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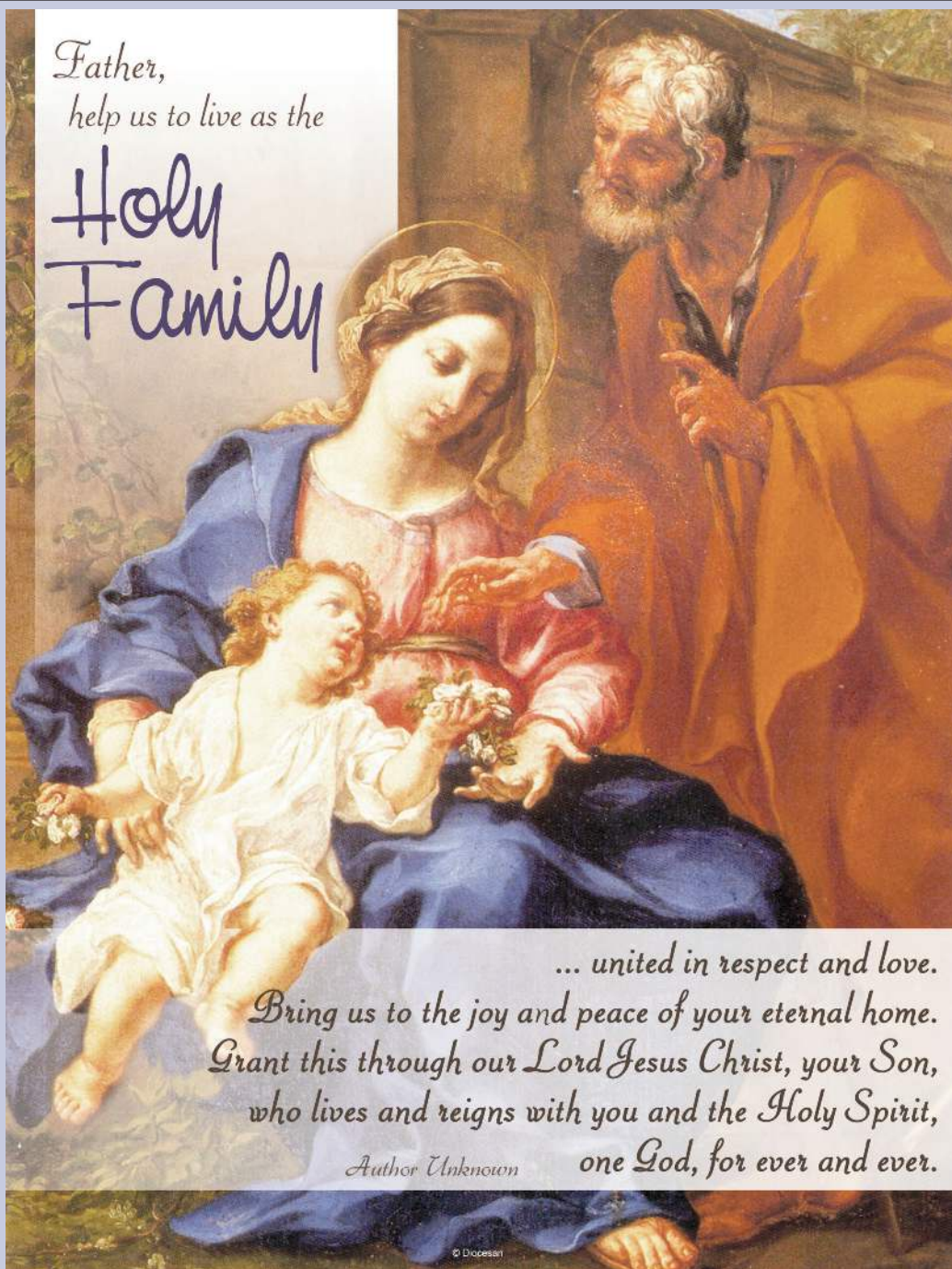
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Father,  
help us to live as the

*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,  
one God, for ever and ever.*

*Author Unknown*

December 28, 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  
Website: www.shseagles.org

**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 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

**Monday, December 29**

8:00am + Harriotte Bruzzis by Bill & Linda Rapp

**Tuesday, December 30**

8:00am + Apolinar Rivera Alidarivera by Carmen

**Wednesday, December 31**

7:00pm All Parishioners

**Thursday, January 1**

8:00am + Fr. Tom Burke C.Ss.R. by Frank & Kathy Walton

**Friday, January 2**

8:00am + Molly Clennan by Family

**Saturday, January 3**

4:00pm Catholic Women's Association

**Sunday, January 4**

8:00am + Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory by Dave & Jan Nixon  
10:30am + Donald S. Young Jr. by Sharon Heinlein

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

**Readings for the Week of December 28, 2025**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> 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
<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</b> 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12



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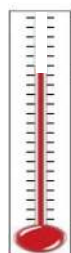
## Events Calendar

Saturday,	December 27	<b>Religious Article Store</b> open after all weekend Masses <b>Come check us out</b> Gifts, cards, religious articles, free book library
9am—3pm	Adoration	
4:00pm	Mass	
Sunday,	December 28	
8:00am	Mass	
10:30am	Mass	
Monday,	December 29	
8:00am	Mass	
6:00pm	<b>BINGO</b>	
Tuesday,	December 30	
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 31	
7:00pm	<b>NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL MASS</b>	
7:00pm	Wed Evening Bible Study / <b>Resumes 1/7/26</b>	
Thursday,	January 1	
8:00am	<b>NEW YEARS DAY MASS</b>	
Friday,	January 2	
8:00am	Mass	
Saturday,	January 3	
9am—3pm	Adoration / Chapel	
4:00pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday,	January 4	
8:00am	Mass	
10:30am	Mass	



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

Paid to Date—\$86,767.66



\$98,662.00

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## 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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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**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 Schedule—Saturday - 4:30pm**  
**Sunday - 10:00am**



## MASS INTENTION

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

## 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 MEETS TODAY!

**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

## 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.

**Aloha!**



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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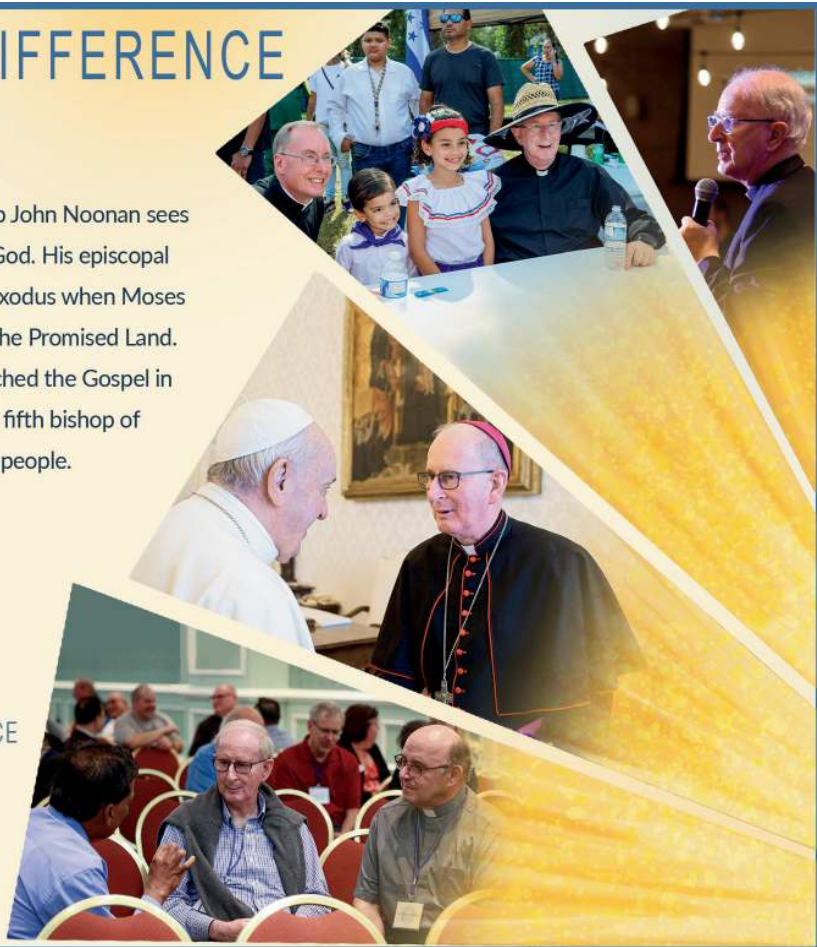
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