

SACRED HEART RETREAT CENTER

Registration is now open for guided silent retreats
at Sacred Heart Retreat Center!

Weeklong and weekend options are available for both men and women.
Go to shrcburlington.org or call 262-661-4083 to register.



2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Don't forget to pick up your Offertory Envelopes
TODAY after Mass in the vestibule.

Envelopes will not be mailed to individual locations.

2026 INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING CALENDARS

Institute calendars are available in the vestibule
for a free will donation.

Please place your donation in the collection basket.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR

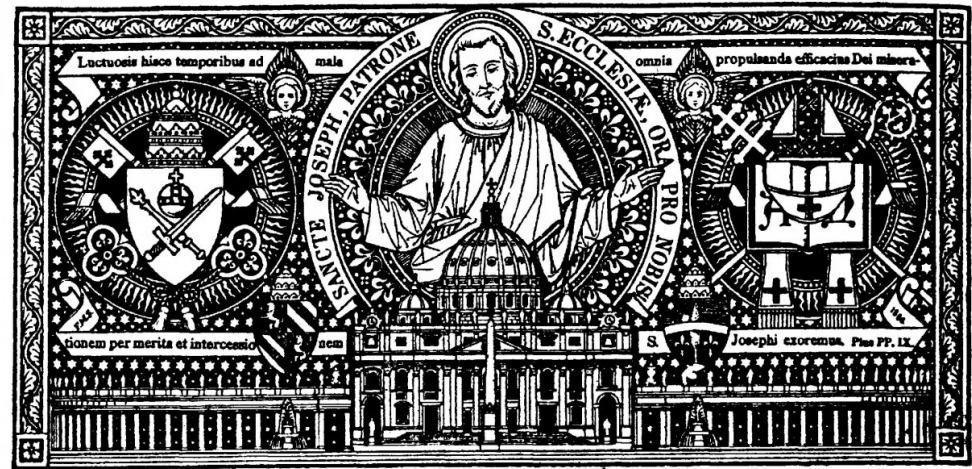
Dear Faithful,

As we have done in years past, we will renew this year our annual custom of offering a liturgical gift to the altar. Once the donations have been collected we will determine the new gift.

Please make your offering using the envelopes made available in your collection envelope boxes.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Rev. Canon David Le



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Sunday, December 14th, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

Introit

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men: for the Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in everything, by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Thou hast favored, O Lord, Thy land; Thou hast restored the well-being of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. . .

Collect

Lend Thy ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and brighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy coming.

Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Gradual & Alleluia

From Thy throne, O Lord, upon the Cherubim, rouse Thy power, and come. O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O Guide of the flock of Joseph! Alleluia, alleluia. Rouse, O Lord, Thy power, and come to save us. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:19-28

At that time, the Jews sent to John from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him: Who are you? And he acknowledged and did not deny; and he acknowledged: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Are you Elias? And he said: I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered: No. They therefore said to him: Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say of yourself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as said Isaias the prophet. And they who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why, then, do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John said to them in answer: I baptize with water; but in the midst of you there has stood One Whom you do not know. He it is Who is to come after me, Who has been set above me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to loose. These things took place at Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Offertory

Thou hast favored, O Lord, Thy land; Thou has restored the well-being of Jacob. Thou has forgiven the guilt of Thy people.

Secret

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the gift we dedicate to Thee, may be sacrificed continually, so that the sacramental rite Thou hast ordained may be fully observed, and the work of Thy salvation may be wonderfully effective within us. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Say to those who are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is our God, He comes to save us.

Postcommunion

We entreat Thee, merciful Lord, that these divine helps may cleanse us from our sins and prepare us for the coming festal season. Through our Lord . . .

WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"Rest in peace in the two arms of divine Providence, and in the bosom of the protection of Our Lady."

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 7th: \$ 3, 409.00

Monday, December 8th: \$ 1, 465.00

Total for the Month of December: \$ 4, 874.00

**Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with
*Oratory on the memo line.***

All checks made out to "Our Lady of Czestochowa" are given to the Salvatorian Fathers. By order of the bishop, **\$1200/ week** is given in rent to the Salvatorian Fathers.

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Today, December 14th:** Second Sunday of the Month. "Blessing Sunday." Blessings of religious articles after Holy Mass.
- **Thursday, December 25th:** Christmas Day, Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 8:00am

ST. JOSEPH SUPPER CLUB

St. Joseph Supper Club is open to all single adults (18+) and couples who would like an easy, structured way to get to know fellow parishioners better. Participants will be assigned in small groups who take turns hosting one another for meals.

For more information and to sign up, please email Augusta Taylor at stjosephsupperclub@outlook.com. Deadline for participation in the January-April 2026 cycle is Sunday, December 21.