



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



Pilgrimage Site for: Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño
“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 13th, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Monday-Friday 12 Noon

Mass from the Basilica is live streamed on our
Facebook page, Sundays at 10AM

Mass from the Diocese is being live-streamed at 6 p.m. on
Saturday, where it remains online. The link is
<https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM
Dunbar|Charleston

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Cordis Center Chapel by appointment only.
304-342-8175

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Suspended until further notice.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

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Anointing of the Sick, Confession, Infant Baptism, Weddings
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The Holy Sacrifice of the
 Mass at the Basilica
 3rd Sunday of Advent-December 13th, 2020

12/12 Sat. 5:30 pm + Ignacio "Ike" D. Bernardo M.D.
 12/13 Sun. 8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am + Arlene Estep Munson
 12:00 pm + Florencia Bernardo Jiminez

12/14 Mon. 12:00 pm + Adele Bobinger

12/15 Tue. 12:00 pm For the Intention of Msgr. Sadie

12/16 Wed. 12:00 pm + Victor Salutillo

12/17 Thu. 12:00 pm + John Ruddick

12/18 Fri. 12:00 pm + Fr Lydon his Parents & Siblings

12/19 Sat. 5:30 pm + Peter Higgs
 12/20 Sun. 8:00 am + Philip Bond
 10:00 am + Fr. Richard Klug
 12:00 pm People of the Parish

Mark Haas is looking for 5-6 people to assist with Christmas Mass live streaming and overflow area projection. All Masses on Christmas eve/day will be live streamed and broadcast. Contact him today! mhaas@shccwv.us

The Rite of Acceptance

We congratulate and welcome catechumens and candidates in our RCIA program through the Rite of Acceptance celebrated at the 10:00 am Mass this weekend. Those received are: Emily Davis, Zach Davis, Ashley French, Mark French, Christopher Jefferson, Danielle McVey and Tanner Westfall. Please keep these catechumens and candidates in your prayers in the coming months as they continue to learn more about the Catholic faith and advance in their spiritual journey to the Church.

With joy we announce that Nicholas Arthur received his First Eucharist on Saturday, November 21st, he is the son of Christopher Arthur and Lois Dyer. May Nicholas always feast on the Lord's Holy Sacrament.

Sharing Our Treasure - 12/06/2020

Regular Collection: \$11,486 Giving Tuesday: \$46,920

Needy Student: \$1115 Partners In Hope: \$1025

Smile: \$880 Christmas Flowers: \$285

Human Dev.: \$196 Social Concerns: \$110

Christ's Shining Star-Catholic Charities:\$575

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Advent Greetings!

I pray this note finds you and your family well and safe. I wish to bring you some good news, a few of our staff members have recovered from their Covid-19 infections, but others are still recovering, so please keep them in your prayers. We have resumed our parish Mass schedule and our parish office is now open. I bring to your attention a couple of events this week and our plans for Christmas.

Msgr. Sadie's 90th Birthday-December 15th

-This Tuesday will be Msgr. Sadie's 90th Birthday. Msgr. Sadie will celebrate the Noon Mass at the Basilica. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have a gathering or a receiving line. Our parish will live stream the Mass on our Facebook page and it will be available on our website for later viewing. I request if you wish to attend in-person to register on the Flocknote signup you received Thursday. We are very grateful to God for the gift of his life and his faithful priestly ministry to the Lord and His Church.

Advent Reconciliation- December 16th, 6:30pm-8pm

-This Wednesday we will have three priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Basilica. The priests will be available from 6:30pm until 8pm or when all have received the sacrament. You may come anytime during this time frame. We will not have a reconciliation service, but you will be given a guide to assist you in preparing for this healing sacrament. Ushers will be present to guide you. You will be asked to sanitize your chair or kneeler, if you use them. You may stand during your time with the priest.

Christmas Masses-December 24th-25th

-We will celebrate the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas Eve with Mass at 4pm, 8pm, and Midnight. On Christmas Day we will have Mass at 9am and 12pm. It is with joy that Bishop Brennan will spend Christmas with us this year and preside at a few Masses. We will have additional seating in our Gathering Space and Parish Hall (grade school gym). All of our Christmas Masses will be live streamed. You may make a reservation for a Christmas Mass beginning on Wednesday, December 16th through Flocknote. We do need help in sanitizing the Basilica, our Gathering Space, and the Parish Hall after each Christmas Mass, please contact Fr. Binu bemmanuel@shccwv.us, to volunteer and receive instructions.

The rising numbers of Covid-19 infections and deaths continues to bring us to our knees. Please pray for all victims and their families. Pray also for all of our healthcare workers, may the Lord give them strength. May we do our part in following the pro-life mandates that provides protection for each other and eases the burdens placed on our healthcare system. May this Advent time be a time of preparation and grace. I remain,

Your in Christ,

Fr. Don

Prayer for Light in the darkest times

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God,
You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,
May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are the light that shines in the darkest times,
Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,
May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,
May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,
May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

God of Life,
We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,
May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.

Amen.

-Prayer by Linda Jones



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Monday, November 23, 2020

Dear Faithful of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese,

We are about to enter the season of Advent, a time of joyful expectation for the coming of the Lord. Early in Advent we focus on the Lord's second coming in glory before turning to the season's later phase to remember how God fulfilled His promise to Israel to send a Savior, Jesus, born in humility in Bethlehem.

After a contentious election season, during a dangerous pandemic whose end is not yet in sight, having become more conscious of ongoing patterns of racism and nativism in our country and still grappling with scandals in our beloved Church, it may seem that the promise of Christ is remote from our experience. Yet the Lord is never absent from us! He comes to us through his Word, proclaimed in church or meditated upon at home; through those in need, in whose faces we recognize Christ's; and through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, in which the Lord personally enters each of us, and Penance, which purifies us to receive the Lord worthily. In these ways he keeps his word to us: I am with you always, until the end of the age [Matthew 28:20].

The COVID-19 pandemic will affect how we celebrate Advent and Christmas in our Diocese, but we will celebrate them! Masks and hand sanitizers and physical distancing cannot stop us from expressing our faith and joy in the Lord. They actually allow us to gather for worship in a safe manner, considerate of those with whom we worship.

Even during this pandemic, many people who do not ordinarily worship with us will join us at Christmas Masses. Let us welcome them, if not with embraces, because of the pandemic, then with "the elbow of friendship" and a hearty "Welcome!" Let us presume that they want to hear how God, through the birth of His Son, has shown His love and mercy to the world. Let them know you hope to see them again.

The truth is that we have a great message to announce to the people we live and work with. To a world submerged in the darkness of sin, error and death, God has sent a Savior. We cannot overcome these evils on our own. Only God can destroy sin, enlighten those in error and bring the dead to new life. That's the message we have: Jesus Christ is the Savior designated by God the Father to bring us light and life. Our message is rightly called Good News. It is news too good to keep to ourselves. We have to share it.

I hope you are willing to share the Good News about Jesus Christ with others. It is not beyond your ability. Let me share with you a simple Advent plan.

First, make a list, mental or on paper, of people you hope will hear the Gospel: family members, friends, coworkers, fellow students. Make the commitment to pray for them every day. In your morning prayer or at some other time, ask the Lord to open their minds and hearts to His Word.

Second, fast for these people once a week. Fasting can be from food -- most of us can afford to forego lunch or another meal without hurting our health -- but fasting can also be from some favorite activity such as a television show or playing video games. We do without a good thing as a sacrifice to show the Lord we mean it when we are praying for those on our list.

Third, offer to God any hardship or suffering you are experiencing: an illness, the loss of a loved one, a job opportunity that slipped away. Rather than let it embitter you, give it to God on behalf of those for whom you are praying. You can also offer good works you engage in: a teacher might dedicate her teaching on behalf of those for whom she prays, while a doctor does the same as he sees his patients; a teenager might dedicate to this intention her effort to reach out to a fellow student no one talks to, while a father might give to the Lord his getting up from bed to check on the baby he heard crying. When we do things with the right spirit, our prayers have greater effect. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful before God [James 5:16].

There is a final step: ask the Lord to give you opportunities to speak to those for whom you have been praying. Sometimes they give you an opening: a desire to talk about a problem, a great joy they share with you. You can then speak in a simple way from your own experience about why your faith in Jesus Christ and your belonging to his people matter to you. You don't need a theological degree or the eloquence of St. Paul to do it. You are an expert on your own life, including how God has blessed you and held you up. Your willingness to speak of your faith may win an absent Catholic back or gain a soul we never had.

Some may feel that, buffeted as we have been by scandals, this is not the time to speak to anyone about our Catholic faith or reach out to those who have left us. I must disagree. St. Paul said: Proclaim the word; be persistent, whether it is convenient or inconvenient [II Timothy 4:2]. Athletes who don't run will never win the race. Christ's Gospel is not an appetizer. It's the main course. Indeed, it is the best food for the spiritually starved. If it sustains us, it will sustain others.

We are the Gospel people today must encounter. The Lord is counting on us to do our part. Make the commitment to pray, fast and offer your hardships and good works to God for those you hope God's grace will touch. And if anyone shows an openness to hear your testimony of faith, have the courage to share it.

Keep a good Advent! May it bring you happily to the joy of Christmas!

Faithfully in Christ,
+Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston



Third Sunday of Advent

Longing

God, our faithful Lord, you accomplish your will in all things. We await the fulfillment of your promises. We long for the fullness of your kingdom, and that longing is our ceaseless prayer. Until the advent of that glorious day, lift up our hearts in unwavering joy. Show us the light that has already come into our world, so that we may give you thanks in all that we do. Keep us holy and blameless as we undertake works of justice and promote peace, so that others may see and hear and know your goodness, and be drawn to your light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 13, 2020-Expectations

Today's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28. St. Paul tells the Christians in Thessalonica to discern carefully whether a word or action is truly from God, but he also warns them not to oppose the action of God's Spirit simply because it is new or unfamiliar to them. A few decades earlier some people wondered if John the Baptist was acting according to God's Spirit. They questioned him thoroughly, but despite John's testimony, they refused to believe that God had sent him. They did not rejoice in his words because John did not fit their expectations.

Although the words of our First Reading are beautiful and compelling, some people did not believe this prophecy because their experience was very different. The prophet describes the glorious restoration of Israel, but decades of ruin made the fulfillment of that promise seem remote. People struggled to rejoice in the prophet's words.

When God doesn't meet our expectations, we struggle to rejoice, too. We may question what, if anything, God is doing. As we light the pink candle of our Advent wreath, we ask God to permeate our darkness, especially our perplexed hearts. We ask God to help us see all that God is doing and wants to do through us. We also ask God to help us meet his expectations for us: expectations that we will always seek his light and rejoice and give thanks in the light we will find.

This Week at Home

Monday, December 14-Authority

Balaam has been hired to curse Israel, but instead he blesses God's people. He insists that he speaks for God. When the elders in the Gospel passage ask Jesus by what authority he speaks, he turns their question back on them. He asks these leaders to make that judgment themselves. They abdicate their authority by refusing to answer. In time, Jesus' words, like Balaam's, are proved true. Pray that all who possess authority submit to the authority of God. *Today's Readings: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27.*

Tuesday, December 15-Despite the Delay

Zephaniah condemns the people for failing to obey God. They are like the second son in the parable who says he will do his father's will but then doesn't. The first son rebels against his father, but something makes him change his mind. Jesus commends those who obey God, no matter how long it takes them to do so. Jesus then rebukes those who profess their faithfulness but persist in their disobedience. What are some promises that you have made that you have not yet fulfilled? *Today's Readings: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Matthew 21:28-32.*

Wednesday, December 16-He Has Come

John the Baptist wanted people to repent in order to receive God's mercy. Jesus, by contrast, offered God's mercy in order to inspire people to repent. Upon questioning Jesus, John is invited to examine Jesus' ministry and decide for himself. Jesus' ministry evokes the life-giving work of God that we hear about in Isaiah. Read slowly through the First Reading, and pray for God to transform our world. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 7:18b-23.*

Thursday, December 17-Titles

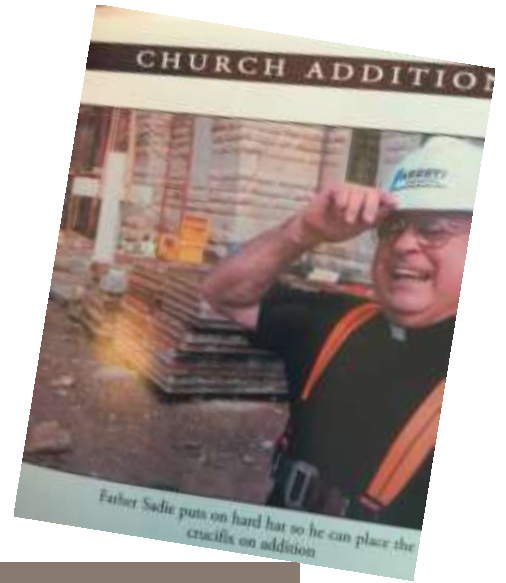
The First Reading conveys strength, while Matthew presents an orderly progression of the generations that culminates in the birth of Jesus. Despite the image of strength, Jesus is not the strong and mighty Messiah that people expect, nor does his ministry go as they would have planned it. Look up the "O" Antiphons and reflect upon how Jesus fulfills these titles. *Today's Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17.*

Friday, December 18-Totally New

Jeremiah draws on Israel's past as he assures them that God will lead them again through the difficult times they are facing. Joseph had no such experiences to draw from when he learned of Mary's pregnancy. He had to hope without knowing what was happening and without knowing what he was hoping for. Despite whatever doubt he might have felt, he obeys God immediately. Volunteer at or make a donation to a crisis pregnancy center. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25.*

Saturday, December 19-A Muted Response

By bearing and rearing children, the women of ancient times ensured the continuation of their families and tribes. Manoah's wife and Elizabeth would have felt neglected or even punished by God because they did not have children. When these women discover that they are pregnant, they rejoice. Zechariah's response is muted: he either does not believe the angel or does not trust the experience he is having. Consider how you have failed to accept what God is doing in your life. Discuss this during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Today's Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25.*



MONSIGNOR SADIE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

90th

December 15th
From Sacred Heart Staff and Parishioners



If you would like to send birthday greetings to Msgr. Sadie his address is 5005 Kanawha Ave. SE., Charleston 25304

3rd Sunday in Advent-Cycle B-2003-Msgr Sadie

“Here's Johnny.” For three decades, America heard Ed McMahan begin The Tonight Show. In 4,531 episodes he introduced Johnny Carson with these words that have become part of the American scene. As Carson's sidekick, McMahan enjoyed immense popularity, but Ed McMahan always knew and kept his place. Ed was not Johnny. Carson was the master of the show.

In the Word of the Lord today, John the Baptist announces, “Here's Jesus.” Priests, Levites', and Pharisees from Jerusalem think John is the star of the show. “Not so,” he says, “I'm only the announcer.”

McMahan's announcement had a run of 30 years. John's run approaches 2000 years, and each advent, he comes announcing again, “Here's Jesus.”

H. G. Wells, the noted historian, was asked to select the three greatest people of all time. He decided that the criteria would be what person started people thinking in a new direction that changed the course of history.

Third place went to Aristotle, the great Greek philosopher.

Second place went to Buddha, the great Eastern Mystic.

He gave first place to Jesus of Nazareth and added that, as a historian, and a non-Christian, he was judging Jesus merely as man, not as many of us believe, the Son of God.

Have you ever wondered whom Jesus would select as the greatest person of all time? Interestingly enough, Jesus told us, “I solemnly assure you; history has not known a man born of woman, greater than John, the Baptist.” But Jesus continues, “yet the least born into the Kingdom of God is the greater than he.”

Greater than John, the Baptist? Here is our dignity as one baptized in Christ Jesus.

John stated most emphatically “There is one among you whom you do not recognize.”

All through history people keep looking for the Lord to come in the guise of some kind of Elijah of their own imagining, and they keep missing the Lord coming, right under their noses. The Lord speaks to us in the silence of prayer, but we drown out His voice with the noise of TV, radio, our own indifference.

As the Word is proclaimed Sunday after Sunday, the Lord questions and enlightens our minds, challenges and tests our wills, moves and inspires our hearts.

If poet Gérard Manley Hopkins can say, “the world is charged with the grandeur of God” what can we say of the sacraments, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Marriage?

If we think we would have recognized and followed Jesus 2000 years ago, why do we not see and recognize Him today in our hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, homeless, imprisoned brothers and sisters? John continues to indict us, “There is one among you whom you do not recognize.”

While we as church await Jesus yet again this Advent, we must remember that He continues to make Himself known in ways and venues that are surprising, unexpected, and at times, even unwelcome. Waiting and preparing must include a greater effort at knowing, recognizing, understanding, and loving the Jesus who already lives among us in the poor, the victimized, the neighbor, the friend, the stranger, the outcast.

In discovering Jesus, even as Mother Teresa said, even in His most distressing disguise, we will discover and rediscover the joy within us.

God bless you



Catholic Current



The Third Sunday of Advent

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent?

For much of the Church’s history, this Sunday had a special name: “Gaudete” Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called “St. Martin’s Lent.” “Gaudete Sunday” was the Advent counterpart to “Laetare Sunday,” which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, “The Lord is coming.” But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, “The Lord is near.” This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice.” In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

Today’s Second Collection

Elderly religious have offered a lifetime of service. Now they need your help. Please consider donating to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection this weekend. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.



Our Knights of Columbus Council is happy to announce that a second check in the amount of \$1,242.00 is on its way to Father Thien and the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay County. This check will be hand delivered by Knights of Columbus State Deputy Paul Niedbalski during a visit to Father Thien and the Knights of Columbus at the Gassaway Council of St. Thomas Church. He will also deliver another check from Council 12630 members and their families to help with funding a more serviceable truck for Father Thien to use for pick-ups and deliveries.

On behalf of our Knights of Columbus Council we wish to thank the generosity of the Sacred Heart Parishioners, Father Don, Father Binu as well as Shelia, Pam and Angie of the office staff for making this food drive effort special this year.

GABRIEL PROJECT WEST VIRGINIA

Current needs for struggling families in WV

Gabriel Project WV is in need of immediate donations of gently-used winter infant and toddler clothes, both for girls and boys. All types of clothing and all sizes (0 to 5T) are welcome, but newborn and 0 - 3 months is particularly needed - sleepers, shirts, pants, sweaters, outerwear, boys shoes and boots in particular...!

Share Gabriel Project's clothing needs with your family, friends and colleagues. Call 304 414-4666, 304 205-5865, or email: metrovalley@gabrielwv.org for information on drop-off days and times.

Times are tough for many of our West Virginia neighbors! Be an ANGEL and bring joy to someone this season.

Sacred Heart Basilica Gift Shop

If anyone needs to shop for items in the Gift Shop, appointments can be made to meet you there. Please call Antonetta Stevens at 304-415-8132 or Kathy Lamb at 304 -552-3512 to make arrangements.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING SUPPLIES

are available in the gift shop, please call Antonetta or Kathy and let them know what you need and to make arrangements for pick up.



The Nativity Ballet

A Virtual Public Event

Presented by Macholah Ballet

Saturday December 19th– 7to 8 PM

www.themacholahballet.com

Readers for Weekday Masses-If you wish to read for the weekday Mass, please see the usher as you enter the Church. The usher will give you a copy of the readings for the Mass of the day. The reader is to keep the readings with them while in the pew and bring them as they come up to do the reading. While we are most grateful for the few who do volunteer now, (sometimes at the last minute) this new procedure will allow time for preparation and more volunteers. Thank you.



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Nov 20, 2020

St. Michael the Archangel Council 12630,
Very Rev. Fr. Donald X. Higss,
Mr. Sam Gross and Mr. Richard Fauss

Dear Fr. Higss, Mr. Gross, Mr. Fauss,
All members of St. Michael the Archangel Council 12630,
and parishioners of Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Thank you so much for your very generous donation \$4,328 along with a lot of can goods and food to the Risen Lord Food Pantry through the program Thanksgiving Meal for the poor in Clay country this Thanksgiving. We can't tell you how much we appreciate your support for our ministry of serving the poor in Clay County.

With your help, we were able to help 263 families on Nov 19, 2020 so that they would have turkey, ham and food for Thanksgiving (154 turkeys, more than 100 Ham, 220 bags of 5 lb four and 220 bags of 4 lb sugars and a lot of food). Your contribution also helps us to continue to help 800 kids/weekly with backpack program.

Thank you all! You have made a real difference in the lives of many poor people in Clay County, especially during the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. Your donation and support tell me that though your body may be quarantined, but your hearts, your love are not quarantined, still reach out to the poor and the needy. Your donation also reminds me what Jesus said in the Gospel tomorrow, *"Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me."* (Mt 25, 46)

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
AND PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES ALWAYS.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Christ's Peace,

Fr. Thien Duc Nguyen, SVD
Pastor

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State Tax Credits Available Through the Gabriel Project

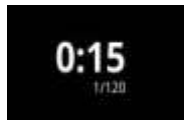
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