

**November 25 & 26, 2023**  
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:  
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, King of the Universe



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
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Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm  
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## What is Advent?

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - Sunday, December 24, 2023

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of [Christmas](#).

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

## Mass Intentions:

## Upcoming Events:

### Staff

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Saturday, Nov 25, 4pm -

**Lakely Ogg** (birthday)

by Laura & Rick Wyatt

Sunday, Nov 26, 11am -

✠ **Catherine Kaminski**

by Joseph Kaminski

Tuesday, Nov 28, 6pm -

✠ **Loretta & Joseph Scarpati**

By MaryAnn & John Shay

Thursday, Nov 30, Noon -

✠ **Bob Krulatz**

by Mary & John Choate

Saturday, Dec 2, 4pm -

✠ **Walter Bowman**

by Sacred Heart

Sunday, Dec 3, 11am -

✠ **Richie Johnson**

by Gina & Timm Boggess

Nov 27, 29 & 30, 5 - 6:30 pm Forgiven (video based series)

Sat, Dec 2, 1 - 3:00 pm Forgiven (video based series)  
Dec 1, Noon, First Friday Mass, Devotion to Sacred Heart

Sun, Dec 3, 6:00 pm Taizé

Tues, Dec 5, 6:00 pm Advent Penance Service in Princeton

Wed, Dec 6, 6:00 pm Advent Penance Service in Bluefield

Dec 7, 6 pm Vigil Mass, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Bluefield

Dec 8, 12 noon HDO Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Bluefield

Dec 8, 6 pm HDO Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Princeton

Sun, Dec 10, 6 pm Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 18, 20, 22, 6:00 pm, Parents Night Out (X-Mas activities for kids)

Sun, Dec 24, 4:00 pm Children's Mass

11:30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Mon, Dec 25, 11:00 am Christmas Mass



**November 25**

***Eucharistic Reflection: Let us be Thankful!***

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. As the ministers prepare the altar, representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for these gifts and places them on the altar, the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice. In addition to the bread and wine, monetary gifts for the support of the Church and the care of the poor may be brought forward.



**Sacred Heart Bluefield** is selling "Sacred Heart Ornaments" The ornaments will be selling for \$20.00 each. Please contact Ann Robinson at 304-887-2424, Theresa Bales at 304-920-8104, or the parish office at 304-327-5623 if you would like to place your order.

**The Little Blue Book**

The Little Blue Book for the Advent and Christmas Seasons 2023-2024  
Six-minute reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Luke

Don't forget to stop by the Narthex and pick up your copy of The Little Blue Book, generously donated by Roger and Bonnie Hickman. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to receive this gift and we are grateful for their generosity.

**Together in Holiness Marriage Conference –**



ANNOUNCING YOUR LOVE

**December 3**  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Ages: 18-30**

Register using the QR code or on our website!!!



*Handwritten heart*

**Make the world's heart beat!!!**

**Donation: \$20**  
Breakfast and Lunch included

**St. Francis de Sales**  
626 S Oakwood Ave,  
Beckley, WV 25801

For more information::

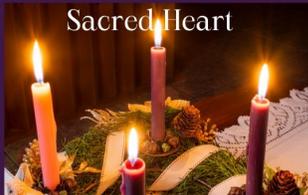
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**Advent Penance Service.** Will be held in Princeton and Bluefield with 6 priest available to hear confessions on Tuesday, December 5 at 6 pm and in Bluefield on Wednesday, December 6 at 6 pm.

**Advent Penance Service**

Sacred Heart



<b>Princeton</b>	<b>Bluefield</b>
Tuesday, December 5 6 pm	Wednesday, December 6 6 pm

**Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Please join us for Spanish Mass on Sunday, December 10 at 6 pm. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



Únase a nosotros para la misa en español el domingo 10 de diciembre a las 6 pm. Seguirá una recepción en el salón parroquial.

## Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Dec 3, 10, 17 **Faith Formation** K- 5 @ 9:30 am | class rooms
- Dec 3, 10, 17 - **RCIA** @ 9:30 am | Conf. room
- Nov 26 - **Faith Formation** | No CLASS  
**OCIA** | No CLASS
- Nov 27, 29 & 30 - **Parish Study** | Forgiven @ 5 - 6:30 pm
- Nov 30 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room  
**Men's group** @ 10:15 am | Narthex
- Dec 2 - **Parish Study** | Forgiven @ 1 - 3 pm
- Dec 3 - **YM** | YM night @ 6 pm
- Dec 17 - **Faith Formation** | Christmas party
- Dec 18, 20, 22, 6:00 pm, **Parents Night Out** (X-Mas activities for kids)
- Dec 24 - **Faith Formation** | 4:00 pm Children's Mass/pageant
- Jan 6 - **YM** | Epiphany Progressive Dinner

**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



**Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession**, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's

revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, *Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**November 27, 29, & 30** or **December 2**  
**Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**      **Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

## Religious Education

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Welcome to this incredible journey of faith and self-discovery!

**No Class**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**This Week on Formed** – Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23  
Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!  
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/who-is-jesus-christ-w-sr-bethany-madonna-seek23>



Who is Jesus? | Adventure Catechism

<https://watch.formed.org/adventure-catechism/videos/adventure-catechism-2-who-is-jesus-1>



### Faith Formation Dec 18, 20, and 22

Parents do you need some shopping time before Christmas?

Bring you kids for some fun activities. Over the course of three days, they can get creative with Christmas crafts, watch movies, and even build a gingerbread house. Who knows, they might even get to meet Santa!  
contact Laura Wyatt  
[lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org](mailto:lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org) or  
304-425-3664

### Youth Ministry

**Youth ministry night will on  
Dec 3 at 4:30 pm.**

**Dec 5 at 6 pm is Advent  
Penance Service**

### The Woman's Prayer Group

The Woman's Prayer Group Meets weekly on Thursday morning. It is a goal of this group to become more attentive to the "whispers" of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - to listen and follow. To reach this goal we use a variety of materials including ... books, video, music, prayer, discussion, reflection, and silence. During the Season of Advent our primary guide will be "Prepare Your Heart: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation" by Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR.

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

- **The 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**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Catherine Belcher       | B.J. Asbury        |
| Ruth Boyd               | Linda Berghof      |
| Deloris Caccamo         | Lou Berentes       |
| Ron Ciccolini           | John Bowers        |
| Romulo DelaRosa         | John Caccamo       |
| Dr. David Garcia        | Rita Calhoun       |
| Dale & Mary Lu Geiger   | Christopher Castle |
| Angie Grbac             | Regina Church      |
| Cynthia & Gordon Harmon | Judy Clayton       |
| Cyndi Jones             | Linda Cunningham   |
| Nancy Larkin            | Nancy Dickerson    |
| Valarie Laxton          | Russell Edmunds    |
| Christina Laxton        | Kimiko Fettro      |
| Robert Laxton           | Kyle Geiger        |
| Kaitlyn Laxton          | Mike Goff          |
| Keith Laxton            | Patricia Gupton    |
| Jim Lintz               | Myles Harris       |
| Jim & Diane Luciano     | Velma Hartwell     |
| Tanya Marx              | Wylie Rae Henson   |
| Jaelynn Mendoza         | Brenda Ivelise     |
| Annette Morgan          | Ruby Jones         |
| Dr. Jun Neri            | Langan Family      |
| Patricia Nester         | Lucas Llado        |
| Alan Rieger             | Richard Lockhart   |
| Vivian Romano           | Sandy Morefield    |
| Deborah Saffell         | Tina Mullins       |
| Gareth Settle           | Wayne Mullins      |
| Felomina Yongque        | Carolyn Munther    |
| Carrie Yurkovich        | Susan Nelson       |
|                         | Rex Neely          |
|                         | Agnes Sedi         |
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|                         | Bryan Staten       |
|                         | Agnes Tokarski     |
|                         | Jamie Willoughby   |
|                         | Richard Wentz      |
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**Collections**

	weekend Nov 18-19	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,009.00	151,433.27	150,500.00
Loose Offertory	254.00	9,815.55	4,400.00
Christmas Flowers	60.00	1,131.00	1,000.00
Holy days	10.00	5,733.00	1,000.00
Maintenance	25.00	2,327.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,358.00</b>	<b>\$170,439.82</b>	<b>\$ 158,400.00</b>
Tender Mercies	10.00	2,030.00	2,250.00
Dioc: Archdioc of Military Services	50.00	791.00	500.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>4pm: 75</b>	<b>11 am: 140</b>	



**Thank You for Your Donations**

Raised \$41,105  
38 Gifts  
211 % of Goal

**November Ministry Schedule**

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
<b>25 4pm</b>	C Jones	<u>C. Pace</u> V Manley T Marx	F Bacho	N/A	Kessinger	T Settle
<b>26 11am</b>	A Dumapit	<u>L Wyatt</u> B Barrett G Richardson	Neri	Picknally	BJ Carter TBA	
<b>December 2 4 pm</b>	Schumacher	<u>K. Bailey</u> V. Manley T. Settle	TBA	N/A	TBA	<u>S.Pace</u>
<b>3 11 am</b>	Romano	<u>K. Suehs</u> Y. Suehs TBA	TBA	Picknally	B. Fanning	