



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Parish Bulletin

January 10, 2021 | The Baptism of the Lord

Fr. Pat Sullivan, Pastor

Our Parish Mission: *We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, faithful to the teachings of the magisterium, are committed to forming Disciples of Christ by embracing Stewardship through Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.*

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We're so glad you're here

God created humanity for greatness and calls each of us to continually grow in holiness. This is no small task and something we can't do on our own. So Jesus gave us the Church and its many treasures to guide us; providing a perfect road map to salvation. It's my prayer that everyone comes to know the truth of the gospel.

I want to take this opportunity to personally invite you to grow deeper in your faith, and allow myself, and the many other professionals and volunteers at SHOJ to assist you however we can; let's help each other get to heaven. You can't do it without the Church, and we can't do it without YOU.

Our doors are open to any and all who desire to hear the truth in a loving and peaceful setting. As a physician of souls, I care deeply about your well-being, and want to help you stay spiritually healthy. If it's been awhile since you've had a "checkup," come on in and we'll chat. If there's anything else we can do for you, please ask.

I look forward to ministering to you as your spiritual Father.

In Peace,
Fr. Pat Sullivan



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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Sacrament & Contact Information



BAPTISM

A *Baptism preparation class* must be completed prior to scheduling your child's baptism. Baptisms are held on Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please contact **Maureen Reintjes** at **913.422.5700** for more info and to schedule your class.



CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in August for those students who are in the 8th grade. Please contact **Andrew Amick** at **913-422-5700 ext. 300**, for more information. Confirmation will be on April 26, 2021



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebrated the First Thursday of each month within the 6:30 and 8:15 a.m. Masses as well as upon request. Contact the parish office **913.422.5700** for details.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation begins in August for those students who are in 2nd grade. Please contact **Emily Dumler** at **913-422-5520 ext. 202** for more information.



MARRIAGES

You must be a registered member of the parish for a minimum of six months. Please contact a priest at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin marriage preparation.



FUNERALS

Please contact a priest before final arrangements have been made.

Hospitality

“LET MUTUAL
LOVE
CONTINUE.
DO NOT
NEGLECT
HOSPITALITY,
FOR THROUGH
IT SOME HAVE
UNKNOWINGLY
ENTERTAINED
ANGELS.”

– Hebrews
13:1-2



Welcome to Sacred Heart Catholic Church

We strive to make every parishioner and guest feel welcomed as we are one body in Christ. Our hospitality effort brings parishioners together through social activities to foster fellowship and strengthen our union as a parish and with God. These activities help build relationships and encourage involvement in our ministries and service opportunities. In turn, Catholics grow in their faith and desire to evangelize and extend the same hospitality to those outside of our community.

Spiritual Resolutions for the New Year

New Year Resolutions ~ The Pope Francis List

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy. (The Joy of the Gospel).

Need to Update your Contact information? Has your email, phone number or address changed? Call the parish office today 913-422-5700.

Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 1.11.21	TUESDAY 1.12.21	WEDNESDAY 1.13.21
Mass Times/ Mass Intentions	<i>No daily Mass</i>	6:30 a.m. Margaret Reischman † 8:15 a.m. Jackie DePorter †	8:15 a.m. Manny Vardakis †
Readings	First Reading: Heb 1:1-6 Gospel: Mk 1:14-20	First Reading: Heb 2:5-12 Gospel: Mk 1:21-28	First Reading: Heb 2:14-18 Gospel: Mk 1:29-39
Reconciliation Times		7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Daily Gospel Reflections <i>from The Word Among Us</i>			

January

COMING UP:

St. Mary's Food Kitchen
Tuesday, January 12

Respect Life Rose Procession
Sunday, January 17

Catholic Charities Food Drive
January 30-31

Do you receive our weekly email updates? If not, scan the barcode below to join!



Reflect

FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a “light for the nations.” How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has “testified on behalf of His Son.” In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus’ baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God’s presence?

9 Days for Life Novena

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!



Live the Liturgy

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Jesus’ baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

“HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING MAKE YOUR REQUEST KNOWN TO GOD.”

Philippians

4:6



THURSDAY 1.14.21	FRIDAY 1.15.21	SATURDAY 1.16.21	SUNDAY 1.17.21
6:30 a.m. Mike Collins †	6:30 a.m. Sister Marianne Rodriguez † 8:15 a.m. Ruth & Jack Raidt ††	4:30 p.m. Mike Collins †	8:00 a.m. Richard Reischman † 9:30 a.m. Steve Fuhrken † 11 a.m. Sacred Heart Parishioners
First Reading: Heb 3:7-14 Gospel: Mk 1:40-45	1 st Reading: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Gospel: Mk 2:1-12	See Sunday’s Readings	First Reading: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Gospel: Jn 1:35-42
	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	

Formation

“I, THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TEACH YOU WHAT IS FOR YOUR GOOD, AND LEAD YOU ON THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO.”

– Isaiah
48:17



Why do we do that? *Catholic tidbits*



Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord’s Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the

1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we’re left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that “all the faithful say the prayer” with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that “No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord’s Prayer.” And so, we’re left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

ONGOING Formation Resources Available to our Parishioners!

FORMED.ORG

Extensive online formation opportunities for you and your family. (USE link: www.shoj.formed.org)

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA select books, CDs, pamphlets available on Kiosk in the Narthex.

HEARTS AFIRE:

Fr. Michael Gaitley’s independent or group studies. Contact the Parish office for info.

- 33 Days to Morning Glory
- Consoling Heart of Jesus
- The ‘One Thing’ is Three
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When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.” Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

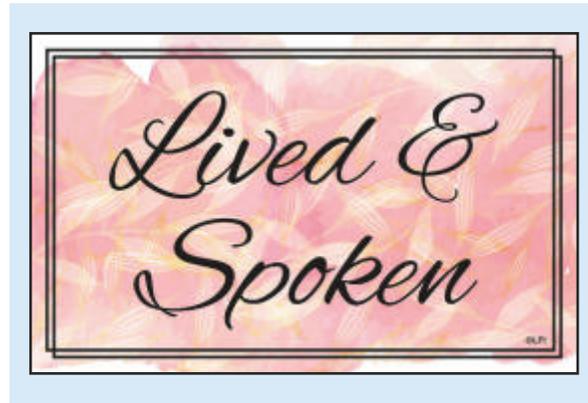
We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening. Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

Gospel Meditation

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be



productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

“BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO
HUNGER AND
THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUS-
NESS, FOR
THEY WILL BE
SATISFIED.”

– Matthew
5:6



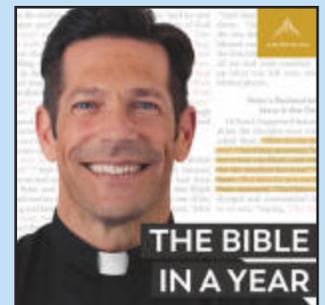
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St. Mary's Food Kitchen

Our day to help St. Mary's Food Kitchen feed the hungry is **Tuesday, January 12**. Please see the Friday email announcements to sign up and drop off food donations or help serve on that day. Thank you!



Catholic Char. Service Project

One Saturday morning a month: Middle and High School Youth Ministry will have the opportunity to assist Catholic Charities at Hope Distribution Center or Turnstyles Thrift store. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come serve with your teen. New dates are available for the New Year. Check Friday email announcements for link to sign up or visit: <http://bit.ly/CC-serviceproject>

Kansas Mass, March & Rally

The Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life will take place this year in Topeka, KS on Thursday, January 21st, 2021 to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the 48th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Let's stand up for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, in penance for the over 60 million lives lost, and to end violations to the dignity of the human person - both child and mother - committed through the act of abortion!

10:30 am Mass with the Kansas Bishops – www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife

12:00 pm March to the State Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally – In-person!

Unfortunately, due to Covid gathering restrictions, in-person Mass attendance this year is by invitation only. All are invited to join in the March for Life from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the Kansans for Life Rally at the State Capitol steps. Visit www.archkck.org/prolife for updated information and details on the day's event.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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