



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 28, 2025



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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

NEW Office Hours as of January 5th
Monday-Thursday...8:30am-4:00pm

TODAYS READINGS

WORD OF THE LORD—PAGE 89

FIRST READING:

Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

PSALM:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Ps 128)

SECOND READING:

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

GOSPEL:

He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/
Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

HYMNS

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

926 – Sing of Mary

379 – Angels from the realms of glory

412 – What child is this?

395 – Go, tell it on the mountain

PARISH INFORMATION

STEWARSHIP

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](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

Black and Indian Missions

January 10/11, 2026

Christian Service Collection

January 10/11, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

4:30 pm In Memory of Francis O'Donnell

SUNDAY

1:00 pm Casey Morris

6:00 pm Pro Populo

MONDAY

8:30 am

TUESDAY

8:30 am

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

THURSDAY

8:30 am

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Thanks and blessings to everyone who gave so generously of your time to make our parish look so beautiful for Christmas!

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 JANUARY 3/4, 2025

4:30 PM

JIM WOOD
MEG SCHRECK

CUP 1: Gladis Jefferson

CUP 2: Ann Pinckney

CHOIR: Chris Bright

11:00 AM

BEN HART
MICHELE PICOU
EMCH

Lamont Morrison

Michele Picou

Kris Tindol

6:00 PM

MICHELE GUTTING
PATRICK SHAY

Cheryl Toma

Josie Cooper

Robin Godbold

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART PARISH

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 23rd and will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2026

There will be no Daily Masses or New Year's Day Mass the week of December 29th.

Check out more special events and the Youth Ministry Calendar at: www.sacredheartsavannah.org

CARE FOR THOSE "SHUT-IN"

Do you know someone who is "shut-in" at home, hospital, or care facility – in need of a friend, the Eucharist, a visit, or even just a phone call?

PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Our expanding Parish ministry to those who are shut-in, or otherwise alone, seeks to serve those of our community who need to know that they are valued - to be shown some kindness - need someone to be Christ to them.

Contact the Parish office :

secretary@sacredheartsavannah.org

or Deacon Mario: deaconmario@sacredheartsavannah.org with specific information: name, phone number, address, needs, etc.

THANK YOU!!



CHILI COOK-OFF

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

**Hosted by the
KOC Council #10687**

Contest is FREE to Enter

(\$5.00 per person suggested donation)

WHO HAS THE BEST CHILI???

BRING ON THE HEAT (OR THE MILD) WITH

YOUR BEST CHILI RECIPE!

PRIZE FOR FIRST PLACE!!!

Don't have a chili recipe, feel free to bring a side dish. (Cornbread, tortillas, cheese, crackers, dessert etc.)

To register or for more information contact:

Ryan Ricks 912-659-6115

While the adults are sampling chili the kids can participate in **THE KNIGHTS FREE THROW CONTEST FOR KIDS AGES 9 TO 14!**

No Registration Required/ No Cost To Participate! Winners will advance to the District Level competition with the chance of advancing to the State-Wide competition!

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 and complete the relevant forms

CATHOLIC Women's CONFERENCE
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Celebrating the Feminine Genius

January 24, 2026
9 am to 4 pm
St. James the Less Catholic Church
Savannah, GA

National Speakers

Mary Bielski Danielle Bean

Day Includes

Opening Mass; Four talks; Adoration & confession; Light breakfast & lunch; Local vendors

Registration
\$45 per person until Dec. 1
\$50 per person Dec. 1 ~ Jan. 16

Three (3) ways to sign up!
• Online at StJamesSav.com/womens-conference/
• Scan the QR code ~or~ paper forms in Parish Office

Questions? Call the St. James Parish Office at 912-355-1523.

Space is limited to 200 participants!