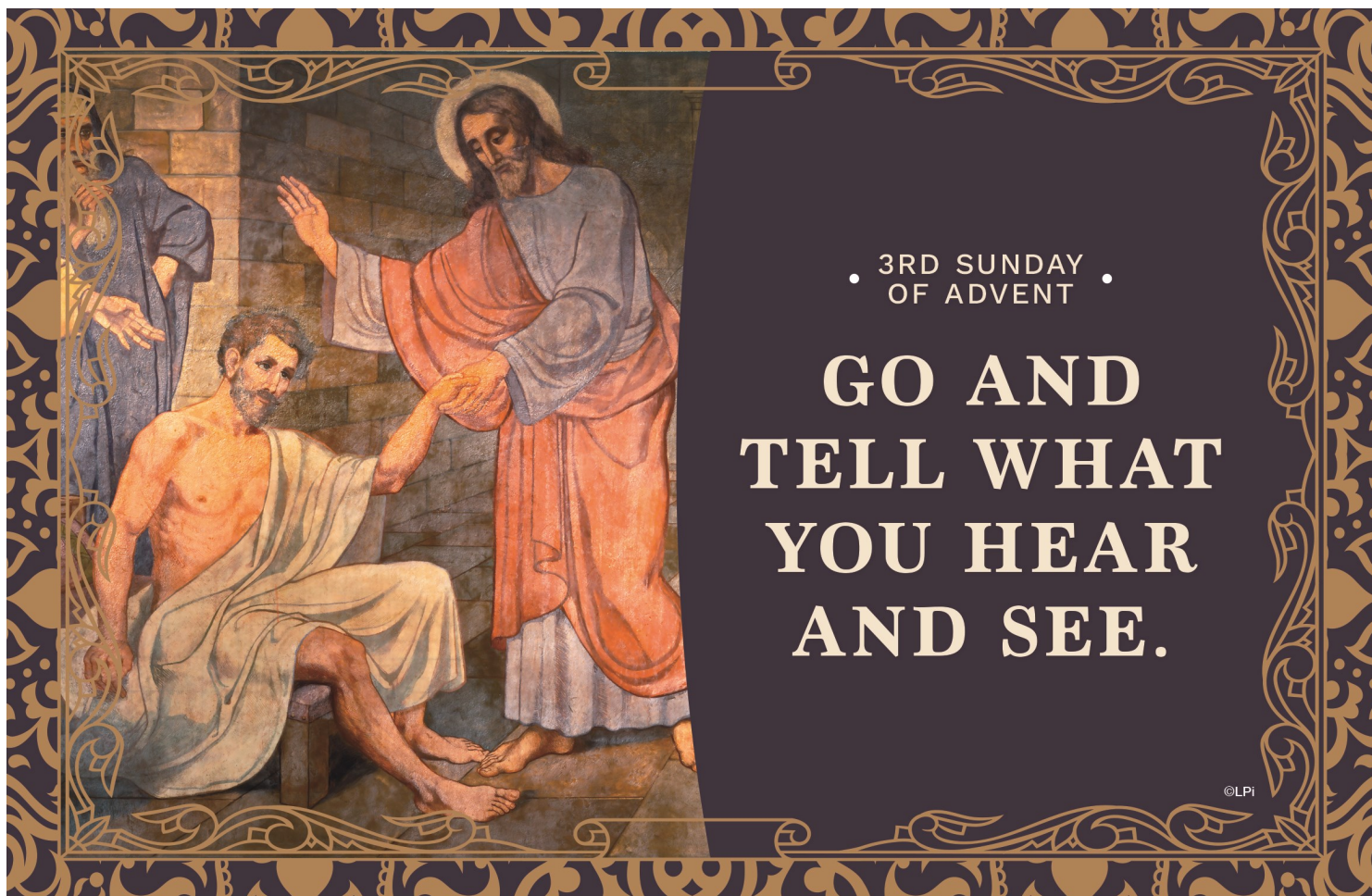




# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

**DECEMBER 14, 2025**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Mass**

Saturday Vigil..... 4:30pm  
Sunday ..... 8:30am (Español)  
Sunday ..... 11:00am & 6:00pm

**Weekday Mass**

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30am

**Confessions**

Saturday ..... 3:45pm  
Sunday ..... 7:45am

**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday ..... 8:30am-4:00pm

## TODAYS READINGS

WORD OF THE LORD—PAGE 71

### FIRST READING:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

### PSALM:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

### SECOND READING:

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

### GOSPEL:

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." (Mt 11:4-5)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

### Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

### Wednesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

### Thursday

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

### Friday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

### Saturday

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

## HYMNS

The Mass setting for today is plainsong and can be found in a bulletin insert.

Come thou long expected Jesus  
(Bulletin Insert)

365 – Comfort, Comfort You my People  
Anthem

352 – O Come, Divine Messiah

# PARISH INFORMATION

## STEWARDSHIP

**COLLECTIONS: NOV. 26—DEC. 11, 2025**

Offertory \$ 11,174.00  
Special Collections /Other \$ 8,344.00  
Church & School Rentals \$ 13,498.00  
Southern Cross FY2026 \$ 526.00

### GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

<https://osvhub.com/sacredheartsavannah/giving/funds>

## HARVEST OF HOPE COLLECTION



HARVEST  
of HOPE  
COSECHA de ESPERANZA

Our 3 YEAR Goal

**\$ 490,551.00**

**Total Given**

**\$221,745.48**

**Total Remaining**

**\$268,805.52**

## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

### Religious Retirement

December 13/14, 2025

### Christian Service Collection

December 13/14, 2025

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers were provided by Jewel Middleton in loving memory of her mother Alma Middleton.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY

4:30 pm

### SUNDAY

1:00 pm Jeff and Lauren Morris

6:00 pm Pro Populo

### MONDAY

8:30 am.

### TUESDAY

8:30 am

### WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

### THURSDAY

8:30 am

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Deacon Danny Burkett, Nina Charap, Susan DeBow, Amanda Mizelle Fanning, Fr. Dan Firmin, Christine Gerbino-Kennedy, Christie Hanna, Norma Hiers, Jimmie Jackson, Littleton Miller, Emily O'Connor, Megan Odom, Sandy Odom, Gwen Ogden, Paula Peterson, Al Powers, Steve Proper, Jimmy Sheehan, Mary Anne P. Sheridan, Frances Stafford, Margaret Stanley, Amber Williams, Carol Zillante and Rachel Zonca.

## DECEMBER PRAYER FOR THE HOMELESS

O Lord, let us make a reality our Faith's teaching that all are entitled to safe and decent housing. Let us look with compassion on those without a place to live; restore them, we pray, to a home of their own. Please give us a kind and just heart to help the homeless in their need and advocate on their behalf. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come out to you. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women who hear Your call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son. Amen

## LECTORS/EMHC DECEMBER 20/21, 2025

### 4:30 PM

ANN PINCKNEY  
MARY PINCKNEY

### 11:00 AM

BRINKLEY WEHNER  
BEN HART

### 6:00 PM

PATICK SHAY  
MICHELLE COURREGES

### EMCH

CUP 1: Meg Schreck  
CUP 2: Gladis Jefferson  
CHOIR: Ann Pinckney

Michele Picou  
Rick Tindol  
Carol Smart

Cheryl Toma  
Josie Cooper  
Christy Caughran



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART PARISH

**Monday, December 15th**  
Choral Concert at Sacred Heart  
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

**Tuesday, December 16th**  
*Christmas Flower Donations Due to Parish Office*  
6:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting

**Friday, December 19th**  
6:00 pm Adoration—St. Anastasius-Pope

Check out more special events AND the Youth Ministry Calendar at: [www.sacredheartsavannah.org](http://www.sacredheartsavannah.org)

Choral Concert  
Sung by "I Cantori"  
Sacred Heart Church  
**Monday, December 15th**  
**7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**  
Everyone is welcome to attend!



## YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, December 14th**  
7:00 pm Christ Card Party at the Parish Center

**Wednesday & Thursday, December 17th & 18th respectively**  
7:15 am Adoration at the Cathedral Adoration Chapel



# CHILI COOK-OFF

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**JANUARY 18, 2026**  
**2:30 PM TO 4:30 P.M.**

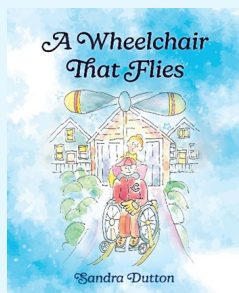
Hosted by the  
**KOC Council #10687**

Details are on the Sacred Heart Website:  
[www.sacredheartsavannah.org](http://www.sacredheartsavannah.org)

**SUNDAY WITH SANTA AT SVA**  
**DEC. 14 | 2 - 4PM**  
ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY'S GYM  
CORNER OF HARRIS & LINCOLN ST.  
CHILDREN IN GRADES K - 4 ARE INVITED  
GET YOUR PICTURE WITH SANTA, ENJOY FUN GAMES, COOKIES, NOT-SO-HOT CHOCOLATE AND MUCH MORE!  
PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY FOR ADMISSION.  
RSVP HERE   
 ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE!**



**December 13th & 14th After Each Mass**  
The Knights of Columbus will be selling  
*A Wheelchair That Flies.*

A portion of the Sales will benefit the  
Sacred Heart Knight's Council 10687 Charity Fund.



**HARVEST of HOPE / COSECHA de ESPERANZA**

**Harvest of Hope Promotes  
Tax Advantaged Giving**

## THE BENEFITS OF TAX ADVANTAGED GIVING

### Gifts From An IRA

An IRA owner, age 70 1/2 or older, can directly transfer up to \$108,000 per year to an eligible charity tax-free in 2025. This option can be used for distributions from IRAs, regardless of whether the owners itemize their deductions. To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee to the Harvest of Hope campaign. Distributed amounts may be excluded from the IRA owner's income, resulting in lower taxable income for the IRA owner.

### Gifts Of Stock

Donors can use their broker/agent to transfer stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Stock must first be transferred to the Harvest of Hope campaign before being liquidated. Ensure that the donor name and parish are provided on the check and on all paperwork to the diocese.

To ensure our parish receives credit for an IRA gift or a stock transfer, please visit [diosav.org/hope](http://diosav.org/hope) and complete the relevant forms