

3171 S Ridgewood Ave, Edgewater, FL 32141

## Community † Family news,

### Homeless Family finds home at Sacred Heart

*On behalf of St. Gerard Church,* we extend our heartfelt thanks to Sacred Heart parishioners and priests. Through God's grace you have made us feel welcome in God's NSB house – Sacred Heart.

It began in March, when our world went on lock down. All our churches were closed. Desperate for spiritual guidance and nourishment, our church turned to the Internet to stay connected to many parishioners. The Eucharist was celebrated daily on TV. On Pentecost Sunday most churches including Sacred Heart Church were granted permission to open its doors for worship again, however, the doors of St. Gerard were to remain closed.

Desiring spiritual nourishment that only can be found in the Eucharist, many from St. Gerard began attending Sacred Heart. At first it felt very odd attending Mass at Sacred Heart. Even though we know we are a part of the Sacred Heart family, we longed to worship in our own neighborhood and house of worship. Physical proximity does promote unity. Slowly, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, our two families began to meld as one. Sacred Heart parishioners were so welcoming. There was room for all despite social distancing.

The ministries opened their minds and hearts to invite St. Gerard readers and music ministers to participate. It seemed to bridge a gap for many St. Gerard parishioners to see some of their own people participating in these ministries. I know I always feel like I'm almost at St. Gerard when I see readers and choir members from St. Gerard participating at Mass. This building of Unity has been a positive result from our pandemic year.

Thank you for your open hearts and minds during this past year and welcoming us into your parish family when our house is unavailable. We do look forward to the day when we can re-open our doors and encourage our neighbors back to weekly Mass.



### St. Gerard Weekly Offering

January 10, 2021

Offertory Income Last Week.....\$2,235.00  
 Online Giving this Week.....\$180.00  
**Total Offertory Income.....\$2,415.00**



### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	January 16		
4:30pm	All Parishioners		
Sunday,	January 17		
10:00am	George Butler	+	by Wife & Family
Wednesday,	January 20		
9:00am	All Parishioners		
Saturday,	January 23		
4:30pm	All Parishioners		
Sunday,	January 24		
10:00am	Brook & David Families		by Reaney Family

**All Scheduled Mass Intentions for St. Gerard Mission are being said at Sacred Heart Church by our Redemptorist Priests.**

**Dear God,  
 I leave my family in Your hands.  
 May everyone feel Your presence,  
 your strength and Your love today.  
 Amen**



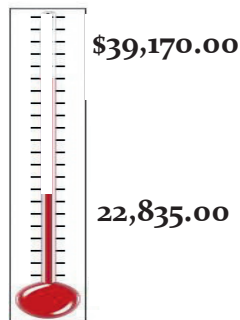
**OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
 The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

**Our parish goal for  
 2020 Our Catholic Appeal**

**St. Gerard  
 is \$39,170.00**

**Paid to Date - \$22,835.00**

**Balance - \$16,335.00**



Heavenly Father, we could never thank our military men & women Policeman, fireman and 1st Responders enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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