

Presentation of the Gifts at the Offertory of the Mass -

You are invited to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine for consecration at Sunday Eucharist. If the Mass intention is for a family member or friend, this is a wonderful way for you to participate and represent our entire parish family as these gifts are brought forward. Speak with the ushers before Mass begins and let them know that you are present and wish to do this.



Are you praying your Morning Offering?

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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*

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.

“LAUDATO SI, mi Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs”. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail” (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.” #1&2, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, *LAUDATO SI, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.

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

THOUGHTS ON PRAYER: *Prayer after an Election*

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world. We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (From The USCCB)

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

with candle lighting ceremony and the reading of names

**Monday, November 14, 7:00PM
Church of the Sacred Heart**

For those family members and friends whose loved one's Funeral Mass, Wake or Graveside Service has been celebrated through Sacred Heart Parish from September 2015 to September 2016. Please join us in consolation and Prayer.



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PILGRIMS RETURN — The group of pilgrims returning from Mexico with Fr. John last week, recalls their visit to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the magnificent shrines in several neighboring states. Their prayer was for the peace and unity of our Nation, most needed at this time. They experienced the incredible religious & cultural celebrations of the Day of the Dead — *el Dia de Los Muertos* leading up to and ending with All Saints and All Souls Days. All had an eye-opening experience of the treasure that is Mexico and the warm hospitality of its people.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE
THE HOLY LAND: In The Footsteps of Jesus. March 19 thru 28, 2017; travel with Rev. John Alvarado on the journey of a lifetime. For full details, pricing and itinerary pick-up a brochure in Church or at the Parish Center or visit us anytime online at churchofthesacredheart.net (click on the travel icon). **Don't delay, we are booking NOW and taking registrations.**



Sign up for free at
DynamicCatholic.com/Advent
 Receive emails for our Best Advent Ever program.

When does it start?

Look for your first email on Sunday, November 27. (The program ends Monday, December 26.)

What can I expect?

You will receive an email every day during Advent:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday –

Watch a 1- to 2-minute video from one of our great presenters who dives deeper into the theme for the week

Thursday – Watch a short, personal video from a Dynamic Catholic team member

Saturday – Get a free song from our brand new Christmas CD

Sunday – Catch up on any videos you missed, and get a preview for the coming week

Legislative Action Alert!

URGENT! TAKE ACTION TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL.

New Jersey Senate bill S2474, the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act, may be voted on in the next few weeks. An identical bill, A2451, passed the General Assembly on October 20th. If passed, this bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill patients who have been diagnosed with six months or less to live.

Doctor-assisted suicide is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company. In an era of cost containment and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as an economic liability, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by cost.

The facts are clear - in California, Vermont and Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. One such example is Stephanie Packer, a young mother of four from California. Stephanie was recently denied insurance coverage for her new chemotherapy treatment but suicide drugs were approved by her insurance with a nominal co-pay of \$1.20.

Other reasons to oppose assisted suicide legislation include:

A six-month prognosis for a terminal illness is not always accurate. Often, with treatment, patients survive well beyond their prognosis. S2474 would allow the death certificate to list the cause of death as the underlying terminal disease - not assisted suicide. The cause of death should be listed as self-administered drugs that ended life.

Why not tell the truth?

Legalized assisted suicide would send the wrong message to vulnerable groups such as our troubled youth and to our veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Studies have shown that in states where assisted suicide has been legalized, overall suicide rates increase.

There is no requirement for a physician is to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription. In fact there is no supervision of the drugs once they leave the pharmacy.

Our society should embrace what Pope John Paul II called “the way of love and true mercy”— a readiness to surround patients with love, support, and companionship, providing the assistance needed to ease their physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering. Our duty is to assist those who are dying- not kill them.

Please contact your state Senators today and urge them to oppose S2474 by visiting: <http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>. **Also, contact Governor Christie (609-292-6000) and ask him to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.**