

Sacred Heart Parish

September 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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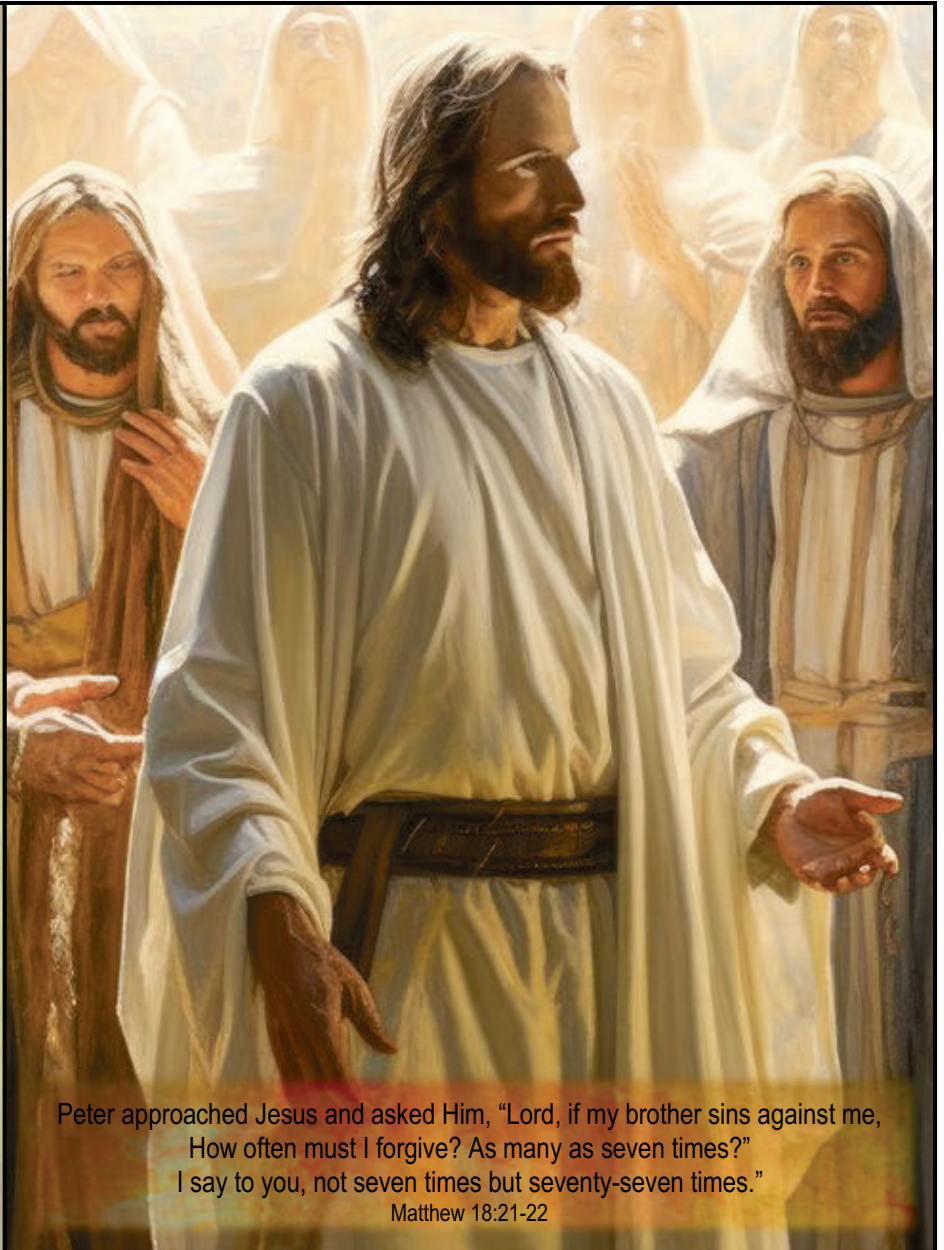
Deacon Joe Bueti (Retired)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 8:00am to 5:00pm

HORAS DE OFICINA

Días de la Semana: 8:00am to 5:00pm



Peter approached Jesus and asked Him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me,
How often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"
I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish

"Being the living example of God's love to others"

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THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART PARISH

MONDAY September 18	TUESDAY September 19	WEDNESDAY September 20	THURSDAY September 21	FRIDAY September 22	SATURDAY September 23	SUNDAY September 24
7:00am Mass <i>Church</i> 9:30am Centering Prayer <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i> 1:00pm Lectio Divina <i>Sacred Heart Room</i> 5:30-7:30pm Middle School Youth Group <i>Youth Center</i> NOTE: No confessions	12:15pm Mass <i>Church</i> NOTE: No 7:00am Mass	12:15pm Mass <i>Church</i> 9:30am St. Vincent de Paul <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i> 9:30am Study of Mystics <i>Sacred Heart Room</i> NOTE: No 7:00am or 8:30am Mass No Confessions	12:15pm Mass <i>Church</i> 11:00am Spanish Legion of Mary <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i> 1:00pm English Legion of Mary <i>Sacred Heart Room</i> NOTE: No 7:00am Mass	7:00am Mass <i>Church</i> 5:00pm Quinceanera Class <i>Sacred Heart Room</i> 6:00pm Cristo en el Vecindario <i>Forum</i> 6:30pm Hispanic Catholics in Action <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i>	7:00am Mass <i>Church</i> 7:30am That Man is You <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i> 10:00am Eucharistic Sacristans & Mass Leaders Meeting <i>Church</i> 3:00-4:30pm Confessions <i>Church</i> 4:30-5:00pm Rosary <i>Church</i> 5:00pm Vigil Mass <i>Church</i> After Mass Café Justo <i>Gathering Place</i>	MASSES 7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm <i>Church</i> Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass <i>Church</i> After Masses Café Justo <i>Gathering Place</i> 11:30-2:30pm Venta de Comida <i>Gathering Place</i> 1:00pm Mass CLOW <i>Church</i> 2:00pm Hispanic Catholics in Action <i>Forum</i> 2:15-4:15pm High School Youth Group <i>Youth Center</i>

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE LA MISA September 18 to September 24, 2023

Mon. September 18	7:00am Jesse Thomas Ford†
Tues. September 19	12:15pm Nancy Newman
Wed. September 20	12:15pm Noelle Matthews 8:30am NO MASS
Thur. September 21	12:15pm Joel Matthews
Fri. September 22	7:00am Rose Anderson†
Sat. September 23	7:00am Terry Munoz† 5:00pm Todd Calhoon†
Sun. September 24	7:00am Matt Rob† 9:00am Warren C Zeigle† 11:00am Richard & Esther Rodriguez 1:00pm Iris Fernandez & Family 5:00pm George Kendall Cheatlan†

†Denotes deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 17, 2023

Sunday:	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/ Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/ Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/ Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Next Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS

CHURCH HOURS:

Saturday and Sunday | 6:00am to 6:00pm
Monday through Friday | 6:00am to 9:00pm



SUNDAY MASSES IN ENGLISH

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm (Youth)



MISA DOMINICAL EN ESPANOL

Domingo 1:00pm



DAILY MASS IN ENGLISH

Monday through Saturday: 7:00am



SCHOOL MASS

Wednesday 8:30am
(when school is in session)



CONFESSION

- ♦ Monday morning, 10:00 to 11:00am;
- ♦ Wednesday evening, 6:00 to 7:00pm;
- ♦ Saturday afternoon, 3:00 to 4:30pm.

All in the Church Confessionals

Inspiration from the Book of Proverbs

A “proverb” is a very short saying often only one sentence long that reveals some little bit of wisdom. Almost every culture in the world, and throughout time, has its own proverbs.



These proverbs, if we reflect on them, can help us be smarter in the way that we lead our lives in this world. The Proverbs that we hear in the Bible, come from God. These Proverbs are not just about helping us lead a better life in this world: the Book of Proverbs like other books in the Bible, can help us get to the next world, to eternal life, which is Heaven.

The Proverbs of the Bible are bite-sized. The simplest way to gain spiritual profit from the Book of Proverbs is to take just one Proverb usually just one sentence and repeat it, over and over, in our heart, mind and soul.

May we listen to the Word of God who is talking to us all the time through the Bible, through the wise sayings and experiences of elders in our family and in our community!

SPECIAL METING FOR EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SACRISTANS AND MASS LEADERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 10:00AM

There will be a meeting in the church to inform you about matters that will affect your service at Mass.

A sign-in sheet for each of the Mass times
in the Gathering Place.

Please sign in when you arrive.



HONOR & REMEMBER

This Week's Altar Flowers Dedication

“Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is LOVE.”

In Loving Memory of Todd Calhoon

*For Altar Flower Dedications/Donations contact
Alma at the Parish Office 928.445.3141*

ANNOUNCEMENT

The priests will be at a meeting with
Bishop John P. Dolan
in Flagstaff from September 18 to September 21.

There will not be
7:00am Masses
No school Mass

No confessions on Monday or Wednesday
the church will be open at 8:00am
during those 3-days.

We will have a 12:15pm Mass on those days only.

**CATECHESIS****OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**

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HISPANIC MINISTRY:

Jimena Aragon 928-445-3141

OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**R.C.I.A., C.I.C., ADULT EDUCATION:**

Muriel Rabideau 928-445-3141

FUNERALS:

Deacon Pete Balland 928-925-1879

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Amanda Cardenas 623-445-3141

BAPTISM MINISTRY:

Deacon Ernie Gonzales 928-246-2926

LECTORS:

Deacon Ernie Gonzales 928-246-2926

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Shirley King 928-445-8912

ALTAR SERVERS:

Deacon Mark Weber 928-445-3141

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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Joe Iungerman, Membership 928-778-5727

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Catalina Snowden 928-710-6633

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Ken Godbold 928-771-8350

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Doug McMurrin 928-445-3141

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

Mike Daniel 928-910-1506

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY:

Diane Anderson 928-350-8062

WALKING WITH MOMS:

Linda Wood 520-403-1179

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Diane Duncan, Director 928-227-3130

SAFETY MINISTRY:

Anthony Weber 928-301-0801

THAT MAN IS YOU/CURSILLO:

Mike King 928-925-3645



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24

May Willimann

Gene Murphy

DeeDee Quintero

Cia Renzi

Arthur Tabbot

Gloria Tabbot

Douglas Tabbot

Angie Noble

Daniel Shaughnessy

Barbara Hillman

Jean Brennan

Dave Scheid

Frank Diamond

Regina Dougherty

Francis X. Dougherty

John Wilhelmsen

Dorene Durlay

Julie Walker

Laura Walker

Melanie Monteno

Jesse Martinez

Audrey Smith

Leticia Valdez

Ralph Valdez

Delia Valdez

Kristi Feeling

Jim Kilbourne

Tim Kilbourne

Patrick Kilbourne

John Lanting

Kurt Anderson

Midrelle Lanting

Rowald Jahn

Nanette McGrath

Sunny Leong

Misaki Cho Leong

Earl Wilkening

Cathy Wilkening

Dan Hyra

Kelley Ward

Bill Muehl

Mary White

Delia Parker

Dan Wegleitner

Carolyn Hasty

Richard Granillo

Tom Trask

Frank Pew

Keggan Kenny

Camden Liu

Steven Pedene

Fr. Fred LeClaire, cmf

Tim Wickers

Erik Hoyer

Cindy Kanelos

Al Crook

Jose Jaquez

Susan Thomas

Richard Thomas

Sherry Valdez

Barbara Frech

M.A. Nesmith

Marlina Perez

B. Clair Denslow

Frances Apolinar

Avanna Ribtzki

Les Henderson

Shirley Henderson

Jim Granecki

Marlene Burnham

Mary Polite

Patricia Givan

Barbara Davis

Steve Sailor

Seth Permenter

Jaime Corona

Bob Goff

Joe Maresh

Donna Bradshaw

Tammy Rowland

Anthony Andrade

Linda Catalano

Carl Minnick

Beverly Thomas

Ed Willimann

Ewa Jones

Gary Frank

Esther Lee

Adena Opitz

Sarah Fernandez

Pete Fernandez III

Rita Meurrens

Sheila Solomon

Malina Lambert

Tony Charley

Tara Todd

The People of Haiti

Edris Minnick

Liam McLoughlin

Bob Lee

Patricia Reardon

Gary Lightfoot

Juan & Stella Mendez

MJ Carey

Dawn Gillet

Angelica Baeza

Joanna Booher

Scott Booher

Richard Karp

Theresa C. Humphrey

Joe Yuzzi

Jan Mendoza

Anissa Charley

Michael Gatson

Edith Ellington

Audrey Ouderkirk

Becki Conrad

Art Pope

Griffin Keighron

Tim Keighron

Sandy Mazzurco

Timothy Reynolds

Tom Steckhahn

Jeffrey Crummy

Christina Helffrich

Alastair MacDonold

James Vaca

John Eckert

Rudy Núñez

Candice Núñez

Carsten Narancic

Colter Narancic

Sue Rutherford

Steve Rutherford

Laura Brophy

Madona Mawhinney

Steve Han

LaVonne Cooper

Matt Brown

Brian Walker

Elaine DeAugusta

Joseph DeAugusta

Michelle Zumbahlen

Cecile Tyson

Molina Lambert

Ian Lambert

Audri Marehand

Annette Reddick

David Reddick

Scott Booher

Christina Young Rehs

Doug Hamm

Joann Hamm

Paula Mathias

Sr. Anne Fitzsimons

Anthony Ehnann

Elizabeth Jacobs

The Boyd Family

Linda Laguatan

Tony Palumbo

Lori French

Karin Marsala

Gerard Huppe

Cole Slaiding

Jacob Smith

Donna Groff

Lisa West

Esther L.

Joyce Zembek

Gloria Gilliam

Patricia Givan

Coralyn Mena

Sharon Bergeron

Grace Cook

Colleen Cristea

Gabriel Perry

Patricia Ayers

Cynthia Aurzada

Denise Jackson

Tiffany Cambell Garcia

Clemencia Bernardino

Evangeline Laguatan

Urbano Laguatan

Yolanda Van Haren

Nick Bronson

Paula Tanzini

Francine Sandoval

Rose Anne Ditzig

Bryson Welch

Brenda Saves

Angel Baker

William R. Salazar Jr.

Remington Claudt

Michelle Frank

Joe & Carole Childs

Janice Bartholomew

Richard Petzoldt

Willa Johnson

Carolyn Brindeiro

Bill Newman

Steve Stelter

Adam & Taylor Hansen

Kathy Kirkpatrick

Yolanda Kersting

Ann Fountain

Julie Newman

Sacred Heart Church Diaper Drive

honoring "Diaper Need Awareness Week"

September 23rd and September 24th

Healthy Babies =
Happy Families



Help Us Help Them-

We will be collecting diapers and wipes for the
Wrapped in Love Diaper Bank, supporting
Yavapai County families. Bring your donations
before or after all the Masses.



For more information about the diaper bank,
visit their website at:

www.wrappedinloveddiaperbank.org

or on Facebook @wrappedinloveddiaperbank





St. Vincent de Paul



ANNOUNCING!! Coming Soon
The Saint Vincent De Paul
pilot Community Dental Clinic
1000 Willow Creek RD Suite K, Prescott, AZ

Providing Dental care for the underserved of Yavapai County.
Pain relief, extractions, fillings, cleaning, denture repair, dentures.

The Homeless Minorities Older people Low income adults



There is a dentist shortage and a dental crisis in America. The Arizona Department of Health Services has listed the Prescott-Prescott Valley area as a dental shortage area. Nationally, only 50% of dental adults have dental insurance (CDC). Medicare does not provide dental coverage. Dental care is more than cleanings, fillings, or extractions; dental care is also pain mitigation. Many of these people live with pain everyday. Dental care means improving their appearance; it means making people more employable.

Please consider a donation of volunteer time, equipment, or money. Make your checks payable to SVDP District 10 Community Dental Clinic. Mail to P.O. Box 26253, Prescott Valley, AZ 86312 % District 10 Treasurer; or, drop your donations at any District 10 SVdP office in Chino Valley, Mayer, Prescott, or Prescott Valley. Tax Deductible: 501(c) (3) Charity Exempt under ARS 42-5061(a)(25)(e) 86-0096789 EIN.

THE LADIES OF ST. CATHERINE LABOURE

cordially invite parishioners to be a vendor!
2023 CRAFT FAIR NOVEMBER 3-4 | 9:00am-2:00pm
Applications are being accepted for our
2023 Christmas Craft Fair.

Vendors and anyone helping with the sales during the event must be a registered parishioner of a Catholic Church in the Diocese of Phoenix.

A \$50 fee covers your space for the two-day event. Applications must be received on or by October 15, 2023. For complete vendor information and application forms, please contact Patty Behary at (928) 925-7903 between (9:00-6:00pm) or email pbesha221@gmail.com.

Please Note:

Vendors are not allowed to sell any food items at their table during the Craft Fair.



Join the TREE OF LIFE

Heaven has no limits, nor does our **Tree of Life!**

We want our **Tree of Life** to reach the heavens and be filled with leaves of love!

Sacred Heart Parish is *the oldest* parish in the Diocese of Phoenix. We have much to be grateful for and many reasons and ways to say "Thank You" to our loving God. Please consider letting others also acknowledge those special people and events in your life.

Share your gratitude, thoughts and memories on the Tree of Life.

The **Tree of Life** is permanently mounted on the north wall inside the foyer of the main entrance of the church. Each leaf you sponsor will be printed with your acknowledgement.

By placing a leaf on our **Tree of Life**, you are helping our mission of evangelization. Your support helps over 100 active Sacred Heart ministries. Our ministries are involved in the lives of hundreds of people throughout our Sacred Heart and Prescott communities. We help with Eucharist to the Homebound, Funeral Ministries and Homeless Suppers, just to name a few.

**You can make a difference in our community!
Let's fill the canopy on the Tree of Life!**

Prayerfully choose to be part of the Tree of Life!

SAY "YES" TO COMMUNITY IN TWO WAYS:

- 1) Your memorial becomes a part of the Sacred Heart Parish community. It becomes something that all others can prayerfully acknowledge.
- 2) Your financial contribution makes possible the work of our parish ministries. Your support impacts our immediate community and the community of the greater Prescott area.

PEOPLE OF ACTION BELIEF IN PRAYER

Our beautiful Tree of Life will display more than 200 leaves that are 1.5" x 4". The number of characters and lines available for each leaf is limited only to how simple or complex you want the printing to be. You will need to indicate the type of leaf you wish to have, along with the inscription on the order form.

Proceeds from the **Tree of Life** go toward the stewardship efforts of our Sacred Heart Parish Ministries.

Brochures are available in the Church Office and on the table in the Gathering Place.

DISCIPLESHIP

*Then Peter came and said to him,
"Lord, if another member of the church sins against me,
how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"*

*Jesus said to him,
"Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times."*

Matthew 18:21-22

Seventy-seven times is a lot of forgiveness. Sometimes, just one time is a lot of forgiveness too! Is there one big forgiveness hurdle we can't seem to get over? Perhaps this Sunday would be a good time to lay that particular burden to rest.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America.

Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education.

The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Give online or use your donor envelope or one of the envelopes at the entrances to the church.



This is a national gathering for all lay people who seek to grow as leaders to influence civil society for Christ. It provides Catholic leadership formation, but not for ministry, for the world! What is unique about THL2023?

All experts, panelists and keynotes introduced are lay people. THL2023 puts only lay Catholic leaders, who are making an impact, in front of attendees as examples of authentic lay Catholic leadership.

Our speakers will show lay Catholics why and how our true calling is to be ambassadors of Christ in the world.

The conference is November 2-5
Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

Please visit <https://brushfire.com/laity>
for more information.

You can also follow #THL2023.



Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Call Buttons Forte, Coordinator (602) 574-8242

HOURS NEEDED

Sunday 5 - 6am	Tuesday 7 - 8am
Sunday 9 - 10am	Wednesday 12am - 1am
Monday 1 - 2am	Thursday 4 - 5am
Monday 4 - 5am	Friday 4 - 5am
Tuesday midnight-1am	Saturday 5 - 6am

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Completed their 2023 baby bottle drive on Father's Day.

The baby bottle drive helps support Life Connections, the pro-life pregnancy center in Prescott Valley.

This year's drive raised \$4,818.

Thank you Sacred Heart Parishioners for your support and generosity to this most sacred cause, the protection of our babies and mothers in need.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

School Endowment	\$282,864.00
Parish Endowment	\$242,942.00

Summary Statement of Revenues & Expenses

Revenue

Annual Collection Plate Receipts	\$1,653,744.00
Church Ministry Fees	\$24,579.00
School and Preschool Tuition and Fees (CEA, scholarships)	\$722,458.00
Parish Fundraising	\$12,206.00
School and Preschool Fundraising	\$53,297.00
Other Income-Church (rentals, interest, bequests, donations, endowment)	\$193,604.00
Other Income-School and Preschool (unrestricted donations, grants, bequests, activity and program income, endowment)	\$232,689.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,892,577.00

Expenses

Church Salaries and Benefits including Clergy	\$840,813.00
School and Preschool Salaries and Benefits	\$856,674.00
Church Operating Expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance, hospitality, printing, advertising, automobile, phone, property)	\$312,917.00
School and Preschool Operating Expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance, office, equipment)	\$129,964.00
Church Fundraising expense	\$2,865.00
School and Preschool Fundraising expense	\$20,025.00
Church Faith Formation (liturgy expense, Mass and teaching supplies, retreats, sacramental preparation, youth activities)	\$55,061.00
School and Preschool Education Expenses (instructional supplies, books, online fees)	\$31,188.00
Depreciation	\$232,456.00
Charitable Contributions	\$14,044.00
Diocesan Assessments	\$173,346.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,669,353.00

TOTAL NET ORDINARY INCOME

\$223,224.00



Walking Through the Mass | The First Reading | By Fr. Luke Spannagel

After spending some time reflecting on the Liturgy of the Word as a whole, this week we begin looking more closely at each part, beginning with the **First Reading**. We might hear the lector proclaim, “A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. In the days of Ahaz, king of Judah, son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, Rezin, king of Aram, and Pekah, king of Israel, son of Remaliah...” (*Isaiah 7:1-9*). With all these names, which many of us may not even know how to pronounce, we might wonder: *Why do we use the Old Testament at Mass, anyway?*

A Witness to God’s Faithfulness

As we said earlier, the First Reading at Mass is generally from the Old Testament. When we hear the stories of the Old Testament, we hear about how God called and began to form his people. If you are familiar with the Old Testament, you know there are times of faithfulness and falling away. There are prophets, judges, and other leaders that help call the people back to faithfulness. There are times where God is clearly directly involved and times where he seems to be more in the background. We learn about God’s faithfulness, even in the midst of our unfaithfulness. I am often struck by that faithfulness of God: we know we don’t deserve it, and yet there he is, consistently loving, forgiving, leading, providing, and protecting, doing all the things that good fathers do for their beloved children. Hopefully, as we hear those words each week, they remind us we can always go to our loving God and Father. As we reflected before, generally when we talk about the Old Testament, we talk about a preparation. Through Moses, the prophets, and other writers, God was preparing his people (and us) to receive the truth about Jesus—that he truly is the Messiah who came to set us free from sin and death so that we might live with the Father forever. The Old and New Testament work together: the Old prepares for the New, and the New tells us what we’ve been waiting for, namely, Jesus Christ (cf. *Dei Verbum*, no. 15).

The Family of God

But why do we need all those names? The whole Bible, even parts we don’t understand or that don’t seem helpful, is part of

God’s precious word to his people. Charles Belmonte reminds us that, just as every particle of the Body of Christ is precious, so too is every word (and name) of the Bible. Sometimes the readings may seem “obscure” to us because we don’t understand the ancient cultures of the Middle East. Sometimes they just mildly hint at one of the great mysteries of God and their importance can be easily overlooked. Sometimes we stumble over the names or we don’t understand the poetic language. “Nevertheless, we can be sure that if we do our best, the Holy Spirit will give us enough capacity to grasp whatever we may need for our sanctification and mission in life. And even if what we have read [or heard] does not stay in our memory, the Word of God has purified and nourished our souls” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 85)

We might think that the names aren’t that important, but what they show us is a continuous string of people who are in relationship with God, an ongoing family which the Lord is building over time. Just like we remember the names of our grandparents and great-grandparents because they are part of our family tree, so too do we remember the names of these people who in some way had (and still have) an important part to play in God’s family tree. As the Church teaches, “Christians should accept with veneration these writings which give expression to a lively sense of God, which are a storehouse of sublime teaching on God and of sound wisdom on human life, as well as a wonderful treasury of prayers; in them, too, the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way” (*Dei Verbum*, no. 15).

One of my favorite things about the Old Testament is that God teaches us little by little. There is always a story to go with what we hear; there is always a bit-by-bit explanation for what God is trying to tell us. The Old Testament isn’t just strange names and long stories with some songs and poetry mixed in. It is God speaking to us and saying gradually, “Come a little closer . . . Please get to know me . . . You will find happiness in me . . . I want to take care of you . . . I will send the Messiah to save you . . . I am your loving Father.”



Upcoming Events

School Mass
Wednesdays at
8:30 am

October 5th:
Jog-a-thon

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CORNER

Annual Jog-a-thon CHALLENGE

- The Students of Sacred Heart Catholic School have once again challenged me to raise more money for the Jog-a-thon than the entire student body. They won't tell me what they have in store for me if I lose....
- In past years they have, slimed me, ice bucketed me, and made me wear a hot dog costume all day.
- Please help save me from this unknown fate and sign up to support me with your pledge. Pledge sheets are available at the school office or on the school website.

~Mrs. Cooper, Principal



<https://www.sacredhearteducation.com/>

WE'RE MAKING *holy* moments
OUR THEME FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR!

400 Club

Only 400 Raffle Tickets
will be sold

Fee \$20 per ticket
Drawings begin October 20th

Tickets are eligible for all of the following prizes:

- 24 Weekly Drawings \$50 each
- 5 Special Drawings of \$100 each
- 1 Grand Prize Drawing of \$500

The 400 Club is a fun and effective
way to support Sacred Heart
Catholic School.

Tickets may be purchased at the school office

Link your **FRY's** VIP Card to Sacred Heart

- Account Settings
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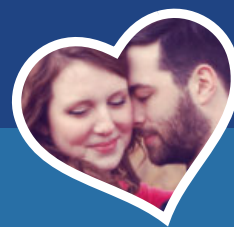


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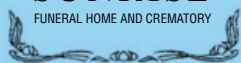
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