

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*Established in 1888 faithfully serving the Community of Saint Joseph  
and surrounding neighborhoods for over 132 years.*

*Very Rev. Krzysztof Gazdowicz, V.F., Pastor*



**October 25, 2020**

**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday Vigil  
Mass at 4pm  
Sunday Masses  
at 8am & 10:30am  
with limited music  
Weekdays at 8am  
Confessions Saturday 3:15-  
3:45pm or by appointment.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Pedro Zapata who will present our Missionary Cooperative Appeal.

September 23 - November 1  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**



Sacred Heart

**YOUTH  
GROUP**

**ATTENTION:  
YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12**

Our Youth Group meets every other Wednesday from 7pm-8pm. Join us this Wednesday, October 28th, for tacos and faith-sharing by the bonfire at Our Lady's Grotto.

COVID release and Annual Youth Ministry forms required. Join us as we journey together to **Courageously Live the Gospel!** For more information, please contact the parish office.



**ALL ARE INVITED TO COME  
AND PRAY before our Lord in  
the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, October 29th**

<b>8am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
<b>9am</b>	Novena Prayer before the Election
<b>12noon</b>	The Angelus & The Rosary
<b>3pm</b>	The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Benediction</b>



## **NINE DAYS OF PRAYER BEFORE THE ELECTION**

Daily Novena Prayer

*(Begin each day with this prayer)*

*Virgin Mary, patroness of America,  
Please prepare our hearts as we take part in this year's  
elections. Help us to humbly receive the wisdom of the  
Church, and to accept the importance of Her teachings  
in our lives and voting decisions. Guide us as we  
choose leaders who will best uphold the common good  
and the dignity of all. In your Son's name, Amen.*



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**Sacred Heart's Prayer Ministry: Send prayer requests to [prayer@sacredheartdadecity.org](mailto:prayer@sacredheartdadecity.org).  
After hours, for a Sacramental Emergency, please phone: (727) 215-1563.**



# Not liberal. Not conservative. *Simply Catholic.*

## Catholic citizenship & your vote

We have a dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens. As Catholics, our baptismal commitment to bear public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in the democratic life of our nation. As Americans, we have a serious moral obligation to vote. This brief insert is intended as a starting point to help us respond to our choices in the current political landscape.

### There are many issues before us ... ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

#### The Right to Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Innocent human life is destroyed by abortion, euthanasia, "fertility treatments" such as in-vitro fertilization, experimentation using stem cells from human embryos, and cloning to manufacture human body parts. Catholic teaching about the sanctity of human life also leads us to oppose the death penalty, genocide, torture, unjust wars, and economic policies that ignore the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

#### Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The family, which emerges from marriage between a man and a woman, is the original and basic unit of society. Social and economic policies should work to strengthen the family rather than weaken it.

#### Rights and Responsibilities

Every human being has the right to life and to religious freedom. Everyone has a right to refuse to participate in actions contrary to one's religious beliefs and to share and defend one's creed and moral principles in the public forum. Everyone has the right and duty to participate fully in all aspects of life: political, social, cultural, and economic.

#### Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

We must have special concern and charity toward the unborn, persons with disabilities, the dying, refugees, long-term unemployed, prisoners, and all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond. Today, the situation of immigrant workers is especially urgent.

#### Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

Economic justice includes the opportunity for dignified work at wages sufficient to support a family, workplace safety, and the right to take time for religious observances. Workers also have the duty to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

#### Solidarity

Loving our neighbor has global dimensions and requires us to eradicate racism and address the extreme poverty and disease plaguing so much of the world. We are called to welcome the stranger among us, including immigrants seeking work, a safe home, education for their children, and a decent life for their families. We are called to promote peace and pursue justice.

#### Caring for God's Creation

As stewards, not owners, of the earth, people have an obligation to cherish and care for the environment. The earth yields forth many resources needed for human flourishing, especially energy and the capacity to produce food. These precious resources must be used prudently, fairly, safely, and with a constant concern for future generations.



## ... but every issue is not equal.

- **Issues that directly affect human lives**, such as abortion and euthanasia, are fundamental and demand serious consideration.
- Our Constitution heralds **religious liberty** in the First Amendment, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain this basic right.
- Our nation has **redefined marriage**. The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a flourishing society.
- The **growing disparity between rich and poor** means most of the world's resources are in the hands of a small percentage of its people. The federal budget is a moral document and we prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable among us.
- The **millions of undocumented persons** living in the United States deserve our compassion. Our immigration system is broken, and we need a humane solution to it.
- **War, terror, and violence** have caused thousands of lost lives. We must work for just solutions to conflict in the Holy Land, throughout the Middle East, and beyond.



## As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. **Respect for the dignity of each person** is the core of Catholic social and moral teaching. This is our most basic principle.
2. **We focus on the common good**, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation?
3. **We have a responsibility**, a true obligation, to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation.



## Here are ways to form our consciences and participate in civic life:

- **Be true to the teachings of the Church.** Read Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teachings from the Holy See, and the statements of our bishops. Read "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" at [faithfulcitizenship.org](http://faithfulcitizenship.org). We need to be sure that our reasoning and judgments are well-grounded in our faith.
- **Stay well-informed about issues** through judicious and reasoned engagement with the immense world of information in the 21st century. Just as all issues are not equal, all sources are not equal. For example, an individual's blog, while potentially very insightful, may not have the same fidelity to factual truth as our media sources that hold themselves to professional standards of journalistic ethics, imperfect though they are.
- **Remain in contact with our representatives** in local, state, and federal government. Our responsibility to form our consciences leads to an obligation to be active citizens.
- **Engage in reasoned, compassionate, and loving dialogue with others**, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, about the issues and choices that we are facing as a nation. Remember that we are all called first to witness the Gospel, and through that witness, to share our social teaching to highlight the moral dimensions of issues, and to participate in debate on public policy.



**Entrance Antiphon:**

Cf. Ps 105 (104): 3-4

**Let the hearts that seek the Lord  
rejoice; turn to the Lord and his  
strength; constantly seek his face.**

**The Confiteor**

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to  
do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace  
to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm (18):**

**R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin  
Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day  
he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

**The Mystery of Faith**

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**R/.** **A** We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

**B** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death,  
O Lord, until you come again.

**C** Save us, savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection,  
you have set us free.

**Invitation to Communion**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who  
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed  
are those called to the supper of the  
lamb.

**R/.** **Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof, but only say the  
word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Cf. Ps 20 (19): 6 **We will ring out our joy at your  
saving help and exult in the  
name of our God.**

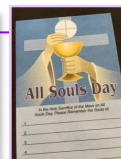
Or: Eph 5: 2 **Christ loved us and gave  
himself up for us, as a fragrant  
offering to God.**

## In the Parish: THE SACRED LITURGY

### The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered for ...

Day		Date	Time	Mass Intention	Requested by:
<b>Saturday Vigil - 30th Sun OT</b>		Oct 24	4:00 PM	† Thomas & Sarah Plummer	Joe Plummer
<b>30th Sunday in Ord Time</b>		Oct 25	8:00 AM	<b>Kelly Ivester - Healing</b>	John & Addy Benvenago
			10:30 AM	† Irene Cotter	Jim & Laurie Wilson
Monday	30th Week in Ord Time	Oct. 26	8:00 AM	<b>For the upcoming Elections &amp; A Respect for Life, Holy Matrimony &amp; the Preservation of our Religious Liberty</b>	
Tuesday	30th Week in Ord Time	Oct. 27	8:00 AM	† Thomas & Sarah Plummer	Joe Plummer
Wednesday	SS. Simon & Jude	Oct 28	8:00 AM	† Elizabeth D'Water	Robert D'Water
Thursday	30th Week in Ord Time	Oct 29	8:00 AM	† Irene Cotter	Claire Obordo
Friday	30th Week in Ord Time	Oct 30	8:00 AM	† Rev. Bernard Ahern	Marge & Mary Andrysiak
<b>Saturday Vigil - All Saints</b>		Oct 31	4:00 PM	† Richard Andrysiak	Marge & Mary Andrysiak
<b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>		Nov 1	8:00 AM	† Rosemary Gude	Bruce & Ginny Gude
			10:30 AM	† Charles Goeden	The Richter Family

**ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE: Remembering our deceased loved ones.** For your convenience, All Souls Day envelopes can be found in the narthex and in your envelope packets for November. Please print the name of your deceased loved ones to be remembered, and we will pray for them at Mass on All Souls Day and throughout this month of November. They will also share in the graces of a Novena of Masses. Envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish office.

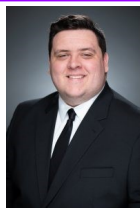


#### Readings - Week of October 25, 2020

Sun.: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40  
 Mon.: Eph 4:32—5:8; Ps 1; Lk 13:10-17  
 Tue.: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128; Lk 13:18-21  
 Wed.: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16  
 Thu.: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144; Lk 13:31-35  
 Fri.: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111; Lk 14:1-6  
 Sat.: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Sun.: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

#### Praying for our Seminarians:

Let us pray this week for **Nicholas Gunn** from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Dunedin. Nicholas is in Pre-Theology I at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach.



#### Diocesan Prayer for Priests

Sat. Oct. 24 Rev. Jude Vera  
 Sun. Oct. 25 Rev. Anthony Ustick  
 Mon. Oct. 26 **Father Krzysztof Gazdowicz**  
 Tue. Oct. 27 Msgr. Anton Dechering  
 Wed. Oct. 28 For Holy Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 Thu. Oct. 29 Rev. Thomas Spillet  
 Fri. Oct. 30 Rev. John Kane  
 Sat. Oct. 31 Rev. Edison Bernarvas



**Please pray for all  
priests who minister in  
our Diocese.**

#### Thank you to our Liturgical Ministers Serving this weekend!

Mass	EMHC	Lector	Ushers
<b>Sat.</b>	Ken Cheline	Claire	Pat Goodwin
<b>4pm</b>	Sandy Holcomb	Obordo	Gerry Nathe
<b>Sun.</b>	Susanne Bless	Chris	John Blommel
<b>8am</b>	Melissa Fretz	Collura	Carl Gude, Louis
<b>Sun.</b>	Bob Komarek	Angie	Mark Barthle
<b>10:30am</b>	Diana Komarek	Phillips	Billy Milam

#### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- 10 24** Nicholas Golden, David Gude, Kevin Gude, Robert Martin, Amber Stein, Mary Warfel  
**10 25** Donald Dueker  
**10 26** Alexis Borges  
**10 27** Jacob Barthle, Madeline Beckerman, Sam Hays, Sylvia Martinez, Kyle Worsham  
**10 28** Erica McCarthy, Maria Perdomo  
**10 30** Amos Rivera, Matthew Scott  
**10 31** Kayla Barthle, Thomas Bires, John Hitzel, Diane Surratt  
**11 01** Charles Gosselin, Caesar Juarez, Sarah Richter, Robert Scheidt, Ashlee Shireman



May the Lord bless you with good health, a grateful heart & eternal joy!

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/23**  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Marianne Allison
- 10/28**  
Mr. & Mrs. William & Mary Cahill
- 10/29**  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Karen Blommel
- 10/30**  
Mr. & Mrs. Sammy & Ann Hays
- 11/1**  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Mary Otterman



May the Lord bless your Holy & Sacrificial  
Love with His Own Love!

## In the Parish: STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING



At this time, we understand that many are enduring financial struggles. **We prayerfully affirm whatever actions are necessary to provide for you and your loved ones.** However, some people have been contacting the parish office to inquire about their contributions to the parish. If you are able to financially support your parish and would like to continually give offertory in light of the Mass suspension, you may mail a check to the parish or send a check via your bank's bill payment option or select Sacred Heart Parish Dade City for Online Giving through the Diocesan website. Please see those options below. Whatever your situation, we truly appreciate your support.

*Thank you to all who were able to support the parish last week through your generous contributions.  
God bless you!*

### Weekly Offertory Report for Sunday, October 18, 2020

**Weekend Total .....\$ 4,212.00**  
**Faith, Hope & Courage .....\$ 1,695.00**

Building Fund .....\$ 50.00  
Catholic Education .....\$ 0.00  
Debt Reduction .....\$ 170.00  
Poor Box .....\$ 541.00  
World Mission Sunday .....\$ 767.00

*Thank you so much for your generosity and sacrifice. God bless you and your family!*

### 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA)

*Updated 10/21/20*

**We are Salt and Light: Living the Gospel through the APA**

Diocesan Assessment (original).....\$ 56,443.00  
**COVID Adjusted Assessment Goal.....\$ 48,540.98**

Pledged.....\$ 56,841.00  
Paid .....\$ 54,125.53

# of Families: ..... 431 *33% parish participation*  
# of Pledges: ..... 145

Average Pledge: .....\$ 392.01  
% of Goal Pledged: ..... 117.10  
% of Goal Paid: ..... 111.50



**COVID Adjusted Assessment Goal met!**

**Pledge Balance  
\$ 2,715.47**

Due to the COVID crisis, the Diocese has decreased our Parish Assessment by \$7,902.02. With this adjustment, we have paid our goal! God bless you all!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to all who have made a contribution. Please continue your pledges if you are able. Anything over our assessment is reserved for parish use.

**We understand that this is a very difficult time for everyone, so please do what you need to do for yourself and for your family.** For those who are still able to support the parish, there are three ways of giving below. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your prayerful and financial support during this challenging time.



**ONLINE GIVING:**  
Visit our website  
([www.sacredheartdadcity.org](http://www.sacredheartdadcity.org))  
and click on "Online Giving".

For those who would like to make a one-time donation online or schedule recurring payments using a bank account or credit card, please visit our website and click on Online Giving. With your free Give Central account, you will be able to return to your account page to access your donation history, receive tax letters or make changes to your payments at any time.

### Tax Free Charitable Distribution from your IRA Account at age 70½!



Congress has permanently enacted qualified charitable distributions from your traditional IRA accounts. These distributions can be used to satisfy all or a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution. These distributions are free of federal and state income tax. Additionally, these gifts help you avoid the Medicare high income surcharge and can help to reduce taxes on your social security benefits. Distributions must be made directly from your IRA account to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



Your bank will allow you to set up an automatic check issued from the bank to a business or organization. You will need to enter our name and mailing address: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 32145 Saint Joe Road, Dade City, FL 33525. Although you do not have an "Account" number, you may put your envelope number in its place. Also, for each individual payment there is an option to add a note to the "Memo" line to specify if the check is for Offertory or another special collection such as Debt Reduction, Building Fund or Catholic Education.



If you prefer, you may simply mail your check to:

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
32145 Saint Joe Road  
Dade City, FL 33525

### Monthly Stewardship Schedule for November 2020

First Sunday	11/1	Offertory, Catholic Education
Second Sunday	11/8	Offertory, Building Fund
Third Sunday	11/15	Offertory, CCHD
Fourth Sunday	11/22	Offertory
	11/26	Thanksgiving
Fifth Sunday	11/29	Offertory

Monthly envelopes: APA (Annual Pastoral Appeal), Debt Reduction



**Thank You for your Generosity**





## What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

### How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God’s voice in your life.<sup>1</sup>

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. “Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”<sup>2</sup>

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

<sup>2</sup> USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17