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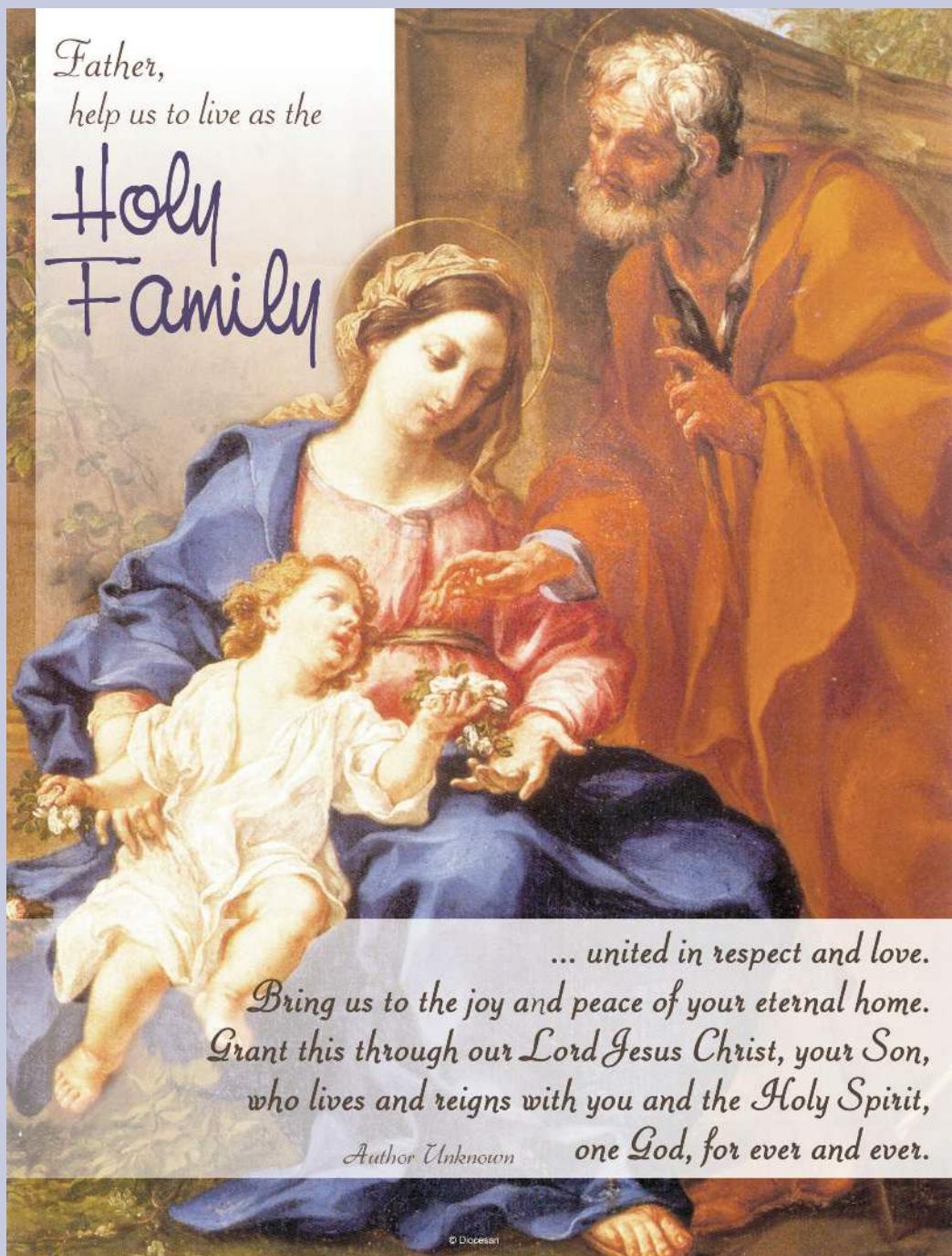
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*Father,
help us to live as the*

*Holy
Family*



... united in respect and love.

*Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,*

Author Unknown

one God, for ever and ever.

December 28, 2025

Events Calendar

Saturday, 9am—3pm	December 27	Religious Article Store open after all weekend Masses Come check us out Gifts, cards, religious articles, free book library
4:00pm	Adoration	
Sunday, 8:00am	Mass	
10:30am	December 28	
8:00am	Mass	
10:30am	Mass	
Monday, 8:00am	December 29	
8:00am	Mass	
6:00pm		
Tuesday, 8:00am	December 30	
9:00am	Mass	
9:00am	Sr. Exercise / Social Hall	
9:00am	Legion of Mary / Fr. Burke Hall	
9:00am	Mat Ministry / Social Hall	
Wednesday, 7:00pm	December 31	NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL MASS
7:00pm		Wed Evening Bible Study / Resumes 1/7/26
Thursday, 8:00am	January 1	NEW YEARS DAY MASS
Friday, 8:00am	January 2	
Saturday, 9am—3pm	January 3	
4:00pm	Mass	
Sunday, 8:00am	January 4	
10:30am	Mass	

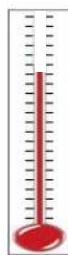


OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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

Paid to Date-\$86,767.66



\$98,662.00
\$86,767.66

SACRED HEART—Weekly Offering

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New Year's Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart
December 31st—7:00pm —Vigil
January 1, 2026—8:00am

Office closed—reopens Friday, Jan, 2nd

St. Gerard
January 1, 2026—10:00am
Have a safe & Happy Holiday!

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.

Diocesan Special Collection

January 4, 2026—Seminarians

This special collection for seminarians is used to support the formation of seminarians as they discern their vocation to the priesthood.

Preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a nine year process of intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human formation that prepares men to answer the call they have received to serve God's people in love and humility. The full cost of a seminary tuition, insurance and books exceeds \$400,000 during the nine year formation period.

Your support ensures that our seminarians receive adequate tuition assistance.



Dear Parishioners

Last week we celebrated the Feast of Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord. The Nativity is a story of plans being changed, of destinies being rewritten, of human history being altered forever.

The shepherds watching their flock on that silent night had no idea the silence would be broken and the world shaken by the arrival of angels. They didn't expect the news they heard, or the journey took, or what they finally encountered in Bethlehem: the savior of the world, coming to us as a baby in a manger.

Life happens. Plans change. And our world is turned upside down.

One morning, a young girl in an anonymous village in a forgotten corner of Galilee woke up to begin her day – to do her chores or say her prayers. She could not have imagined how her life, her future, her plans, would change – how her day would be different than any other since the dawn of time how the months and years that followed would take her places she and Joseph never dreamed.

To motherhood. To Bethlehem. To Egypt. To Calvary.

The girl who woke up in Nazareth on that morning nine months before could not have imagined what was in store: that she was about to become the most important woman in human history – the woman, along with her husband Joseph, we honor today as the Most Holy Family..

But, of course: life happens. Plans change. And God intervenes.

New Year's is about making plans. We draw up lists and jot down resolutions. But how often do they go unfulfilled? How many resolutions that we make today will be forgotten by February? We may hope to arrive at some particular destination, to achieve some goal, by next December 31st. But so often, God has something else in mind. Just ask the shepherds. Ask Mary. Ask St. Joseph!

As the old Yiddish saying goes: if you want to hear God laugh, just tell Him your plans.

So, if you're looking for resolutions worth keeping this new year, let me make it simple for you. Resolve to make going to Mass, going to church, a habit – not just once or twice a year, but every week. Resolve to pray, every day – and not just to ask God for a favor. Pray personally and as a family, like the Holy Family. Resolve to make your life a conversation with God. To listen to what He has to say to you. To be reconciled to Him. Resolve to go to confession. To receive the Eucharist. To commit to this moment, this hour, one day a week.

Resolve to grow in grace. Resolve to live the life that God has dreamed for you and your family. You may be surprised at what will happen. Sometimes it may not be what you had expected. Sometimes it can even take you to the bottom of the world. But know this: God won't leave you there alone. If you don't believe me, just remember the woman He chose to bear His son, and who became the Mother of God. Through every struggle, every pitfall, every pilgrimage, He was with Mary and Joseph. Through every sorrow, every joy, every setback, every heart break, God never abandoned them. The journey of the Holy Family was never solitary. They were never alone. And neither are you, neither are we.

Remember that this day, as we begin a new year, and tear another page off the calendar, and start anew. There is no better time than here and now to make of our lives something fresh, and wondrous and even holy. It isn't always easy, and the journey isn't always smooth. There may be delays and setbacks, diversions and detours; sometimes God changes our itinerary, but we all hope to arrive at the same destination.

We all hope and pray that we may one day - like the shepherds and like Mary and Joseph – gaze upon the face of God.

*On behalf of the Redemptorist Community and Staff of
Sacred Heart and St. Gerard and Sacred Heart School
Happy New Year!*

God Bless Us All

Fr. Tizio

Email: frtizio@gmail.com

Pastor's Pun: What do you tell someone you didn't see at New Year's Eve?

I haven't seen you for a year!



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Bible, Bites, & Blessings - Mrs. Bilodeau, Theology teacher with all her classes, enjoys a fun activity day with simple snacks by connecting the food to Bible stories, and shared the blessings they have on everyday life. It was a light, joyful way to enjoy faith, food, and friendship all at once! Students received bonus membership cards to "Faith Cafe" for free dessert on Thursday!



Thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting our Craft Fair 2025! Students, families, staff, and CWA came together to celebrate creativity, hard work, and holiday spirit. We are so grateful for the support that makes events like this joyful and successful for everyone!

**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
Bake Sale
50/50 Drawing
Lottery Tree
Kid's Games
Celebrity Jail**

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Free Individual Federal Income Tax Assistance—AARP Foundation tax-aide provides tax preparation in person, free of charge, to taxpayers of all ages. AARP membership is not required. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year.

Located at Fr. Burke Hall: Feb. 6, 2026—Apr 11, 2026**Fridays & Saturdays****Walk In—9am-12pm / Appts—12:30pm-2pm**

Walk-ins welcome or make an appointment at walk-in. Other site locations available on green handouts in the church Narthex.

AARP Foundation**TAX-AIDE**

Saint Gerard Mission

3171 S Ridgewood Ave, Edgewater, FL 32141



MASS INTENTION

Saturday,	December 27	By Sacred Heart & St. Gerard Choirs
4:30pm	+ Roy Garrison	
Sunday,	December 28	By Madeline Vath
10:00am	+ Mary Woodmaska	
Thursday,	January 1	All Parishioners
10:00am		
Saturday,	January 3	By Prada Family
4:30pm	+ Maria Magenheimer	
Sunday,	January 4	By Florida Shores Clubhouse
10:00am	+ Rose Breen	

St. Gerard Events Calendar

December 29, 2025—January 4, 2026

MONDAY—FRIDAY

10am—1:30pm	SvDp Operations Open M-F Contact 386-426-0882 for assistance.
Tuesday,	December 30
10:30am	Intercessory Prayer Group MEETSTODAY!
Wednesday,	December 31
Cancelled	Small Church Community Group
Thursday,	January 1
10:00am	***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass***
Friday	January 2
Cancelled	Small Church Community
2:00pm	Adoration Holy Hour
Saturday,	January 3
4:00pm	Confession & Rosary
4:30pm	The Epiphany of our Lord—Vigil Mass
Sunday,	January 4
9:30am	Confession & Rosary
10:00am	Epiphany of the Lord—Mass

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

AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY

JANUARY 4th

Meet you in the Gathering Place!

The St. Gerard Hospitality Team invites all to join your fellow parishioners for a light snack and coffee after Mass on January 4th.

We have healthy choices, sweet treats, and fresh coffee to share over friendly conversation. *Aloha!*

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES at St. Gerard Mission Church



A small church community is a group of those who would like to know more about the Bible through a study of the Sunday readings. We use a book and other resources to provide guidance. We have lively discussions and make wonderful friends.

St Gerard has two groups.

- ♦♦ Friday mornings at 10:00 am
- ♦♦ Wednesday afternoon at 1:00pm .

Contact Annie McDevitt at 386-795-5833
for more info



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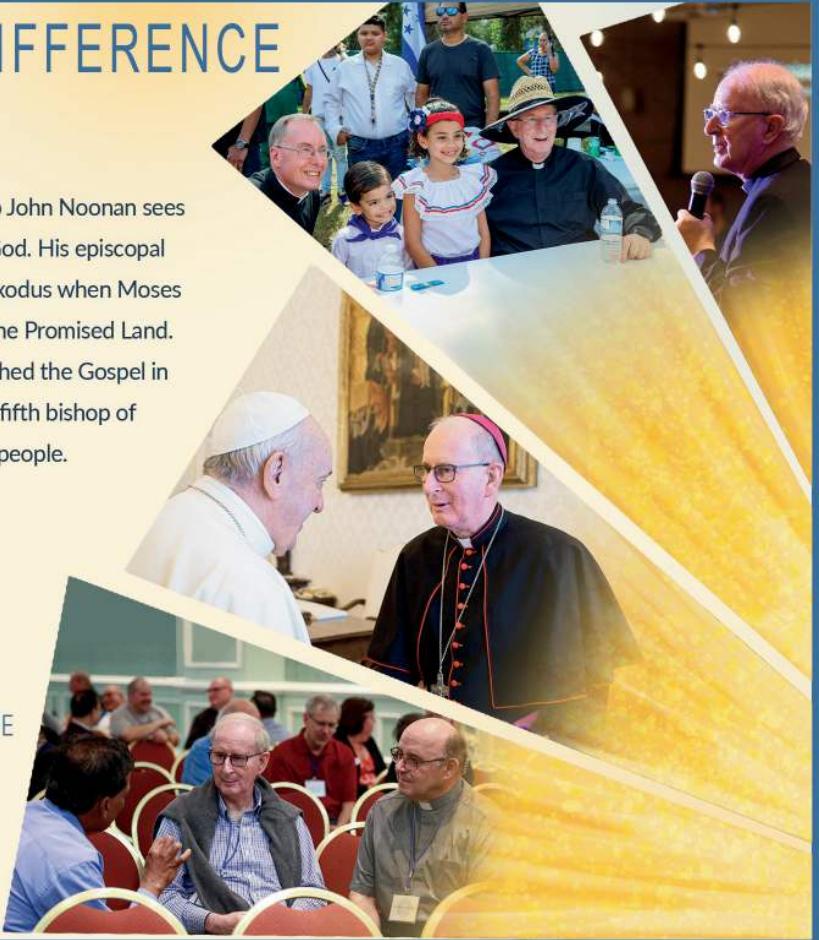
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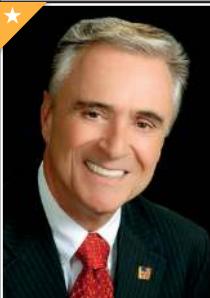
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