Church of the Sacred Heart

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Together we foster a welcoming spirit of unity while honoring our diversity which leads to a graced harmony among us since Christ is the center of all we are and do.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 30, 2022

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day. We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth. Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Monday through Friday
8:30 am — 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
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Tuesday through Friday
12:30 pm — 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays
2:30 pm — 3:30 pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEW PARISHIONERS
Are always welcome, please register at the parish office.

MOVING?
Please notify us if you are moving out of the parish or changing
your address or telephone number.

BAPTISMS
Please call the rectory as soon as possible to make arrangements.
Parish registration must be confirmed and eligibility certificates
for Catholic Godparents must be presented. Godparent and
sponsor certificates may be obtained by those who have received
all Sacraments in the Catholic Church. CALL LESLIE AT 856-829-0090 x 10.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements should be made at the rectory at least ONE YEAR IN
ADVANCE. Please contact us to receive guidelines for the
celebration of marriage.

PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Warren Ferry, Connie Kelley, Angela Cheesman, Kate Salamon,
Gennaro DiRe, Anna Anthony, Daniel Lyons, Maryanne Wagner,
Brian McAndrews, Ellena Klein, Raymond Tubic, Jr., Michael
Schneider, Pat MacCord, Dennis Mundy, Jennie Giampaolo,
Edward Diamond, Walter Biernacki, Bernice Dunn, Hon.
Terrence McStravick, Henry Sincavage, Theresa Cotter, Cecilia
Angst, Jimmy Morrissey, Joanne Lavin, Mildred Greisamer,
Patricia McGinnis, Suzanne Allen, Leo Kilcourse, Margaret
Conlow, Alice Anderson, JoAnn Kline, John Baxter, Rosalie
Mascio, Charles O’Malley, Vincent Perkins, Chief Ed DeLussey,
Christian Gonzalez, Phyllis Jung, Daniel Campbell, Florence Klein,
Caroline Shontz, Helen McGee, Rita Leone, Joseph Vanaik, Helen
Gilbert, Marie Bloomquist, Marie Rota, Joanne Nesemeier, Pat
Pellegrino, Rick Dudzic, Jeanne Max, Liane Stafford, Debra Burns,
France Carmondy, Mary Ann Lattore, Jim Nachman, Sarah Jane
Zimmermann, Patrick O’Neill, Sr., June Gill, Sophie Maduzio,
Vincent Trolla, John McInerney, Jr., Maria Bozicek, Russell DiLeo,
Rick Muraresku, Baby Daniel Evans, Gerald Mulcahy, Mary
Vandy, Robert Happe, Ralph Pepe, Carol Hosey, Mary Gillette,
Michael Vagnoni, Eric Johnstone, Margaret Heffer, Ruth Yearly,
Joan Lynch and Jean Duschek

Monday, January 31, 2022
8:00 am  Dr. Franciszek Iwanczak
            r/o Ron Jackson
Ronald Whitney Ciambella
            r/o His Family

Tuesday, February 1, 2022
8:00 am  Henrietta & Bill Fries
            r/o Their Grandson, Bill
Daniel Lyons
            r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Wednesday, February 2, 2022
8:00 am  Communion Service

Thursday, February 3, 2021
8:00 am  Joan Lynch
            r/o Jim & Donna Rafter
Michael Deegan
            r/o His Family
Aileen M Carr
            r/o Brian & Melanie
            Callahan

Friday, February 4, 2022
8:00 am  Vincent Perkins
            r/o His Wife, Mary
Sisters Fidelis & Helen Cecilia, O.P.
            r/o Mary Lou

Saturday, February 5, 2022
8:00 am  Paul & Jacqueline Schwartz
            r/o Their Children
4:00 pm  The Mozzo Family
            r/o Maria & Rob Nemeth
Joan Lynch
            r/o Chris & Colleen
            Anninos & Family
Pamela Hickey
            r/o Her Family

Sunday, February 6, 2022
7:30 am  Marie Basara
            r/o Her Children
Marcella Sullivan
            r/o Lisa Flannery
9:30 am  Richard J. Duggan
            r/o Wally & Kate
            Wheelhouse
Shirley Malinowski
            r/o Rob & Lori Rodolico
11:30 am  Daniel Lyons
            r/o The Heeter Family
Please Pray For Our Sick and Homebound


If you or a family member would like prayers during Mass from our parishioners please call the parish office.

Care of the Sick: If a family member is sick or homebound and would like to receive Communion please contact Dawn Vermes at 856-979-5107.

Parish Mission

In preparation for our Parish Mission in March we will need volunteers in areas of publicity, hospitality, liturgical ministers and possibly child care.

It will be a success when many of us take part, please consider and call Fran at 856-829-1836.

Weekend Music — January 30th

311 As We Gather at Your Table
385 The Summons
504 Age to Age
488 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymns for the 9:30am Mass with the Guitar Group

662 Save Us, O Lord
487 Hold On to Love
480 Ubi Caritas
493 Go Make a Difference

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

January 23, 2022
$8,903.00

Christmas 2021
$41,756.00

Electronic giving for January 2022
$10,051.00

Thank you very much to all of you who have been kind enough to drop off or mail in your weekly offerings.

Please remember Sacred Heart in your Last Will and Testament.

Saturday, February 5th is the first Saturday of the month. We will recite the Fatima prayers with the rosary after the 8:00 AM mass as requested by Our Lady. All are welcome to participate in this beautiful rosary.
Father Chuck’s Homily:

It’s not a secret that many in the world today are trying to marginalize or restrict Christians and Christian ideas and position in society and political discourse. Our ideas are dismissed as irrelevant or old fashioned, we are accused of trying to dictate or impose our ideas on individuals or governments.

Franciscan Father George Friedman has an interesting take on today’s Gospel – he relates the incident at Nazareth to the Cross, and to our own times as people and government attempts to restrict or marginalize Christians and the Church in particular in public discourse and policy:

“In Nazareth, today, there is a hillside known as Mt. Precipice. In May, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass there for a large crowd. That spot is identified with today’s Gospel story when the people, angered with Jesus’ remarks in their synagogue tried to throw him over “the brow of the hill on which their town had been built.” He passes through their midst Luke says and goes away. The authenticity of that particular site is doubtful, but it’s good to have a dramatic spot to tell the story and think about what Jesus is doing in Nazareth. He is prophet visiting his home town. People in the synagogue are impressed by his preaching which we heard last Sunday. Scripture scholars point out that Jesus’ audience also had high expectations of what he out to be doing for them, his home town folks. Certainly, Nazareth will be the place he works his almighty deeds not Capernaum. But Jesus’ message is much broader: He will be a Messiah who frustrated expectations of those who wish to restrict his ministry to one town or even to the people of Israel. Luke will go on to show how Jesus’ message spread to the whole world. When Jesus cites two examples of prophets who worked with Gentiles, the crowd, once supportive, grows hostile and tries to kill him. The “hill on which their town had been built” as Scripture Scholar Eugene Laverdier has commented “becomes symbolic of the hill of Calvary” and the people of Nazareth foreshadow those who will eventually try to kill Jesus. The prophetic challenge of Jesus to his hometown remains to this day for all of us: we must not let anyone, or anything, narrow the boundaries of the Good News, confine it to a single group or restrict the power of its impact in our world.”

St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

Father Chuck will do the blessing of the throats at the 8am on Thursday, 2/3
Good Sunday to you!

My prayer this week has been that the weatherman was wrong about this weekend. By now we should know if my prayers were answered. So far, we have dodged three 'severe winter storms', let's pray the winning streak continues.

This week we met with an engineer to study the bell tower and come up with a plan to renovate it using part of our Faith to Move Mountains rebate. He noticed one serious issue that has never been mentioned: apparently when they designed and built the tower, they did not put in wind protection. I guess that's another bullet we've dodged for over 50 years. We hope to have plan in place soon and have it out to bid.

Update on the new organ: we hope to have it in place by Easter, so let's put St. Cecelia on the case! I hope to have an inaugural organ concert the week before we use it the first Sunday.

Update on the Old School roof: the contracts are signed, deposit made and now it's just a question of coordinating weather and school schedule. We've had about a dozen requests for roof tiles and the contractor has been asked to save a number of them for us.

I also want to emphasize that all lectors and extraordinary ministers at Mass should come to the sacristy on arrival to sign in and receive any last-minute instructions.

Also, we are going to change the locks on the gym and New School. Anyone who now uses a key will need to contact the rectory and do two things: Fill out a “facilities use request” form, and reserve a key. I'll let you know when we move ahead with that.

As many of you know, I am the family historian. One brick wall has been my grandfather’s Aunt Louisa who I have been able to track down through 1940 in Philadelphia and then no further. I was hoping when the 1950 census is made public in a few years it would give me a bit more information. Well, the Internet works in mysterious ways and I was contacted by a relative of Aunt Louisa’s husband who finally helped crack the case. I knew Aunt Louisa married late and had no children. She did have many nieces and nephews with whom she had lost touch. Aunt Louisa died in 1947 and after a month’s delay while they tried to find relatives was buried in Oddfellows Cemetery in Philadelphia. That was subsequently sold to the City Housing Authority and the bodies were removed to Mt. Peace. When I went to Mt. Peace I found that their bodies were all put in a common area with no markers, or even in indication anyone is buried in that empty space. Aunt Louisa died alone and senile. It’s quite sad. Please get in contact with your elderly relatives and friends. No one should die old and alone with no one to mourn them.

Please pray for all of our parishioners affected by COVID. We've had an uptick in recent weeks.

I pray you have safe and blessed week . . . Father Chuck

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### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

February 5th - February 6th ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
first meeting of the year is Thursday, February 10th at 3:00pm in the Family Center Meeting Room. We welcome new members! Come and see if our group is something you would like to join. Our motto is Charity and Unity!

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy and changing world.

Our local council St Joseph, #1984 will be holding a membership drive at Masses the weekend of February 5th and 6th.

You will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/join us and enter our council #1984 for local information or contact Jon Janowicz at 856-786-7266.

SACRED HEART WOMEN’S RETREAT
APRIL 8th – 10th, 2022
MARIS STELLA RETREAT CENTER
HARVEY CEDARS, LONG BEACH ISLAND

THE BASIN AND THE TOWEL
John 13:1-17

Please join us as we spend a weekend in the ‘Upper Room’ with Jesus in the final hours before His Passion.

Come for an evening, overnight or the entire weekend. Single rooms are available. For more information, please contact Kathy Portella at 609-230-1938 and/or email her at kathyp319@yahoo.com

Today's Meditation
“The shock of sorrow comes only to those who think this world is fixed and absolute, that there is nothing beyond. They think everything here below should be perfect. Hence, they ask questions: ‘Why should I suffer? What have I done to deserve this?’ Maybe you did nothing to deserve it. Certainly, Our Lord did nothing to deserve His Cross. But it came, and through it, He went to His glory.”
—Venerable Fulton Sheen