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Penelope B.— Grade 3

4th Sunday of Advent—December 21, 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
Phone: (386) 428-4732 Fax: (386) 428-4087
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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-Sat...3:45pm—4:15pm
Saturday.....4:30pm
Reconciliation-Sun...9:15am—9:45am
Sunday:.....10:00am

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 22

8:00am + Edgardo Nicolas by Emma Lombardo

Tuesday, December 23

8:00am + Jim Morey by Wife Ginny

Wednesday, December 24

5:00pm + Joseph Bousquet & Family by Wife Rosemary Bousquet
10:00pm All Parishioners

Thursday, December 25

9:00am + Lula Jankovic & Luka Lukic by Family & Wife Prena

Friday, December 26

8:00am + John Barnickle by Wife Melanie

Saturday, December 27

4:00pm + Brian Hayes by Sacred Heart & St. Gerard Choirs

Sunday, December 28

8:00am + Loretta Canavan by Her Sisters
10:30am + Alfredo & Jesuina Castanheira by Dina Giordano

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

Readings for the Week of December 21, 2025

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

Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday

Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Events Calendar

Saturday,	December 20
9am—3pm	Adoration
4:00pm	Mass
Sunday,	December 21
8:00am	Mass
10:30am	Mass
Monday,	December 22
8:00am	Mass
6:00pm	BINGO
Tuesday,	December 23
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 24—Christmas Day
5:00pm	Mass
10:00pm	Midnight Mass
Thursday,	December 25—Christmas Day
9:00am	Mass
Friday,	December 26
8:00am	Mass
Saturday,	December 27
9am—3pm	Adoration / Chapel
4:00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday,	December 28
8:00am	Mass
10:30am	Mass

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THANK YOU!!

For brightening a young boy or girl's Christmas!
Your love and generosity made less fortunate families have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all that you have done to support the Parish and the community of New Smyrna, Edgewater & Oak Hill.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Parents & Godparents are required to attend a Sacramental Preparation Class. Please call the Parish Office at 428-6426 to register.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples wanting to be married at Sacred Heart Parish must be registered and practicing members of this parish. An appointment must be made with one of the parish priests at least six months in advance of the wedding. The Diocese of Orlando requires a marriage preparation program for all couples.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children who are seven years or older, who have been baptized Roman Catholic, and who have participated in at least one full year of religious education during the previous year may be eligible to prepare for the Sacraments of Eucharist.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

At Sacred Heart Church the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3:00pm to 3:45pm or by appointment. Please call the Parish Office at 428-6426.



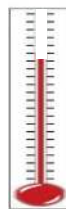
JOIN US! MONDAY BINGO!

Early Birds— 6:00pm
Regular Games—6:30pm

Join us for lots of fun and great prizes!



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



\$98,662.00

\$86,767.66

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS MASSES

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 24th (EVE)

5:00pm - Mass
10:00pm - "Midnight" Mass

THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 25th (DAY)

9:00am Mass
Only Mass of the day.



ST. GERARD

CHRISTMAS MASSES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

7:00pm (EVE)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th

10:00am (DAY)

Everyone at Sacred Heart Parish/School, Office Staff, St. Gerard Mission and the Redemptorist Community wish you and your family a very Blessed Christmas Season!

Dear Parishioners,

*I want to tell you the story of an empty stocking.
Once upon a midnight clear, there was a child's cry, a
blazing star hung over a stable, and wise men came with
birthday gifts.*

*We haven't forgotten that night down the centuries.
We celebrate it with stars on Christmas trees, with the
sound of bells, and with gifts.*

*But especially with gifts. You give me a book, I give
you a tie. Aunt Martha has always wanted an orange squeezer and
Uncle Henry can do with a new pipe. For we forget nobody, adult or child.
All the stockings are filled; all that is, except one.*

*And we have even forgotten to hang it up. The stocking for the child born
in a manger.*

*It's His birthday we're celebrating. Don't let us ever forget that.
Let us ask ourselves what He would wish for most. And then, let each put
in His share, loving kindness, warm hearts, and a stretched out hand of
tolerance.*

All the shining gifts that make peace on earth.



*On behalf of the Redemptorist Community
and Staff of Sacred Heart and St. Gerard
and Sacred Heart School*

Merry Christmas!

God Bless Us all

Fr. Tizio

Email: frtizio@gmail.com

Pastors Pun: What is the most popular carol
in the Desert?
Camel ye Faithful



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

8th grade Day of Reflection: Living Out the Redemptorist Charism "With Him, there is plentiful redemption!" - The Class of 2026 spent time in the chapel with Deacon Tom Meyer, praying and reflecting on their journey of faith.



It was a special time for a peaceful break from the busyness of school, to slow down, and focus on Jesus. Let us keep our 8th graders in our prayers especially those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation!
God bless you!



Blessing of Advent Wreath at school Mass. Representatives from each class, a parent, and a grandparent carried a wreath to the altar for a blessing.

The Advent Wreath is a beautiful tradition that can help us celebrate this time of waiting for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus - the reason for the season. Have a blessed Advent!



Sacred Heart St. Gerard CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The ladies of the C.W.A. all enjoyed their annual Christmas Party in the Social Hall. Members prepared and feasted on turkey, ham and all the side dishes that go along with a Holiday Dinner, including delicious desserts. We had a Sing-Along with members of the Choir leading everyone with beautiful Christmas songs. Fr. Aldrin again recited a "Left Right Christmas Story". It was so much fun as wrapped gifts were passed back and forth as Fr. read the story. We had a 50/50 drawing that was won by Inez Garaizar. The afternoon ended with everyone wishing a Merry Christmas to all.

Our next meeting is January 7th. Please join us, we would love to welcome you. Christmas Blessings, the Members of Sacred Heart/St. Gerard Catholic Women's Association!



Saint Gerard Mission

3171 S Ridgewood Ave, Edgewater, FL 32141

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



MASS INTENTION

Saturday,	December 20	
4:30pm	+ Jean Stierner	By Ellie & Harry Kellehur
Sunday,	December 21	
10:00am	+ Victor Occhipinti	By Gary Warnock
Wednesday,	December 24	
7:00pm	All Parishioners	
Thursday,	December 25	
10:00am	All Parishioners	
Saturday,	December 27	
4:30pm	+ Roy Garrison	By Sacred Heart & St. Gerard Choirs
Sunday,	December 28	
10:00am	+ Mary Woodmaska	By Madeline Vath



Monday, December 22nd
at 10:00 am. St. Gerard Arts and Environment Committee is seeking help with decorating the Church for Christmas.

Please contact Maryann Oliver
at 386-689-3149 or
mboinfla@bellsouth.net
for more details

December St. Gerard Hospitality Moments



St. Gerard Events Calendar

December 22, 2025—December 28, 2025

MONDAY—FRIDAY

10am—1:30pm	SVDP Operations Open M-F Contact 386-426-0882 for assistance.
10:00am	Decking the Sanctuary for Christmas Season
Tuesday,	December 23
10:30am	Intercessory Prayer Group MEETSTODAY!
Wednesday,	December 24
Cancelled	Small Church Community Group
7:00pm	***Christmas Vigil Mass /St. Gerard***
Thursday,	December 25
10:00am	***Christmas Day Mass /St. Gerard***
Friday	December 26
Cancelled	Small Church Community Group
2:00pm	Adoration Holy Hour MEETS TODAY!
Saturday,	December 27
4:00pm	Confession & Rosary
4:30pm	Feast of the Holy Family— Vigil Mass
Sunday,	December 28
9:30am	Confession & Rosary
10:00am	Feast of the Family—Mass

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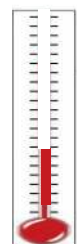
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\$27,596.00

\$20,798.16



WINTER BLAST!

RAISE THE ROOF 3

2026

Annual Fundraiser

Dear Parishioners, Sacred Heart Catholic Church is hosting its third annual "Raise The Roof" fundraising event. It will be a "Winter Blast" kicking off with a Barbecue Dinner on **Saturday, January 31st**. It will be a Hoedown featuring a delicious catered meal, line dancing, square dancing with a Square Dance caller, games and prizes. On **Sunday, February 1st**, we will again have our Live and Silent Auctions.

If you are an artist of any kind and would like to donate a handcrafted item or merchandise, it would be a great addition to our auction. Fr. Aldrin will be donating an original painting again this year. We are also looking for items with a value of \$100 or more. Items can be restaurant or merchant gift cards, stays at condos, rounds of golf, attraction tickets, sports items or memorabilia, etc.

Our Basket Bonanza will be back! We are looking for themed baskets or stand alone items with a value of \$50 to \$100. Last year our Ministries did a fantastic job putting baskets together. This year we are asking our parish families to also help by donating a basket. Themes could be Movie Night! Food, dog treats/spa day, just to give you an idea. Last year's event raised over \$40,000 that went toward much needed capital improvements. Our aim this year is to keep the momentum going and exceed last year's goal. We are blessed to have a parish with many beautiful buildings, but there continues to be an ongoing list of improvements and repairs. Proceeds this year will go toward updating the church's air conditioning system.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Sacred Heart Church, School and St. Gerard Mission.

Peace and Blessings,

Eileen Daniels Live Auction 703-403-7344, Mary Ann Murray, General Info 386-547-1.303
Mary Ward 407-448-2139 or Sue Patania 7 03-624-3458 Silent Auction and Basket Bonanza.

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