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PARISH PILGRIMAGE

THE HOLY LAND: In The Footsteps of Jesus



MARCH 19-28, 2017; travel with Rev. John Alvarado on the journey of a lifetime. For full details, pricing & itinerary pick-up a brochure in Church or at the Parish Center or visit us at churchofthesacredheart.net (click on the travel icon).

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2017 PARISH CALENDARS

Our 2017 parish wall calendars are available in Church and at the Parish Center. We are grateful for the generosity of the McCriskin-Gustafson Family of Funeral Homes who sponsored the calendars for our Sacred Heart families. May God bless you and your families every day of the new year.

MAKE THIS THE BEST ADVENT EVER

Sign-up for Dynamic Catholic's "Best Advent Ever."
Visit online: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/>.

PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL

TEACHING - THEME 6: Care for God's Creation: We show our respect for the Creator by our *stewardship of creation*. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

"Saint Bonaventure tells us that St. Francis of Assisi "from a reflection on the primary source of all things, filled with even more abundant piety, he would call creatures, no matter how small, by the name of 'brother' or 'sister'". Such a conviction cannot be written off as naive romanticism, for it affects the choices which determine our behavior. If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled." #10, Encyclical Letter, *LAUDATO SI, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.

ARCHIVE FINDING AID: The parish archives can be accessed via the parish website. Instructions for using the Finding Aid are included.

THOUGHTS ON PRAYER:

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

God, our Father, our lives are in Your hands
from conception unto death.

Lord, help us to live in dignity, in peace,
with love and gratitude.

Teach us, Father, to live as You created us,
and to help one another
through this journey of existence.

Thank you, Lord, for the life You have given us
and the abilities You have planted within our hearts.

Help us discover our gifts,
and help them grow as we walk
the path of righteousness alongside You.

AMEN.

Are you praying your Morning Offering?

VISIT US ON INSTAGRAM – SACREDHEARTSPNJ

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings
of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

offered throughout the world, in
reparation for my sins, for the
intentions of all my relatives and
friends, and also for the intentions of our
Bishop James and the Holy Father. Amen.



*"Anything we do, without offering it to God, is wasted."
– St. John Vianney*

DAILY INTENTIONS

- Sunday** That the Gospel message of Joy, Mercy and Reconciliation, may open hearts and minds to Christ Our Savior
- Monday** For the Sick and Persons with Disabilities
- Tuesday** For Those who Suffer Discrimination regardless of its source (Age, Gender, Race, Religion, Disability, National and Ethnic Origin, Sexual Identify, Social Status)
- Wednesday** For Military & Emergency Response Services Personnel
- Thursday** For all Pregnant Mothers and their Unborn Children
- Friday** For all Civil and Religious Leaders
- Saturday** For our Families, our Bishop James & his intentions, and the intentions written in our Parish Intention Book

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2016

Celebrate the rich traditions and spiritual treasures of the Seasons of Advent and Christmas with family and friends, in Church and at Home.

The Advent Wreath is a four week "calendar" of prayer inviting us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World who calls us to everlasting life — candles, light, evergreen in an unbroken circle.



The Christmas Crèche was first presented by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century at a chapel in Greccio, Italy. It brings to our view the place, people and animals gathered around Jesus at His birth. It is a reminder also that the Wood of the Crib would become the Wood of the Cross. May we never lose sight of God's incredible love for us!

CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 —
5:00PM & 12:00 Midnight

4:45PM - Prelude with Choral & Handbell Choirs
11:45PM - Prelude with the Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 —
9:00AM & 11:30AM

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 —
9:00AM

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

World Day of Prayer for Peace

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 —
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00PM
SUNDAY - 9:00AM & 11:30AM

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 —
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00PM
SUNDAY - 9:00AM & 11:30AM

The Children's "Procession of Stars" begins Sunday at 8:50AM

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 —
7:00PM

EL SANTO NIÑO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 - 1PM

