

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Established in 1874 ~ Celebrating 151 Years

**February 1, 2026**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Bryan Kuhr, Pastor  
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Rev. Mr. John Shoemaker, Deacon Emeritus  
Cindy Sencindiver, Administrative Assistant  
Susan Craig, Organist

## Sacraments

### Sacrament of Baptism

For information concerning baptism, call the Parish priest.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements with the church should be made at least six months in advance by calling the Parish priest.

### Sunday Bulletin

Deadline for items for the bulletin is 12:00 Noon on Wednesday.

### Parish Membership

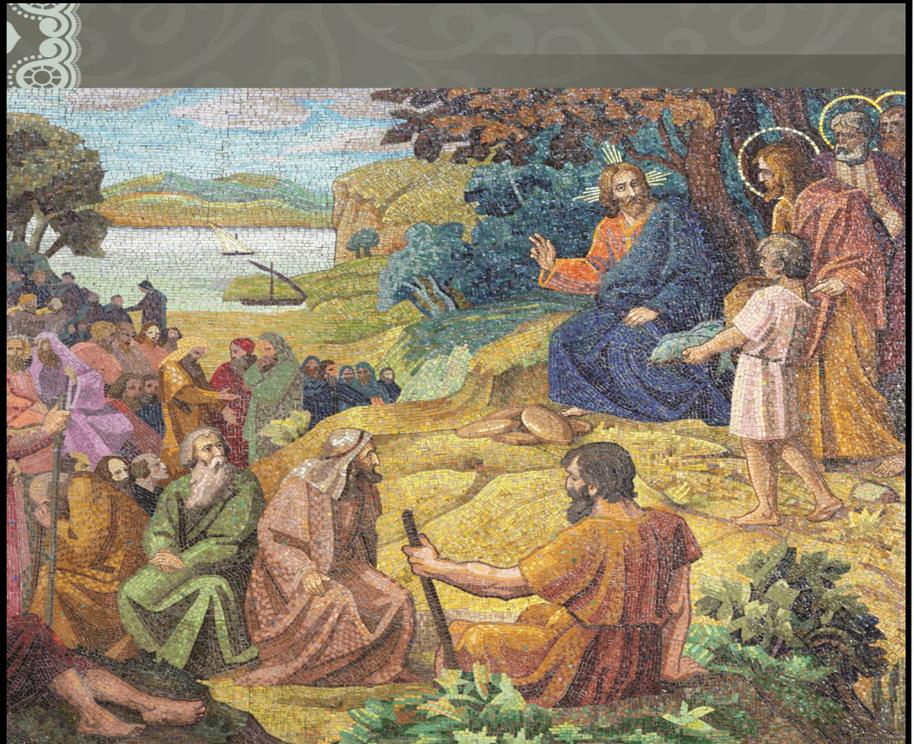
We welcome new families to our parish.

### Parish Registration

Parish registration forms can be picked up at the back of the church, at the church office or printed from our web page.

### Information Change

If you plan to move or change your phone number, please call or stop by the parish office, or notify us by e-mail so we can update our records.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## Schedule of Masses

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12:10 p.m. Rosary at 11:15, a.m.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

College Student Mass 11:00 a.m.  
(suspended until the Fall) 4:00 p.m.

### Adoration

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon  
Every Friday 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

### Confession

(Held in Confessional only when daily Mass is celebrated))

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:15 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. and by appointment

## Masses for the Week



### Masses for the Week of February 1, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Jay Bauer, S.I.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Kolby Barbosa, S.I.
	11:00 a.m.	Robert Feeley, R.I.P.
	4:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
Monday	12:10 p.m.	Robert Feeley, R.I.P.
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Special Intention
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Sarah Marie Odom, S.I.
Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Special Intention

### Readings for the week

Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

### Weekly Offering

Offertory	\$ 6,247.00
Campus Catholics	\$ 412.00

### Online Giving



Online giving is fast and VERY secure. Scan the QR code to start your online giving. You can set up recurring donations or one time gifts.

### Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in

If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, you can do so by signing up at the back of the church. You can either order the flowers yourself, or you can make a monetary donation of \$75 to cover the cost (for the back altar—\$100 if side altars are included) and we will make the arrangements for you. Please contact Stacey Keaton at 478-288-6368 if you would like to have your arrangements made by her.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: “Go to the seminary.” There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, “Lord, if that’s from you, let me find great joy in it.” Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, “**Come after me**” (Matthew 4:19). And immediately they leave their nets and follow. There’s no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, “**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**” (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus’ call is powerful. Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— Father John Muir

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don’t see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

### Second Collection Schedule

<b>February 1</b>	<b>March 29</b>
Helping Hands	Holy Land
<b>February 8</b>	<b>April 5</b>
Black & Indian Mission	Archdiocese Seminarians
<b>March 1</b>	<b>April 12</b>
Helping Hands	Helping Hands
<b>March 8</b>	<b>April 26</b>
Catholic Relief Services	Catholic Home Mission
<b>March 8</b>	<b>May 3</b>
Catholic Relief Services	Helping Hands
<b>March 22</b>	<b>May 10</b>
Campus Catholics	Catholic Communications

# Ministry Schedule

## LECTORS

### February 1

8:30 a.m. Kathy Boylan  
11:00 a.m. Dick McCoy

### February 7

5:00 p.m. Gretchen Hitchcock

### February 8

8:30 a.m. Deborah Myers  
11:00 a.m. JoAnn McClure

### February 14

5:00 p.m. John Hargaden

### February 15

8:30 a.m. Mary Becker  
11:00 a.m. Ester Ibanez

### February 21

5:00 p.m. Cecile Trinidad

### February 22

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Barbosa  
11:00 a.m. Jan Kump

### February 28

5:00 p.m. Michael Pangia

## MONEY COUNTERS

### February 2

Al Matysiak  
Ross Martinez

### February 9

JoAnn McClure  
Kathy Boylan

### February 16

Mary Becker  
Sharon Thatcher

### February 23

Diane Sargent  
Jody Hatcher

## HELPING HANDS

### February 3

Ellen Markwalter  
Teresa Blevins

### February 10

Kathy Stickline  
Mary Lacksen

### February 17

Jody Klaassens  
JoAnn McClure

### February 24

Katrina Eich  
Don Moats  
Francine Moats

## USHERS

### February 1

8:30 a.m. Clem Stickline  
Dan Smith

### 11:00 a.m.

Joe Kump  
Kirk Sencindiver

### February 7

5:00 p.m. Mark Bell  
Al Matysiak

### February 8

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Barbosa  
Wendy Barbosa

### 11:00 a.m.

Jerry Huellemier  
Mary Becker

### February 14

5:00 p.m. John Geist  
Mario DeLaosa

### February 15

8:30 a.m. Chris Fennell  
Ed Kuderna

### 11:00 a.m.

Dick McCoy  
Stephen Buckner

### February 21

5:00 p.m. Dennis McCann  
JJ McClure

### February 22

8:30 a.m. Chris Lowery  
Shannon Lowery

### 11:00 a.m.

Tim Harper  
Patrick Donovan

### February 28

5:00 p.m. Bob Duesing  
Ross Martinez

## Ultreya

March 15  
April 12  
May 17

## Bereavement Group

March 18  
After the 12:10 Mass

## MEALS ON WHEELS

**Feb. 3** Mike McCabe  
**Feb. 10** Joe & Pat Sansotta  
**Feb. 17** Ester Ibanez  
**Feb. 24** Sandra Worsham & Celia Craig

If you need a substitute, please call Mike McCabe at 478-363-1693

## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

**February 3** JoAnn McClure  
Cindy Cowart  
Elizabeth McManmon

**February 10** Angela Hudson  
Deolinda Carreira  
Mary Short

**February 17** Michelle Vasquez  
Diane Mabery  
Harold Champagne

**February 24** Diane Bradshaw  
Karen Collins  
Todd Collins

## Men's Bible Study

This Man is You  
MONDAY Evenings  
6:30 p.m.  
AQUINAS HALL

## Mysteries of the Rosary

Sunday Mornings  
Flannery O'Connor Hall  
After the 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Coffee & Donuts served

## Altar Linens

January

Lynn Sheeler

## Flower Coordinator

Stacey Keaton

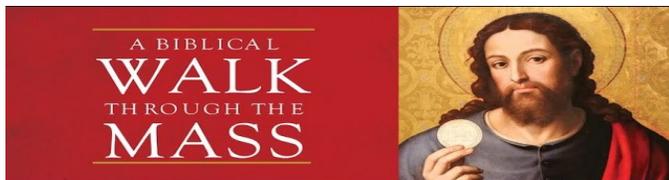
## Campus Catholics Sunday Supper

It's time to crank those ovens and cooktops because Sunday Supper is here. This ministry provides Sunday Dinner after the 4:00 Sunday Campus Catholic mass for the students. We feed their bellies and Jesus feeds their souls! There are many ways to serve in this ministry besides cooking. Provisions and helping hands are always welcome. If you feel called to serve our youth please reach out to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or [slebendiger@gmail.com](mailto:slebendiger@gmail.com). This is a weekly ministry, but not a weekly commitment. You can serve as often as you are available. God Bless you all!

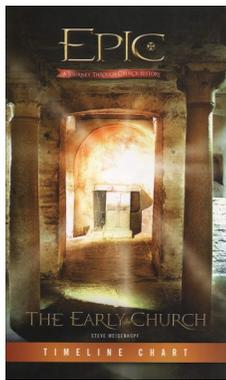
### Catholic Trivia:

Which philosophical tradition did St. Thomas Aquinas extensively engage with and integrate into his theology?

### Woman's Bible Study



Next Women's bible studies begin on Tuesday, January 20. The morning group will meet at 10:00 am and will be studying "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" written by Edward Sri. You will need the study set which can be found on Ascension Press website.



The evening group will begin at 6:00 pm and will be studying "Epic: The Early Church" written by Steve Weidenkopf. This is available on Ascension Press website and Amazon.

Both studies will run 10 weeks. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or [slebendiger@gmail.com](mailto:slebendiger@gmail.com).

## WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Do you know of a lady in the parish that has given of her time and talent to serve our wonderful parish and/or community? Why not nominate her for Sacred Heart's Woman of the Year?

All Honorees will be recognized during Mass at the Annual Recognition Day at **10:00 am on Saturday, March 7, 2026, St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 7171 Glenridge Drive, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.** Bishop Bernard (Ned) Shlesinger III, will be the principal celebrant at this Mass.

Nomination forms can be found at the back of the church. You can return the completed form to the office, or put it in the black mailbox by the office door. Nominations need to be returned no later than **February 4th.**



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group that prays for our pastor in front of the Blessed Sacrament one hour per day, seven days per week.

Please join us in praying for our pastor, priests who have served us in the past, our favorite podcast priests and our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

"Behind every priest is a demon fighting for his downfall. If we have a tongue to criticize them..., we need to have double to pray for them." Saint Theresa of Avila

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr Bryan.

Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help him to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people.

Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.

Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.

Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

### Prayer for the Holy Father:

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Leo XIV, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

### Happy Birthday

Bob Duesing  
Darleen Eaton

Marliz Tolentino  
Dianna Odom

Ashley Tarrant



# CCW

Council of Catholic Women

**LADIES OF SACRED HEART, WE WANT YOU!**

Please join us for our monthly meeting,

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Flannery O'Connor Hall

Dinner served at 5:30 pm

**Meeting starts at 6:00 pm**

*Many Hands make light work!*

## Upcoming Events

### Candlemas—Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The Candlemas mass will be celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm and is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, marking when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Jerusalem Temple 40 days after His birth, fulfilling Jewish law and presenting Him as the "Light of the World". It's known for the blessing and distribution of candles, symbolizing Christ, and traditionally concludes the Christmas season.

#### Key Aspects

#### Biblical Event:

It commemorates Luke 2:22-40, where the Holy Family meets Simeon and Anna, who recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah, a light for all nations.

#### Name Origin:

The name "Candlemas" comes from the blessing of candles for use in homes and churches throughout the year.

#### Symbolism:

The blessed candles represent Jesus as the Light dispelling darkness, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies, and foreshadowing His sacrifice.

#### Liturgical Significance:

It serves as the traditional end of the Christmas cycle, marking the transition to Lent, as it completes the events of Jesus' nativity.

#### Observances:

Includes a candlelight procession and Mass where parishioners bring candles to be blessed, connecting the New Covenant (Jesus) with ancient Jewish traditions.

Why to burn blessed candles in your home: The burning of a blessed candle invokes God's presence and protection, creating a sacred atmosphere that repels evil and fosters spiritual growth.

In addition to protection, burning blessed candles can also bring spiritual healing and the bestowal of divine graces. By prayerfully lighting a blessed candle, the faithful open themselves to receive the gifts of repentance, conversion, and physical or emotional healing if it is God's will.

Father will be blessing parishioner's candles in Flannery Hall after the 7pm mass. The CCW will be serving hot chocolate and desserts after the blessing. Any candles can be brought in for the Candlemas blessing, however if parishioner's are looking for quality beeswax or stearin candles, reasonable online offers can be found at the St Jude Shop, Faith Gift Shop had tapers for \$4.15-4.50, EWTN had a larger 6 inch high 1 ½ inch diameter pillar for \$17, and Etsy had some very nice religious small businesses with beautiful options.

### Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



The Knights will be holding their annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning February 20th. Watch the bulletin for further details.

A poster for a Mardi Gras dinner. It features a purple and green checkered background with a decorative border of colorful beads. At the top, there are three masquerade masks in green, purple, and gold. The text in the center reads: "Mardi Gras Dinner February 7th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass" and "Laissez les bons temps rouler" in a cursive font at the bottom.

**Mardi Gras Dinner**  
**February 7th**  
**after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**  
*"Laissez les bons temps rouler"*



### **FREE** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**February 17th**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

#### Flannery O'Connor Hall

Come and enjoy pancakes (with your favorite toppings), sausage, coffee, orange juice, and fellowship.

**Sponsored by Helping Hands Society**

### **VIRTUS CLASSES**

If you are volunteering in any capacity at church, you must attend a Virtus Class as required by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Anyone working with children or vulnerable adults must take this class. The classes are offered on January 31st and February 28th. You can choose either date. Class runs from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. To register go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and click First-time registrant. If you have any questions, please call Mary Becker at (248) 875-3291 or email her at [marybeckerrn@gmail.com](mailto:marybeckerrn@gmail.com)

## 2026 Macon March for Life



Sacred Heart was well represented.

# Growing in Faith

## When things go wrong, choose charity

When difficulties arise, our instinct is often to complain, assign blame, or turn inward with harsh self-criticism. These reactions rarely solve the problem. More often, they weaken charity, cloud judgment, and strain relationships. A more constructive response is to choose kindness deliberately, in thought, speech, and action.

**Practice kindness in thought:** When self-pity, resentment, comparison, or harsh self-judgment appear, treat them as temptations rather than truths. Pause and redirect your thinking. Replace them with a steady reminder such as, "This is difficult, but I can respond well." Offer yourself the same patience you would give a friend.

**Practice kindness in speech:** Before speaking, ask whether

your words will help or simply vent frustration. If you would not say something to or about someone you love, refrain. When emotions run high, bring your complaints to prayer first. Naming them before God can bring clarity and restraint.

**Practice kindness in action:** Focus on what you can do rather than what you cannot control. Choose one concrete act of goodwill: express gratitude, offer help, listen attentively, or perform a small, unnoticed kindness. These simple actions restore perspective and soften difficult moments.

Responding with kindness does not ignore problems. It creates the conditions for peace, clearer judgment, and constructive action to take root.

## Chard Wray Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned Beans (like kidney beans)
- Canned Chili
- Canned fruit
- Canned milk
- Canned Spam
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Canned tomatoes
- Cereal
- Cornmeal
- Dried Beans
- Grits
- Instant Potatoes

- Jelly
  - Jiffy Cornbread Mix
  - Juice
  - Macaroni & Cheese
  - Oatmeal
  - Pasta - different varieties
  - Pasta sauce
  - Peanut Butter
  - Powdered Milk
  - Rice
  - Saltine Crackers
  - Soup—all varieties,
- If you can help with any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated.

### Items for Blessing Bags

- Napkins
- Plastic spoons
- Gallon Size Zipper Bags
- Nature Valley Protein Bars
- Fruit Cups (no sugar)
- Peanut butter crackers
- Applesauce (unsweet)
- Fruit Juice Boxes ((unsweet)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Fruit & Nut Trail Mix
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies—Mini squares

- Quaker on-the-go Snack mix
- Baked Chips Snack mix
- Quaker Rice Crisps (small Package)
- Variety pack of nuts
- Packs of Raisins
- Crunchy Rollers (snacks)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Oats & Honey

These items can be found at Wal-Mart and Kroger

### Hygiene Items for Prison Ministry

- Antibacterial bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Powder based deodorant (solid, roll-on, gel, NO aerosol sprays)
- Conditioner
- Body Wash

- Lotion
  - Toothpaste
  - Baby powder/foot powder
  - Shampoo
  - Hair combs, etc.
- NO razors or metal items please**

### Answer:

Aristotelianism

### Do You Know?

**Everyone** in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

**In Milledgeville:**

**CORE Healthcare for Women**  
451 S. Wayne St.  
[coreofcga.com](http://coreofcga.com)

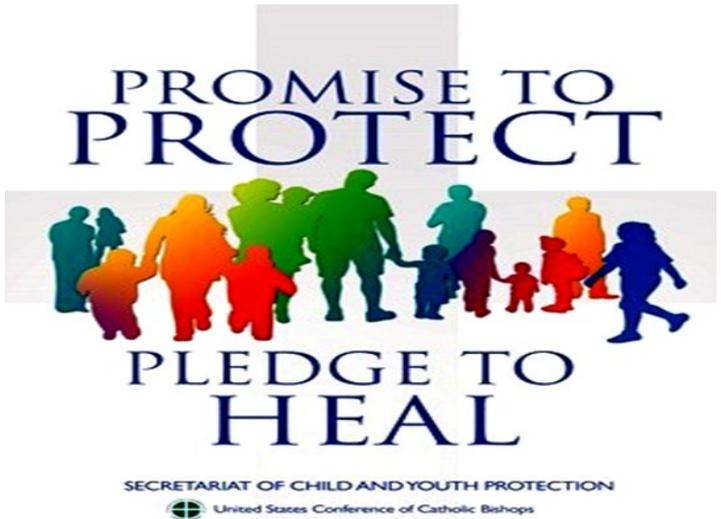
**(478) 216-5176**

### Prayer requests:

The homebound; nursing home and veteran home residents, the chronically ill; the mentally ill; all military personnel; all law enforcement and first responders; all prisoners; Charles Weasel, Suzanne Bryant, Suzanne James, Sally Pratt, Rowlyn Rae Hill, Archer Downs, Jose' Texidor, Brandon McManmon, Suzanne Irons, Deborah Cain, Tom Martinez, Joe Baden, Rob Leveille, Mary McMillan, Jerry Osteen, Linda Bullington, Barbara Middlebrooks, Julie Baker, Christopher Baden, Carmen Sans Graciaa, Lynn Kirby, Didi Lazo, Kimber Hudson, Liam Irwin, James D. Thomas, Harry Wheeler, Andrea Heber, Sherry Lynn, Malcolm Garity, Rob Shoemaker, Mark Morris, William "Pug" Puglisi, Cindy Walton, Barry Ford, Theresa Niner, Dr. Spencer Maddox, Earl Williams, Vicky Phillips, Marie Sanders, Gary Hatcher, Barbara Bernichon, Gail Petite, Robyn Beard, Jason Riner, Dani Mascioli.

### Please pray for the deceased:

All deceased members of Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Michael McWhorter, Earl Williams and the victims of the Ukrainian War and the deceased of Israel.



**We are Here to Listen and Take Action**  
**Archdiocesan 24 Hour Abuse Reporting Hotline**  
**1-888-437-0764**

### Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

