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OCTOBER 18, 2026
29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FR. PERI. ANANDARAYAR, SdC *Pastor*

FR. SILVIO DE NARD, SdC *Assistant Pastor*

Sacred Heart Parish is entrusted to the care of the Servants of Charity, an international Religious Order founded in 1908 by St. Luigi Guanella in Italy.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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***Trustees*:** James Hopkins Jr. & Christopher Rossi
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WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday: ***3:30*** *pm (City View Manor) &* ***5:00*** *pm*
Sunday: ***9:00*** *am &* ***11:30*** *am*

DAILY MASS
Monday-Friday: ***7:00*** *am*
Saturday: ***8:00*** *am*

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
9:00 *am &* ***7:00*** *pm (Church)*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (Chapel)
Tuesday & Wednesday: *7:30 am – 3:00 pm*
Saturday: *8:30 am – 4:00 pm*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm or by appointment

BAPTISM *Sunday at 12:30 pm*

CCD CLASSES
Sunday from 10am to 11am from September to April

REGISTRATION
Please call the rectory and make an appointment with the Pastor. We warmly welcome you to the Sacred Heart Parish Family.

MATRIMONY: *Contact the Pastor one year before the date of your wedding.*

COMMUNION CALLS: *Every Friday.*
Please call the Rectory when someone desires to receive a visit from one of the priests.

SENHOR SANTO CRISTO CHAPEL

O Senhor Santo Cristo, we thank You for all the benefits that You have given us. Keep us away from physical and spiritual dangers. May Your peace reign in this world so far away from You, the ultimate source of peace and love on earth. Bless our families and parish. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

We kindly ask you to keep the members of our parish family who are ill and suffering in your prayers:

Luz Ospina; Melissa M.; Jeff DeMedeiros; Fr. Jose Rocha; Michelle D.; Ligia McCormick; Cecelia Ceprano; RR; ST; Viriata Roderick; BD; Kim Bausch; Amanda Perry; Donna Lemos; Danielle Lachance; Susan Burcroff; Linda F.; Jody Nivins; Donna Lima Johnson; Kristen Conti.; Sara F; Joan Leonardo; Maria Costa; Dennis Rodrigues; Louise Peck; Stephen Evans; Dennis Shea; Joan Marie; Jean Vincent; Jeff Purcell; Gloria Pacheco; Anna L.; Amy Joy; Julie DaSilva; Maria Duarte; Freddy Rego; John Tavares; Richard Laiter; Marie Lawrence; Landon F.; Evelyn Cole; Lucia Dutra; Cheryl Dutra; Elizabeth Smith; Gabriela Costa; John & Jacob Thomson; Adriana; Megan Alix; Helia M. Nunes; Michael Adams; Francisco Gonzalez; Lisa Aguiar; Jennifer Griffith; Christine Luciano; Dorothy Hutson; John Carvalho; Gregory Zella; Kathy McCoy; Arlindo Borges; Roberto; Cheryl Parella; Marilyn Lucier; Derek; George Shea; James Barbosa; Ezequiel Melo; Hope Laiter; Matthew Boudreau; Daniel Lewis; Allison Roberto; Alex Wilson; Zachary Leiszler; Amy Federivicz; Carol Ladeira; TC; DC: Monica Rainville Baton; Fred Rioles; Rosa Maria Santos; Katie Gauthier; Theresa C.; Sofia Lima; Cheryl, Gloria & Maria Lima, Bill Lynch; Ryan Massey, and all our sick parishioners at home, in nursing homes, hospitals and hospices.

May ***God bless you all.***

Sanctuary Lamp Lit

for this week is in memory of

SHEILA M. HOPKINS

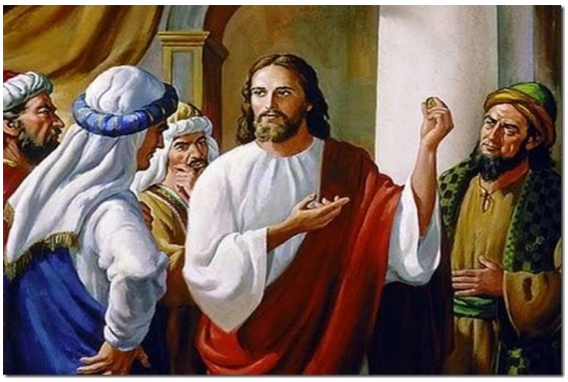
By the Parish Family

If you would like to have the sanctuary Lamp lit for the week in memory of loved ones, please, put your intention in the collection basket along with a free-will donation.

SOMETHING TO REFLECT UPON…

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
The passage of today's Gospel at Mass calls us to meditate on how people perceived and thought about Jesus.



The Pharisees thought and believed that they were the best of the best in the country. No one was better than them. But they could not stand Jesus. They literally hated him and wanted to get rid of him as soon as possible.
Today Gospel says that they went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. *"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not*?"
Jesus' answer: "Whose image is on the coins?"
"The Roman Emperor Caesar," they said.
Jesus' answer: "*Then repay to Caesar what belongs to him, and to God what belongs to God.*"
The Pharisees' question regards not only the legal obligation to pay the tax, but also its moral support for a Jew. The Roman emperor was considered a 'god' who minted coins bearing his own image. So paying him the tax was like acknowledging him as a god. At this point there is a question of conscience: is it lawful for a Jew—a worshiper of the one true God- to pay this tax?
Three distinct opposing groups of people are involved in this situation.
1. The Sadducees and Herodians, being collaborators with the Roman power, favored paying the tax.
2. The Pharisees' position was that paying the tax was morally illicit, but they were paying it because they were forced to.
3. The Zealots opposed the Romans with arms and fought them by every possible means.
Jesus' answer is admirable. To begin with, he unmasks his enemies by calling them "hypocrites". He then asks them to show him the tax coin, which bore the image and inscription of the Roman emperor who at that time was Tiberius.

Jesus then changes the issue from the purely political case to the religious one, concluding with the words: "*Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's*."

Today in many nations, this Gospel passage is often interpreted in terms of State versus Church, as if they were two opposite institutions at war at each other. The implication is that Church, Pope, bishops, priests, and believers should be content to stay in their churches, do Mass, teach CDD classes and not enter the world and not intrude into politics. Instead life, economy, work, science, culture, peace, war, injustice, and poverty are the exclusive domain of politicians, leaders, and scientists.
Give me a break!
According to this view, what would become of Jesus Christ's command: "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature*"?
Doing all this is not clericalism, but obedience to the Lord's command. God did not create the Christian faith to remain hidden inside the churches. He created it to be the life and the salt of the world, the whole world, not just the churches.
Governments and the justice system, senators and members of Congress, teachers and professors, parents and children, workers and scientists, the poor and the rich, the wise and the unlearned—all have a moral duty to build a just world that respects God's law, people and creation.
This is what Jesus Christ desires and requires of everyone—believers and non-believers alike—for everyone is created by God and for God.
Americans and Russians, Indians and Italians, Africans and South Americans are children of God and created by God even though many of them are not Christians. But they are God's children anyway even when they don't want to be or don't even know it.
Jesus sent his apostles and sends us today into our unbelieving modern world to testify the existence of God as our Creator, a Father, and the only Origin of every life on earth. Nothing exists and has life outside the only God, the Father of Jesus Christ.
Let us love Him. May He bless us always! Amen.

Fr. Silvio

MASS INTENTIONS

September October 18 - 25, 2026

Saturday, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Syrian bishop, martyr (d.107)

8:00am: ***PHIL De CAMERA** by friends

3:30pm: ***PHIL KING** by a friend

5:00pm: ***DON SMITH** by friends

***NORMAND BERNIER** by Jose Abreu

***ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

Sunday, October 18th

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00am: ***JAMES HOPKINS SR** by James Hopkins Jr.

***MADELINE MAE** by family

***ANA & AMILCAR CARVALHO** by Tina Fernandes

***LUIS DaSILVA** by Maria DaSilva

***JAMES DUTRA** by Barbara & family

***WILLIAM & ALICE MURPHY** by family

***MURIEL & FRANK DUARTE** by Fran Clerx

11:30am: ***MICHAEL O'CONNELL** by his brother David

***CHARLIE DEMEDEIROS; MANUEL & MARIA BARBOSA** by Mary DeMedeiros

***JOSE & MARIA CARREIRA - ADRIANO & EMILIA CARREIRA** by family

***DECEASED MEMBERS OF LUBRANO & FONSECA FAMILIES** by Lubrano family

***MANUEL & GRACE AZEVEDO** by family

Monday, October 19th

St. Isaac Jogues, missionary priest, martyr (d.1646)

7:00am: ***MAUREEN D'ALESSIO** by friends

***CHRISTINE BOCCANFUSO** by family.

Tuesday, October 20th

St. Adelina of Mortain, French nun (d. 1125)

7:00am: ***DAVID McGUIRL** by friends

***KATHLEEN ROY** by family

***LIVING MEMBERS OF BRANDAO-DUARTE FAMILY** by S.D.

Wednesday, October 21st

Bl. Charles of Austria, emperor (d. 1922)

7:00am: ***EDWARD ROY** by family

***DAVID ADAMONIS** by friend

Thursday, October 22nd

St. John Paul 2nd, 264th Pope (d. 2005)

7:00am: ***CLAIRE MULLEN** by family

***MEREDITH COOLEY** by family

Friday, October 23rd

St. John of Capistrano, Italian friar (d. 1456)

7:00am: ***SPECIAL INTENTION** (for Dorothy Guihem) by Peggy

***PAUL ROY** by family

***FR. RAY KEHEW** by B.M.

Saturday, October 24th

ST. LUIGI GUANELLA, Italian priest

Founder of the Servants of Charity (d. 1915)

8:00am: ***CLIFFORD SILVA** and ***ELAINE MAR** by friends

3:30pm: ***FERNANDO MARTI** by family

5:00pm: ***EUGENE and ZULMIRA CUNHA - MANUEL and EVELINA SILVA** by family

***MORT ROSENBERG** by friends

***ANGELA DE MARCK** by children

Sunday, October 25th

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00am: ***ANNA JOAQUIN** by Maria Diniz

***MADELINE MAE** by family

***LUIS DaSILVA** by Maria Da Silva

***WILLIAM & ALICE MURPHY** by family

***SHEILA HOPKINS** by James Hopkins Jr

***SOULS IN PURGATORY** by Tina Fernandes

***JAMES DUTRA** by Barbara Dutra & family

***MURIEL & FRANK DUARTE** by Fran Clerx

11:30am: ***MANUEL & GRACE AZEVEDO** by family

***ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

OCTOBER ROSARY and EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Pope Leo 14th is asking Catholics around the world to pray the Rosary during the month of October in church or at home for the end of wars in the world.

Let us pray also for him after his surgery.

Our Priests will be in Michigan for meetings with their Superiors from Rome.

During this time,

the Rosary will be NOT recited in church and there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration.

Fr. Doug from St. Francis

and

Fr. Eric from Sts.Brendan and Marthas

will say Mass in our Priests absence.

< < CCD Corner > >

Classes Resume October 18, 2026

If you have not yet registered

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE

ATTENDING MASS ON SUNDAY IS MANDATORY NOT OPTIONAL. PLEASE, DEAR PARENTS, BE THE FIRST FORMATORS OF GOOD CATHOLICS FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Sandy at 401-434-0326, Ext. 4 or via email at sduarte@sacredheartepri.com

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITH!
SACRED HEART CHURCH
ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Join us as we celebrate **150 years** of Sacred Heart Church, the Mother Church of East Providence

Sunday, October 25, 2026

1:00 PM at the Church Hall

Come enjoy a Family Style Dinner, together as a parish family. The menu features soup, salad, penne with house sauce, roast beef au jus with mushrooms, chicken marsala, potato, vegetable, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, and ice cream and cake for dessert, Soda included with your meal. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Cost: Adults: $60 Children: $30

RSVP by Sunday, October 18, 2026.

We hope to see the whole parish family and friends of our parish there as we give thanks for a century and a half of blessings!

SACRED HEART 365 CLUB

April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

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$ 30.00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

Saint Luigi Guanella was born in 1842 in the Italian Alps Mountain Range bordering Swizterland of farmer parents.

Since his early life he learned hard manual labor along side his parents and 13 brothers and sisters. As a priest he was a man unafraid of persecution and even fights with the anticlerical and comunist Italians who were trying to stop him helping the poor and the sick people.

According to them, they were the only ones defending poor and sick people from the rich and especially from the Catholic Church.

For years he opened houses for the sick and the needy, men and women, boys and girls.

In 1912 he came to the United States and founded his first house in Chicago, Illinois, for special need children and adults.

He founded the Sisters, Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and the Priests, Servants of Charity.

He was strongly defended the rights of the sick and the poor in front of public authorities, and used his own press to awaken concern among the general population.

He died on October 24, 1915 in Como, Italy.

Our Sacred Heart Parish is run by Servants of Charity coming from Italy and India.

May Saint Guanella bless and protect our parish and families.

Sacred Heart Bible Study

"Learn the Bible and Grow Closer to God"

Monday, October 19

BIBLE CLASS

19 6:00 PM

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 5, 2026
Sacred Heart Church Hall

Come celebrate the joy of the Christmas season at our Christmas Bazaar! Join us for a festive day of fellowship, holiday treasures, and delicious homemade malassadas!

Donations of items for our Bazaar and malassadas (eggs, oil, milk, butter) are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the sacristy after any Mass.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy the Christmas spirit while supporting our parish!

Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you this Christmas season!

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"

SUNDAY COLLECTION A WEEK AGO

At Mass Giving	$ 2,781.00
Online Giving	$ 204.00
Total	$ 2,985.00

A Year Ago $ 3,043.00

THANK YOU for your generosity

2026 CHRISTMAS BINGO
DECEMBER 12, 2026

🎁 **Honor a Loved One with a Gift of Giving!** 🎁

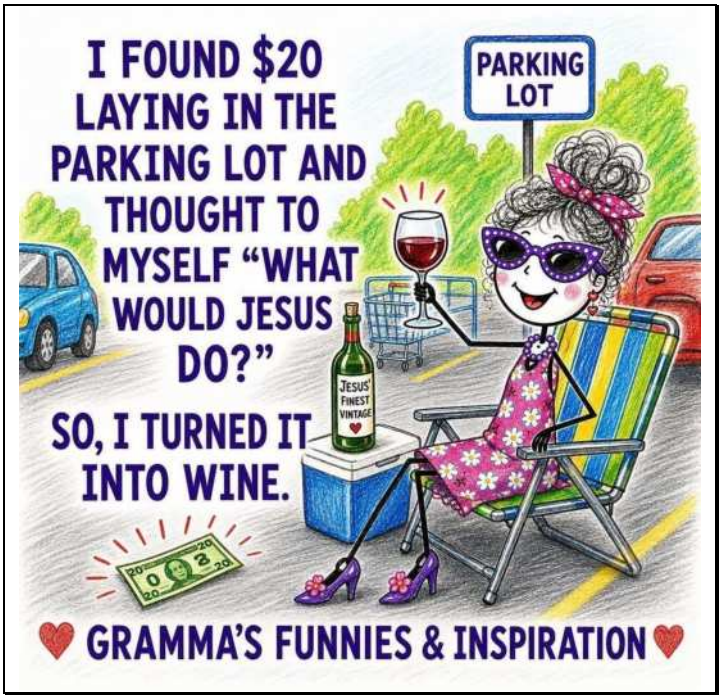
As we prepare for our festive Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Bingo, we invite our parish family to help spread Christmas joy while honoring the memory of loved ones.

We are gratefully accepting $50 gift cards from local businesses, donated in memory of loved ones, to be awarded as Bingo prizes. Smaller denomination gift cards are also welcomed for our raffle prizes.

What a beautiful way to honor those we hold dear while spreading Christmas joy throughout our parish family! Thank you for your generosity! Your generosity helps bring our parish family together in joy and fellowship. May your kindness be blessed and the memories of your loved ones be honored through this act of giving. May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas season!

Sunday Chuckle

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK



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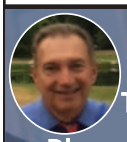
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