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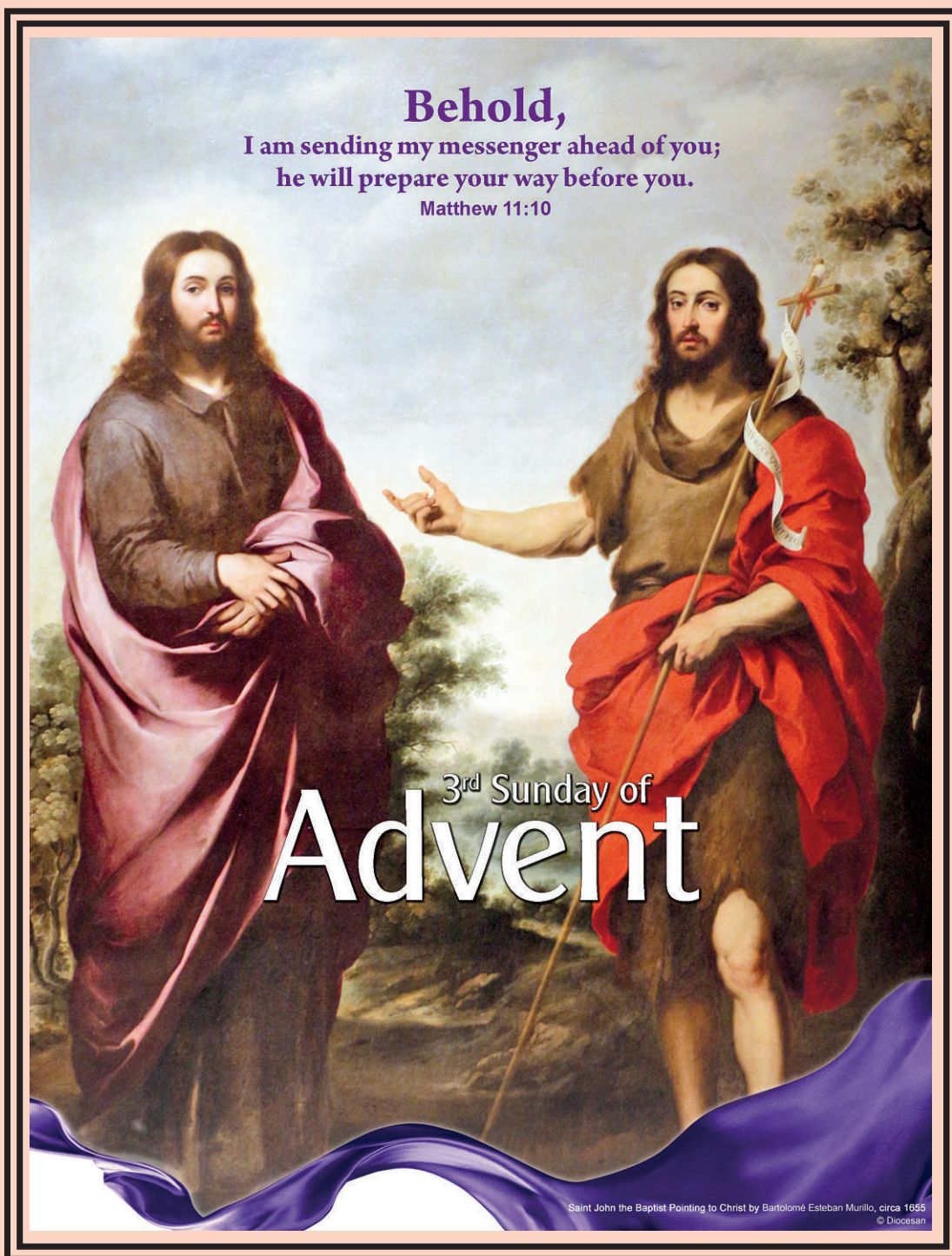
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December 14, 2025

**Welcome to the Redemptorist Community of
Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School and St. Gerard Mission**
Redemptorists Serving our Parish Since 1926

We, the Eucharistic communities of Sacred Heart and St. Gerard, being faithful to the Mission of the Church as expressed by the Redemptorist way of life, seek and invite others into an ever deepening relationship with Jesus and with one another. Seeking to build up the Kingdom of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Sacraments and Prayer, we commit to reaching out to everyone through evangelization, especially to those most in need.

Fr. John Tizio C.Ss.R., Pastor Fr. Aldrin Nunes, C.Ss.R., Fr. Charlie Donovan C.Ss.R.
Permanent Deacon: Dcn. Tom Meyer

Sacred Heart Masses

Reconciliation- Sat.....3:00—3:45pm
Saturday Vigil.....4:00pm
Sunday:8:00 & 10:30am
Weekdays:Mon—Fri—8:00am only
Holy Day Vigil:.....7:00pm
Holy Day: Please check with the Parish Office and Bulletin for varying schedules or contact Parish Office to schedule an appointment for reconciliation.

Sacred Heart Catholic School

1003 Turnbull Street
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Pre-Kindergarten - 8th Grade
Principal: Mrs. Elizabeth Labreche
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St. Gerard Mission Church

3171 S. Ridgewood Ave.,
Edgewater, FL 32141

**All administration is at Sacred Heart
Parish Office**

St. Gerard Mission Masses

Reconciliation-Sun...9:15am—9:45am
Sunday:.....10:00am

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13

4:00pm + Elvia McLadden by Sue Mooney & Bob

Sunday, December 14

8:00am + Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory by Jan & Dave Nixon
10:30am + Harry Gillis by Wife Jane

Monday, December 15

8:00am + Bernice Woodsum by Linda & John Kulzer

Tuesday, December 16

8:00am + Gene Thomas by Gattanella Family

Wednesday, December 17

8:00am + Tim Cardwell by Mom & Dad

Thursday, December 18

8:00am + MaryAnn Garvey by Garvey Family

Friday, December 19

8:00am + August Alombro Jr. by Lisa & Joe Familia

Saturday, December 20

4:00pm + Joyce Andrews by Daughter Susan

Sunday, December 21

8:00am + Charlie Kirk & Family by Rob Robert
10:30am + Peter Ross by Rich & Trish Ross

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

Readings for the Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



**PRAYERS FOR OUR
DECESASED**

**Eternal rest grant
unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine
upon them.**

**May the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.**

Catherine Loche

Dolores Gomes

Margaret "Peggy" Cangley

Events Calendar

Saturday,	December 13	Religious Article Store open after all weekend Masses Come check us out Gifts, cards, religious articles, free book library
9am—3pm	Adoration	
4:00pm	Mass	
Sunday,	December 14	
8:00am	Mass	
10:30am	Mass	BINGO
Monday,	December 15	
8:00am	Mass	
6:00pm		
Tuesday,	December 16	
8:00am	Mass	
9:00am	Sr. Exercise / Social Hall	
9:00am	Legion of Mary / Fr. Burke Hall	
9:00am	Mat Ministry / Social Hall	
Wednesday,	December 17	
8:00am	Mass	
7:00pm	Wed Evening Bible Study / Resumes 1/7/26	
Thursday,	December 18	
8:00am	Mass	
9:00am	Sr. Exercise / Social Hall	
7:00pm	OCIA / Fr. Burke Hall	
Friday,	December 19	
8:00am	Mass	
Saturday,	December 20	
9am—3pm	Adoration / Chapel	
4:00pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday,	December 21	
8:00am	Mass	
10:30am	Mass	



JOIN US! MONDAY BINGO!

Early Birds— 6:00pm

Regular Games—6:30pm

Join us for lots of fun and great prizes!

Sacred Heart Weekly Offering

December 7, 2025

Offertory Income Last Week.....\$10,292.73
Online Giving this Week.....\$3,373.74
Total Offertory Income.....\$13,666.47
Attendance.....829



2026 calendars are available in the Narthex of the Church



Brighten a young boy or girl's Christmas!

Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Gerard

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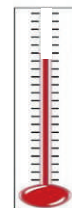
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OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Our parish goal for
2025 Our Catholic Appeal
Sacred Heart Balance
is \$11,894.34



\$98,662.00

\$86,767.66

THANK YOU!! DUDLEY FUNERAL HOME!!

A big thank you goes out to the staff of Dudley Funeral Home who have donated the calendars to Sacred Heart for over 50 years. We are truly blessed with their continued support of our parish. May the Lord continue to Bless them in all that they do for the parish and the community.



Dear Parishioners

Today is Gaudete Sunday. In the Latin Mass, this particular Sunday began with these words – Gaudete in Domino semper (Rejoice in God always). So this third Sunday of advent is called Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday.

We do rejoice. We await the birthday of Jesus. We light a third candle – **pink**, a more cheerful color. More light to signal that God the Son is about to be born. Gaudete Sunday Rejoice Sunday!

There was once a man who did not believe in either the virgin birth of Christ nor the spiritual meaning behind it, and was skeptical even about God. He and his family lived in a farm community. His wife was a devout believer and diligently raised her children in the faith. He sometimes gave her a hard time about her belief and mocked her religious observances. "It's all nonsense -- why would God lower himself and become a human like us? It's such a ridiculous story," he said.

One snowy day, she and the children left for church while he stayed home. After they had departed, the winds grew stronger and the snow turned into a blinding snowstorm. He sat down to relax before the fire for the evening.

Then he heard a loud thump, something hitting against the window. Then another thump. He looked outside but could not see anything. So he ventured outside for a better view. In the field near his house he saw, of all the strangest things, a flock of geese. They were apparently flying to look for a warmer area down south, but they had been caught in the snowstorm. The storm had become too blinding and violent for the geese to fly or see their way. They were stranded on his farm, with no food or shelter, unable to do more than flutter their wings and fly in aimless circles. He had compassion for them and wanted to help them. He thought to himself, the barn would be a great place for them to stay. It is warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm. So he opened the barn doors for them.

He waited, watching them, hoping they would notice the open barn and go inside. Nevertheless, they did not notice the barn or realize what it could mean for them. He moved closer toward them to get their attention, but they just moved away from him out of fear.

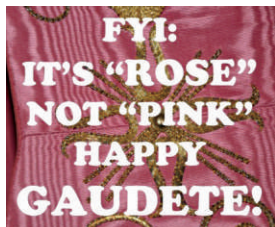
He went into the house and came back with some bread, broke it up, and made a bread trail to the barn. They still did not catch on.

Starting to get frustrated, he went over and tried to shoo them toward the barn. They panicked and scattered into every direction except toward the barn. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where there was warmth, safety, and shelter. Feeling totally frustrated, he exclaimed, "Why don't they follow me? Can't they see this is the only place where they can survive the storm? How can I possibly get them into the one place to save them?"

He thought for a moment and realized that they just would not follow a human. He said to himself, "How can I possibly save them? The only way would be for me to become like those geese. If only I could become like one of them. Then I could save them. They would follow me and I would lead them to safety."

At that moment, he stopped and considered what he had said. The words reverberated in his mind: If only I could become like one of them, then I could save them. Then, at last, he understood God's heart towards mankind... and he fell on his knees in the snow.

So in this third Sunday of Advent let us rejoice for the hope of the Lord's coming will soon be realized in us. We will soon be celebrating that great day in our human history when God has chosen not only to walk with us but to really become like us in all things except sin because he loves us so much. So with this realization let us rejoice in the Lord always!



God Bless Us all

Fr. Tizio

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Pastors Pun: What do you call a funeral parlor for people with no specific faith?

Die Agnostic Services.

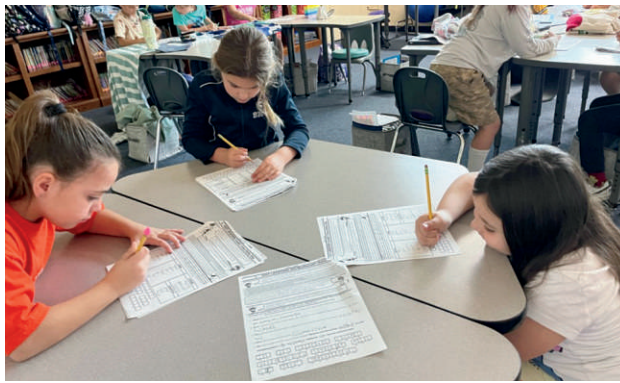


SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Leaders in Action! Here are some of them supporting our school projects and initiatives. Thank you for all you do!



Mrs. Glynn's 2nd grade class worked quietly and collaboratively today, helping one another in small groups, and stayed focused. What a peaceful and productive classroom atmosphere in spite of holiday excitement all around them. Good job, 2nd grade!



News You Need To Know & Upcoming Events!

This year Sacred Heart updated all the church doors with push bars from the inside. St. Gerard's already has the push bars on their doors.

For security reasons, the doors will be locked when all the weekend Masses start. But there will be Ushers at all the doors to let anyone who is running late into Mass. This process has been implemented since the doors have been installed, but we want all to be welcomed at Mass.

Even though the doors will be locked, with the push bars anyone can exit the church in case of an emergency.

The Priests, Deacon and Ushers appreciate your understanding and please note that this is a precaution, but we take safety seriously. Thank you and GOD Bless!



January 31, 2026

**Dinner,
Square Dancing
Line Dancing
50/50 Drawing
Contests & lots of
fun for everyone!**



SAVE THE DATES

WINTER BLAST!
RAISE THE ROOF 3
2026
Annual Fundraiser

February 1, 2026

**Live & Silent
Auctions
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50/50 Drawing
Lottery Tree
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Saint Gerard Mission

3171 S Ridgewood Ave, Edgewater, FL 32141

Mass Schedule—Saturday - 4:30pm
Sunday - 10:00am



MASS INTENTION

Saturday, December 13
4:30pm + Roy Garrison By SVdP

Sunday, December 14
10:00am + Retired US Army By Parents
1st SGT August J . Alombro Jr. Auggie & Dottie

Saturday, December 20
4:30pm + Jean Stierner By Ellie & Harry Kellehur

Sunday, December 21
10:00am + Victor Occhipinti By Gary Warnock

St. Gerard Events Calendar

December 15, 2025—December 21, 2025

MONDAY—FRIDAY

10am—1:30pm SVdP Operations Open M-F

Tuesday, December 16
10:30am Intercessory Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 17
1:00pm Small Church Community Meets

Thursday, December 18
3:00pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday, December 19
11:00am Small Church Community Meets
2:00pm Adoration Holy Hour

Saturday, December 20
4:00pm Confession & Rosary
4:30pm 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 21
9:30am Confession & Rosary
10:00am 4th Sunday of Advent

Gluten Free Host



If you require a gluten free host during communion you will need to receive the host from the priest.

Thoughts on Advent

“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”

Pope Frances



St. Gerard Mass Schedule for Christmas

Wed., December 24th— 7:00 pm
Thurs., December 25th—10:00 am



St. Gerard Weekly Offering

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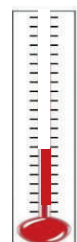
Offertory Income Last\$2,215.00
Online Giving this Week.....\$1,135.00
Total Offertory Income.....\$3,350.00
Attendance.....275



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Our parish goal for
2025 Our Catholic Appeal

St. Gerard Balance
is \$6,797.84



\$27,596.00

\$20,798.16



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