

January 20 & 21, 2024

Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

**3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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**Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm and by
appointment
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

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Embracing the Call to Conversion

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B open with a powerful narrative from the book of Jonah. Jonah, initially reluctant, finally obeys God's command to go to Nineveh. His message is stark and uncompromising: the city faces destruction unless its people repent. Remarkably, from the greatest to the least, the inhabitants of Nineveh heed Jonah's warning, demonstrating a profound collective conversion.

This passage challenges us to reflect on our own response to God's call for repentance. In our lives, moments of grace often come disguised as challenges or calls to change our ways. The Ninevites' response is a testament to the power of genuine repentance and a reminder that no person or community is beyond the reach of God's transforming love.

Jonah's experience also speaks to us about obedience and trust in God's plan. Often, we might feel reluctant or unqualified to undertake the tasks God sets before us. Jonah's journey reminds us that our willingness to listen and respond to God, even amidst fear and hesitation, can lead to incredible outcomes beyond our imagination.

Ref: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - Young Catholics (young-catholics.com)

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Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Jan 20, 4pm -

✠ **Mary McMahon**

By Joe Kamenski

Sunday, Jan 21, 11am -

✠ **Nettie Pace**

by Susie Pace

Tuesday, Jan 23, 6pm -

People of the Parish

Thursday, Jan 25, Noon

✠ **Sister Teresa Metz**

By Linda Dumapit

Saturday, Jan 27, 4pm -

✠ **Jean Schumacher**

By Gina & Timm Boggess

Sunday, Jan 28, 11am -

Available

Upcoming Events:

Jan 20 & 21, Second collection: Church in the Developing World

Fri, Jan 26, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Fri, Feb 2, Noon First Friday - Candlemass

Feb 3-4, Saint Blaise (blessing of throats)

Feb 2-4, Mount 2000 Retreat

Feb 10, First Communion Reconciliation Retreat

Feb 14, Ash Wednesday

Feb 19-20, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral council

Sun, Feb 25, 6:00 pm Parentheses

Fri, Mar 1, Noon First Friday Devotion to Sacred Heart

Fri, Feb 16, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration



January 21

Eucharistic Reflection: On March 27, 2020, at an early point in the global pandemic, Pope Francis walked alone in the rain across an empty St. Peter’s Square to offer prayer for the world in a time of crisis. “Faith,” he said, “begins when we realize we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we founder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars.”¹ Recalling when Jesus was asleep in the boat as a tempest was raging (Mk 4:35-41), the Holy Father said, “The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith.”² On that day, Pope Francis presided over the rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction in order to focus our attention on the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The Pope was reminding us that even in a time of turbulence and crisis, Jesus is present among us, as present as he was long ago in the boat on the Sea of Galilee.

The feast day of Santo Niño de Cebú comes each year on the third Sunday in January, and is a big celebration through the country of the Philippines. This is a devotion that centers around an image of the Christ child, and celebrates the conversion of the Philippines to Christianity and attracts 1-2 million people per year. What a beautiful image of the Christ child to have a special devotion to! The festival itself is called Sinulog and lasts for days as novena Masses are said.



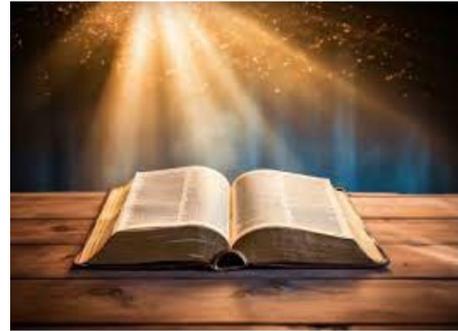
Ref: <https://www.catholicicing.com/celebrate-santo-nino-de-cebu-feast-day/>

Second Collection:
Church in the Developing World (Jan 20 - 21)
 -Church in Latin America
 -Church in Central and Eastern Europe
 -Church in Africa

We kindly request, all 2nd collection donations be submitted with two weeks of the original collection date. This allows us to submit the donation to the Diocese or other entity in a timely manner.

Thank you.

January 21, 2024
 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Year B)
 Sunday of the Word of God-



“... It is fitting, then that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness. Consequently, I hereby declare that the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday **of the Word of God** will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity” (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*, nos 2-3, dated September 30, 2019)

Sacred Heart Bluefield Cookbooks - The Sacred Heart Cookbooks celebrating the Church Building’s 100th anniversary have arrived! If you would like to purchase a book please contact Cynthia Stacy at 304-952-3534 or the church office. The cook books are selling for \$15.

Finance Council - Congratulations! to our newest member of Finance council.

Bob Schumacher

Our out going member

Richard Flanigan.

Thank your for volunteering.

Weekly Collections

	weekend Jan 13-14	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,385.00	10,007.00	10,200.00
Loose Offertory	220.25	565.25	600.00
Flowers	60.00	60.00	0.00
Maintenance	10.00	20.00	0.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,675.25	\$ 10,652.25	\$ 10,800.00
Dioc: Latin American	50.00	50.00	500.00
Dioc: Church in Central & Eastern Europe	50.00	50.00	250.00
Dioc: Holy Land	227.00	227.00	0.00
Dioc: Church in Africa	50.00	50.00	0.00
Attendance:	4pm: 40	11am: 165	

Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Jan 21, 28 - **Faith Formation** | Class
- Jan 21, 28 - **OCIA** | Class
- Jan 18 - **Women's Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room
WWP | 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Jan 21 - **YM** | Youth Ministry Night
- Jan 24 - **Forgiven** | 6:00 pm Conf. room
- Jan 25 - **Women's Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room
Men's group | 10:15 am Narthex
WWP | 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Jan 31 - **Forgiven** | 6:00 pm Conf. room
- Feb 1 - **Women's Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room
WWP | 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Feb 2-4 - **YM** | Mount 2000 Retreat

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

This Week on Formed - Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)



In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/god-s-doorkeeper-st-andre-of-montreal>

Religious Education

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

January 21 - Evangelization

Our topic in this session is on *Evangelization*. The word we use to refer to this process of passing on the faith to others, and it can only be done from one person to another. The institutional church can't do it for us.

Next weeks lesson:

January 28 - The 10 Commandments

Walking with Purpose (WWP)

Lesson 7 - "Why Should I Read the Bible?"

This week's lesson will focus on the significance of reading the Bible. We'll explore how Jesus communicates with us through scripture.

**** Please note we have a day/time change and will meet via Zoom.**

Forgiven

Join us for a 3-week, video-based study on formed.org. **Forgiven** is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Starting:

Wednesday, January 24

Faith Formation

We kindly request that you work closely with your child to help them learn their prayers. Thank you.

Our Soup-er Bowl challenge will begin on Feb 4. We ask you to bring canned goods to support Tender Mercies.

Youth Ministry

Our **next YM** night will be on January 21, more details as the date gets closer.

If you have any questions please message Lorin Albin at 540-529-6495.

The Woman's Prayer Group

The Woman's Prayer Group will meet Thursday at 10:15 am.

"The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity.

This Word manifests itself in every creature."

— Hildegard of Bingen

In case of an emergency and a 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.

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

George	Bowling	Agnes	Tokarski
Margaret	Bryan	Richard	Wentz
Dale	Geiger		
MaryLu	Greiger		
Kyle	Geiger		
Kimiko	Houser		
Angie	Grbac		
Patricia	Gupton		
Wylie Rae	Henson		
Nancy	Larkin		
Jim	Lintz		
Richard	Lockhart		

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship (Secretary)
Logan Angell	Harold Cofer
Gerry Cosgrove	Angelica Dumapit
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	Lorin Albin

Finance Council

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Kevin Garrett	Shelby Neri
Gene Richardson	Bob Schumacher
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

Promise to Protect - To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please notify civil authorities first and then please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

January Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
20 4pm	B. Schumacher	K. Bailey C. Pace V. Manley	Prox	n/a	T. Byron	J. Choate
21 11am	K. Carter	W. Picknally M. Cox G. Cosgrove	B. Fanning	K. Carter	BJ. Carter	
27 4pm	M. Flanigan	T. Byron C. Pace K. Bailey	J. Gaspersich	n/a	L. Kessinger	T. Settle
28 11am	C. Cofer	A. Heltzel H. Cofer R. Modena	Bisaha	W. Picknally	BJ Carter	