

**“Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.”**

**JOHN 2:10**

## When Water Becomes Wine

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F**or all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, “There’s no more wine.” It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel “espoused” not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God’s presence. ●

### Reflect

***Is there an area in your life where you need “new wine”?***

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JANUARY 18 & 19, 2025

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 18 - 6:00 PM**

People of the Parish ( Pro Populo)

**Sunday, January 19– 9:00 AM**

People of the Parish ( Pro Populo)

**\*Daily Mass will Resume in February\***

**Saturday, January 25 - 6:00 PM**

✠Lisa Smith Oakley by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

**Sunday, January 26 - 9:00 AM**

People of the Parish (Pro Populo)



**Office Hours:** 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Confession:**

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday's of Month

By Appointment

**Food Pantry Hours:**

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 19:** 2nd Collection: Churches in the Developing Worlds

**January 23:** Fr. Sebastian Returns From India

**January 23:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

**January 27:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

**February 1:** First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

**February 6:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

**February 7:** First Friday Mass 6 pm

**February 10:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

**February 11:** St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

**February 13:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Adoration will resume at the start of February.

## CHURCH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, V.E.  
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**PARISH BOOKKEEPER:** Kim Hickman  
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*To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.*

# BISHOP BRENNAN'S EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVE

## STRIVING TO IMPROVE EACH PARISH IN THE STATE



Sacred Heart Catholic Church is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

Our New 15 MINUTE SURVEY can be accessed through <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x13d16>, or the QR CODE below, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Paper surveys will also be available upon request at Mass. See our Coordinators Connie (SAT) and Ann (SUN) at Mass.

If you have any questions please reach out to our point persons  
Ann Robinson at 304-887-2421 and Connie Saunders at 304-920-1051



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**ATTENTION PLEASE !!**

Please be aware that if you receive an email or text from Fr. Sebastian requesting money or donations, it's important **not** to respond. This is a common scam, and Fr. Sebastian would never reach out for such requests. Let's stay vigilant and protect ourselves!

### 2nd Collection: Churches in Developing Worlds January 18 – 19, 2025

This collection will include three individual collections: Churches in Latin America, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

**The Latin America Church Collection** - Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

**Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** - provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.



### NEW CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS

Sacred Heart has joined Flocknote! A brand new communications program that the diocese has decided each parish will use to communicate with our flock! **Starting next week, all communications including the bulletin, mass announcements etc. will be sent via flocknote.** Keep an eye out in your email for our new fun flockies!





**Faith Formation 2025**

*Scripture: "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations" Psalm 96*

**The schedule through March 2025:**

January 19, 26 ~ Regular Sessions

February 2, 9, 16, 23 ~ Regular Sessions

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ Regular Sessions



**Formerly known as RCIA**

*If you are interested in the OCIA process please contact, Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 22nd at 4:30 pm in the School Building.***

**FATHER SEBASTIAN DEVASYA  
HOLY YEAR ITALY PILGRIMAGE**

Florence | Siena  
Assisi | Rome



September 2nd through the 11th, 2025



**FROM  
CHARLOTTE  
10 DAYS  
\$5,999**

Including current taxes  
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For more information and  
reservations please contact

Ms. Gina Boggess  
Sacred Heart Parish

Telephone:  
304 920 7047

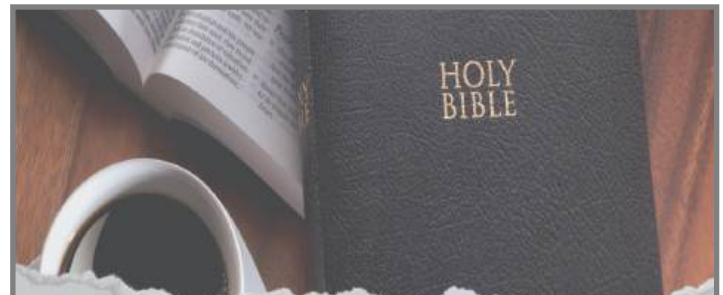
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gina@sacredheartprinceton.org

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**DAYTON BIBLE  
STUDY CLASS**

*"God and Social Responsibility"*

- Do Catholics have a particular responsibility in this world?
- Do you have a particular responsibility in this world as a Catholic?
- Do you think God expects you to assume responsibility to advocate for social justice?
- What is social justice?
- How can you do God's will if you don't know how?
- Do you need answers? Most of us do!

*Please join us to help discern the answers to these questions in a once a week, 5 week course every Thursday at 4:00 pm beginning January 23rd. Contact Deborah Garton at 304-589-6561 or email her at [dkgarton43@gmail.com](mailto:dkgarton43@gmail.com) for more information!*

**EVERY THURSDAY | JAN. 23-FEB.20 | 4:00-6:00 PM**


# Threads of Love

Help Wanted

Attention: All Knitters, Crocheters, Weavers, and Quilters

Since January the St. Anne's/Threads of Love have given out 12 prayer shawls/blankets. Which means our supply is getting low (especially shawls) and we need to replenish our supply, which is why we need your help! If you've been blessed with any of the above craft talents and would like to help this wonderful ministry by making a shawl or blanket, please call one of the following:

The Church Office at 304-327-5623    Angie Genovesi at 276-970-0893  
Barbara Musolin at 304-228-2082

<b>Food Pantry End of Year Distributions 2024</b>					
<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>New Families</b>	<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Hygiene Products</b>	<b>Total # of Distributions</b>
November	1265	45	466	1108	585
December	1333	30	343	677	516
Monthly Totals	2598	75	809	1785	1101

## Calling All Singers

We are hoping to acquire more Cantors to sing at our weekend Masses. Help with one mass a month or more! If you enjoy singing hymns and have a musical background of singing solo or in a choir and you would like to participate, please call the church office at 304-327-5623.



## Congratulations!

*Congratulations to Janet Belcher and Cody Jewell for receiving the Rite of Acceptance at Saturday Mass on January 4th.*

*Please pray for them as they continue their journey through the OCIA Process.*



**January Ministry Schedule**

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
1/18 Sat. 6 pm	TBA	M. Zalduondo	Dave	C. Saunders	1.P. Peretti 2.A. Peretti	The Pascasio's	D. Shumate
		D. Garton	Kelley	F. Moran	3.L. Mariotti		
1/19 Sun. 9 am	Winfree's	T. Lampert	C. Tran	C. Lampert	1.T. Lampert	B. Buzzo	M. McCoy
			E. Husband	C. Ott	2.C. Havens 3.M. Romeo		
1/25 Sat. 6pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	A. Peretti	Tom	1.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	The Aiello's
			E. Peretti	Behrmann	2.T. Hager 3.D. Garton		
1/26 Sun 9pm	M. Malamisura	T. Lowery	R. Aiello	R. Albert	1.W. Aiello	S. Copolo	
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Ciccolini	2.G. Aiello 3.M. Romeo		

# \* Volunteers Needed \*

Come to church regularly?  
Want to participate but don't know where to begin?

**Get involved by helping with Mass!**

If you always arrive early, being a **sacristan** or **reciting the rosary** would be perfect for you!

If you feel closest to God when receiving communion, becoming a **Eucharistic Minister** and helping others to receive communion is for you!

If you enjoy reading from the bible, being a **lector** is where you would shine!

**Help with One Mass a Month or More!**

If you are interested, please call Lucy at the Parish Office at 304-327-5623 or you may email her at [lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)





### New Year! New Training!

**Attention All Volunteers, There is a new Virtus Training program that we all must watch. Please log into your virtus account today to see if you are up-to-date on your training at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). If you have questions about your log-in info or would like to come into the office to do your new training, please call Kim or Lucy at the parish office at 304-327-5623.**

## Sacred Heart Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, John Burton, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Carl Cook, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire & Terry Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Frank Mamone, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Family of Dr. Mark Shaffery

**Homebound Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

**Friends & Family:** Lorin Albin, Yvonne Blevins, Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Mark Burnette, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Beth George, Steve Hamm, Skip Harless, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Natalie Jackson, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Robert Martin, Connor McKenzie, Doug & Kim Miller, Ken Mulkey, Angelo Perri, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Abby Taylor, Judy Tolbert, Kay Trimble, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught, Alma Wheeler

If there is anyone you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office at 304-327-5623 or you may email Lucy at [lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)



We have raised **\$48,636** for the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Which has surpassed our goal of \$24,620! Thank you everyone for your generous donations this year.

Weekly Donations	weekend Jan 11-12	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,305.00	6,691.00	12,862.00
Maintenance	35.00	777.00	265.00
Loose Offertory	267.00	822.00	1,113.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,607.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,240.00</b>
Food Pantry	285.00	640.00	2,949.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>6pm: 29</b>	<b>9am: 44</b>	

## SACRED HEART CENTENNIAL

You still have time to help with the publishing of our History Book. For \$15 you can get a memorial spot and for \$100 you become a Century Club donor. Contact Jean McCloud at Saturday mass or Theresa Bales at Sunday mass. If you drop the donation off at the office, be sure to tell who and what it is for to help us with paperwork.

We also still have ornaments for \$20, cookbooks for \$15, note cards for \$5, and a few magnets for \$5. These are available after church. You can contact Ann Robinson or Theresa Bales to purchase any of these items.



### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

**In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:** {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

**In case of illness:** Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

**Nursing homes & Hospitals:** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

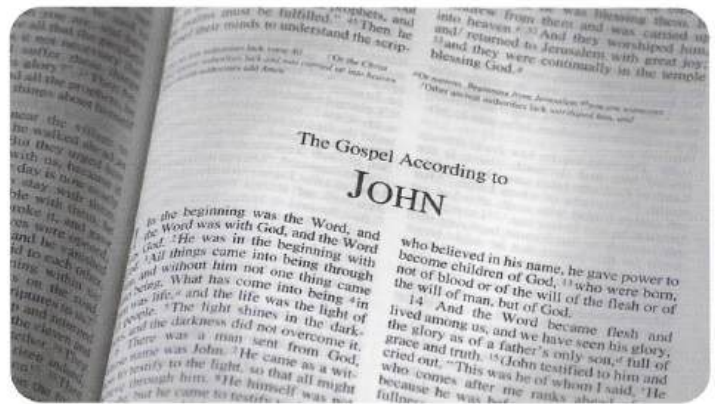


# Dear Padre,

*Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?*

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world.



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Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts.

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 20 Weekday Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22	January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28	January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6	January 23 Weekday Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12	January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19	January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18	January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*I suggest an exercise.... Let us think about that difficult moment in which God let me experience his love.... And let us ask ourselves: with which discrete and loving signs did he let me feel his tenderness? When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion?*

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 16, 2022