

Sacred Heart

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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Sunday 10:30 - 11:00 am
and by appointment

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

Pastor: Rev. Sebastian Devasya, V.E.

Sunday Mass is livestreamed



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Mass Times: Saturday - 4:00 pm | Sunday - 11:00 am | Tuesday - 6:00 pm | Thursday - Noon | First Friday - Noon

To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

Upcoming Events:

Thu	Nov 28	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass
Thu/Fri	Nov 28-29		Office Closed
Tue	Dec 3	6:00 pm	Advent Penance Service - Princeton
Wed	Dec 4	6:00 pm	Advent Penance Service - Bluefield
Sat/Sun	Dec 7-8		Second Collection: Retired Religious
Mon	Dec 9	Noon	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass
Fri	Dec 13	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun	Dec 15	11:00 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Wed	Dec 18	6:00 pm	Baptismal Preparation Class
Sat	Dec 21	10:00 am	Baptismal Preparation Class



Mass Intentions:

Saturday	Nov 30	4 pm		Pro Populo (People of Parish)	by church
Sunday	Dec 1	11 am	✝	Florencio Neri Sr.	by Delia Neri
Tuesday	Dec 3	6 pm	✝	Souls in Purgatory	by Maria Franco
Thursday	Dec 5	Noon	✝	Ramon Jerel Motos	by Dumapit Family
Friday	Dec 6	Noon	✝	Ingrid Marie Franco & Family	by Franco Family
Saturday	Dec 7	4 pm	✝	Antonio & Fannie Constantino	by Virginia Manley
Sunday	Dec 8	11 am	✝	Florencio Neri Sr.	by Delia Neri

1st Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we embark on this holy season of Advent, we enter a time of anticipation and preparation. This journey invites us to deepen our faith and reflect on the profound mystery of the Incarnation. The readings for the First Sunday of Advent resonate with a message of hope and vigilance as we eagerly await the birth of our Savior.



In the Gospel from Luke 21:25-28, the Lord calls us to be alert and watchful. Jesus speaks of signs in the heavens and the tumultuous events that will precede His coming. His words urge us to stand firm, raising our heads because our redemption is drawing near. This call to attentiveness is essential as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, not only in the celebration of His birth but also in our daily lives as we await His glorious return.

Advent, derived from the Latin "adventus," meaning "coming," is a sacred opportunity to awaken our spirits and prepare for the transformative gift of Jesus Christ. It is a time to cultivate a spirit of hope as we reflect on our lives and the world around us. The Advent wreath, with its four candles, symbolizes the four weeks of Advent. Each week, as we light another candle, we symbolize the growing light of Christ in a world that often feels overshadowed by darkness.

As we light the first candle of Advent, the Candle of Hope, we acknowledge the yearning in our hearts for peace, love, and joy. This simple act reminds us that even amid uncertainty, the flicker of a single flame can illuminate the path ahead. It encourages us to carry the hope of Christ into our homes, communities, and beyond. We can do this by sharing encouraging messages, reaching out to those in need, and being a source of comfort and support, reminding us that our faith is a light meant to shine brightly in moments of despair.

This season is also a time for prayer, reflection, and acts of charity. As we embrace the call to prepare, let us consider how we might support one another, share our blessings, and embody Christ's love in tangible ways. Remember, we are a community, and our collective strength and love can make a significant difference in the lives of those around us.

I invite you to join me in a prayer as we begin this blessed season of Advent:

*Heavenly Father,
As we journey into this sacred season of Advent,
open our hearts to the hope that Christ brings.
Help us to be watchful and ready, living in faith and love.
May the first candle's light inspire us to be
beacons of hope in our families and communities.
Strengthen our resolve to prepare our hearts for Your coming
so that we may celebrate the joy of Christ's birth with renewed fervor.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May this Advent bring you peace and an ever-deepening awareness of God's love as we await the coming of our Savior.

*In Christ's love,
Father Sebastian*



Prayer in the Parish Community



Listen carefully to the Word of God: maintain a receptive, meditative attitude that enlightens the heart and mind of every Christian because the Word is “living”. By listening and through personal recollection, it is possible to translate the Word into everyday life, receiving help and consolation. Therefore, especially when standing up at the time of the proclamation of the Gospel, we are called to recognize the presence of the Lord who, through the minister, still speaks to us today in the Eucharistic celebration.

Ref: Teach us to Pray, Dicastery for Evangelization

Walking in Grief Support Group:

Struggling with grief? Join our parish's grief support group and find comfort in community. Join us on **December 18** at 5:30 pm in the Narthex.



The **Liturgy of the Hours**, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (Opus Dei), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer.

- Office of Readings
- Morning Prayer
- Daytime Prayer
- Evening Prayer
- Night Prayer

Sacred Heart invites you to join us in reciting the **Evening Prayer** on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, just before the 6:00 PM Mass. Together, we will provide a guide to help you connect and engage.

The Little Blue Book:

There are just a few copies remaining of the Little Blue Book. A big thank you to Roger and Bonnie Hickman for their generous donation! If you've already grabbed one, remember that Advent begins this Sunday, December 1. We hope this will give you some time to dedicate to prayer over the next 43 days.



Upcoming Baptismal Preparation Class:

This class is for all expecting parents and new parents preparing for the baptism of their child. Please contact church office at 304-425-3664 to inquire about scheduling your child's baptism.

Wednesday, **December 18**
Time: 6 pm
Location: Conference Room
Saturday, **December 21**
Time: 10 am
Location: Conference Room

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

Faith Formation (K-5):

Parents a reminder about our Advent prayer and meditation group! Even if the kids don't have class, we have two awesome teens who are excited to have fun with games and crafts.

If you would like to help in the classroom please reach out to Laura, we always welcome volunteers.



Order of Christian Initiation:

We're excited to welcome new members who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith! Come join us at our next meeting on December 2 at 5:30 p.m. as we explore **"The Liturgical Year and Advent & Christmas"** and dive into our Catholic year. We can't wait to see you there!

For information please contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lwyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org

Youth Ministry (MS/HS):

Don't forget we have morning prayer on Sundays, we'd love for you to join us. Make sure to keep an eye on your emails as Lorin will be sending out all the necessary information.

Walking with Purpose:

We want to wish you all a **Happy Thanksgiving**. Our next meeting will be on Dec 5 for our Bubbly Ugly Sweater Christmas Party.

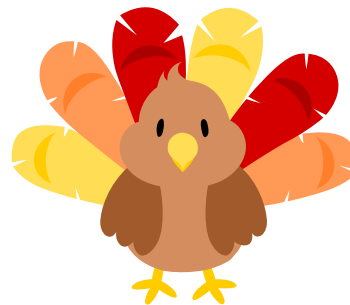
Opening Your Heart: Lesson 8: What is Grace and What Difference Does It Make?

Touching the Divine: Lesson 8: Jesus, our Model of Fidelity

Children's Liturgy of the Word (K-5):

Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word is happening on December 15! Please encourage your child to join us for a fun and engaging time, where they'll hear the liturgy in a way that's just right for them. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to connect with Scripture in a kid-friendly way!

**Woman's Prayer Group
Thursday - 10:15 am**



Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study with our Missionary Sisters on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. It is offered in English and Spanish.

Religious Education Schedule of Events

POINT OF CONTACT

Faith Formation	Laura Wyatt
Adult Education	Laura Wyatt
OCIA	Laura Wyatt
Youth Ministry	Lorin Albin
Women's Prayer Group	Susie Pace
Men's Group	Jim Cosgrove Bill Picknally
Walking with Purpose (WWP)	KD Coleman Laura Wyatt

Dec 1	No Faith Formation Class		
Dec 5	Women's Prayer Group Bible Study WWP	conference room classroom Narthex	10:15 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm
Dec 8	Faith Formation class	classroom	9:30 am
Dec 12	Women's Prayer Group Men's Group Bible Study	conference room Narthex classroom	10:15 am 10:15 am 1:00 pm
Dec 15	Faith Formation class Children's Liturgy of the Word	classroom Mass	9:30 am
Dec 19	Women's Prayer Group Bible Study	conference room classroom	10:15 am 1:00 pm
Dec 21	Faith Formation Christmas party	classroom	5:00 pm
Dec 24	Children's Christmas Mass Youth Sunday	church	4:00 pm



PLEASE
FULLFIL OUR

*Christmas
Wishes!*

Tender Mercies

Peanut butter
soups
rice
beans
shelf safe milk
canned vegetables
Mac and Cheese
granola bars/
pre-packaged snacks



**Advent
collection!
Please make a
gift to your
favorite charity**

Donate to one or all!

Mommy Ministry

Diapers :
Size 4
Size 5,
Size 6,
Size 7
and pull-ups
Wipes
bottles
pacifiers



Place in the
appropriately
labeled gift box in
the Narthex

Catholic Charities

Prepackaged snacks
Shampoo
Bar soap
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent
Hats, gloves & scarves

Advent

Introduction

As the days get shorter in many parts of the world, we enter a season of waiting and preparation. This liturgical season is Advent, in which we eagerly await the birth of Jesus. It is also the first season of the new liturgical year. In Advent, we are renewed with anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

- Christ the King.
- Light of the World.
- Son of God.
- Prince of Peace.
- King of Kings.

As St. (Pope) John Paul II said one First Sunday of Advent, "In Advent, we await an event which occurs in history and at the same time transcends it."

The Season of Advent

Both Lent and Advent are seasons of waiting, preparation, and penance. During Lent, we await Christ's return from 40 days in the desert, His loving sacrifice for us, and Resurrection. In Advent, we prepare for His birth. The birth and resurrection of Christ are intertwined, and their connection is quite significant theologically. Yet, these seasons of waiting look different for us – Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season in the Church.

We light candles amidst the darkness. We find warmth in the cold, dark winter season. And we come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Savior.

Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. (This Advent season marks the start of Year C.)

We begin the year anew, renewed by His birth.

Advent: The Biblical Roots

Though it's never explicitly mentioned in the Bible, Advent is inspired by scripture.

Isaiah, a messianic prophet, foretold Jesus's birth centuries before it took place:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

In the Gospels, we see the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25)

The Four Sundays and Themes of Advent

From homes to churches, schools, and offices – the Advent wreath is a common symbol of the liturgical season. Its purpose is literally to light the way to the true Light of the World.

The circular wreath, typically made of evergreen leaves like pine or fir, represents God's infinite and everlasting love for us. It also holds four candles to light each Sunday of Advent.

Advent

*First candle / Sunday: HOPE (The Prophecy Candle)
Second candle / Sunday: PEACE (The Bethlehem Candle)
Third candle / Sunday: JOY (The Shepherd's Candle)
Fourth candle / Sunday: LOVE (The Angel's Candle)*

Advent wreath meaning

The circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolizes God's infinite love for us – it is never-ending, just like the true Light of the World, Jesus, who leads us into eternal life with Him. The materials of the Advent wreath similarly lead us to reflect on the everlasting nature of God; traditionally, Advent wreaths have been made of evergreen leaves, such as pine or fir, which maintain their green color beyond the season in which they are collected. Nowadays, there are many modern interpretations of Advent wreaths that still help us celebrate the traditional meaning of the wreath: preparing the way for the Light of the World, Jesus. Battery-operated/LED wreaths are a good example of this as they simulate the four candles but don't require lighting each week.

First Advent Candle/Sunday: Hope

*"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." – C.S. Lewis
It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. This Advent, light the first candle on Sunday, December 1, 2024.*

Ref: Hallow.com/advent/

Blessing of an Advent wreath (USCCB)

Pray this blessing from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the night before or on the first Sunday of Advent in your home.

Make the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Say, "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Then, read Scripture from the Book of Isaiah.

The USCCB points us toward Isaiah 9, Isaiah 63, or Isaiah 64.

Pray with the following blessing written by the USCCB.

"Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen."

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Bernadette Baer
 Margaret Bryan
 Ronnie Blankenship
 Matthew Bowles
 Pat Caccamo
 Fr. Chapin Engler
 Peggy Friedrichson
 Dr. Billy Garcia
 MaryLu Geiger
 Kyle Geiger
 Kylena Harless
 Johnathan Harding
 Kenna Johnston
 Patricia Gupton
 Wylie Rae Henson
 Nancy Larkin
 Jim Lintz
 Tanya Marx

Lisa Mendoza
 Angie Pendleton
 Joshua Poorman
 Sara Poorman
 Agnes Tokarski



	weekend Nov 23-24	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	1,817.00	167,822.00	160,750.00
Loose Offertory	242.00	12,720.23	9,000.00
Maintenance	20.00	7,935.00	2,500.00
Total Contributions	2,079.00	188,477.23	172,250.00
Attendance:	4pm: 58	11am: 144	

November Ministry Schedule						
Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
Nov 30 - 4 pm	C. Jones	V. Manley C. Pace T. Byron	A & D. Bisaha	N/A	TBA	S. Pace
Dec 1 - 11 am	Z. Romano A. Dumapit	K. Hickman D. Richardson T. Byron	K & J Hickman	W. Picknally	B. Fanning	

Music for
 November 30 & December 1, 2024
 Mass of Christ the Savior

Mass Readings Year B
 on pg. 537
 Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G395

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”
 Responsorial Psalm 25
 To You Lord, I Lift up my Soul
 Presentation of Gifts: G406
 “Wait For the Lord”

Communion: G415

“My Soul In Still Waits”
 Closing Hymn: G409
 “People Look East”

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In case of emergency and priest is needed, please call:

The Princeton Parish Office
 (304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
 (304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
 (304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.