

# Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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21<sup>st</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24



## Parish Information

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**Office Hours:**

**Mon. - Thurs.** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Fri.** - 8:30am - 12pm

## Sacraments & Liturgies

**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

9:00am & 7:00pm

**Daily Mass:**

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

**Confession:**

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

**Baptism:** By appointment, contact Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday

6:00-7:00pm.

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gospel Meditation**

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom.

**Catechetical Corner**

Religious Education Classes - K through 8th Grade  
Begin Sunday, September 15th @ 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class - 9th through 12th Grade  
Parent and Student Meeting, Wed, Sept. 4th @ 7:00 pm  
Classes Begin Wed, September 11th

RCIA - To be determined

**Prayers for the Sick:**

**Please pray for:**

Dalila Baker; Don Perno, Sussana Romero, Alan Craig, Jerry Dickerson, Kay Austin, Katie Kroll, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Carolyn Schmidt, Don Cain, Vic & Lois Berube, Betty Conway, Bob & Tina Searcy, Mae Nabozny, Marty Neises, Rena LeVoy.

**Happy Birthday to:** LaJeana Neises (27); Chuck Belveal, Clara Boyne, Diana Holton (28); Diana Trachte (30).

**Happy Anniversary to:**  
Dcn. Mark & Julie Pittman (29).

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.*

**Mass Intentions: August 24 - 30, 2019**

**Saturday** Special Intentions  
**Sunday 8:00** Special Intentions  
**Sunday 10:30** Special Intentions  
**Tuesday** Don & Mary Louise Boyne/Terry Boyne Family  
**Wednesday** Ernest Ehrhart t / Beuchat Family  
**Thursday** Elizabeth Boyne / Terry Boyne Family  
**Friday** Sister Ann Wiedemer, OCD t / Cynthia Patterson

**Readings for the week of August 25, 2019**



**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29  
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Liturgical Ministers**

<b>Lector/Ann</b>	<b>Euch. Min</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Usher/ Gr.</b>
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**August 24 - 25, 2019**

**5:30 pm**

M. Tanner	C. Cavenah	B. McLane	D. Cavenah
K. Sontag	J. Sontag	J. Pence	D. Hancock

**10:30 am**

M. Chapman	B. Greuel	S. Mulvihill	R. Mulvihill
S. Ausmus	V. Dunkel	J. Schuler	W. Haney
M. Craig / J. Schuler			

**August 31 - September 1, 2019**

**5:30 pm**

J. Everard	K. Sontag	B. McLane	J. Sontag
M. Tanner	D. Everard	N. Newton	V. Berube

**10:30 am**

N. Wise	L. Haney	J. Schuler	K. Lawson
C. Lawson	V. Dunkel	S. Mulvihill	D. Wise
D. Boyne / J. Everard			

**Sacred Heart Church Collections**



**August 17 - 18, 2019**

Saturday/Sunday Collection (Envelope)	\$ 2,115.00
Loose .....	\$ 518.89
<b>Total Week-end Collection.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,633.89</b>
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$ 150.00
Holy Day.....	\$ 690.00

**August 11, 2019**

Week-end Collection.....	<b>\$ 4,404.00</b>
<b>Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc. 35:7</b>	



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**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**  
**- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question:**

In some passages of the Bible, Jesus makes it sound like only a few people will be saved. But we talk about hoping for everyone's salvation. So which one is it - will many or few people be saved?

**Answer:**

Salvation is a mystery of God's grace. St. Paul encourages us to offer prayers for everyone. He calls it "good and pleasing to God" because God Himself "wills everyone to be saved" (c.f. 1 Tm 2:1-4). The redemption that Jesus offers is held out to all of us. His sacrifice on the cross was already for everyone. Now it is a matter of if and how we accept that salvation in our own lives.

Here on earth, we can't possibly know the exact number of people who will be in heaven. When we hear words like "many" and "few," we tend to think of them in quantitative terms. Four wine glasses for six guests is too few. Three slices of cake for one person is too many. For God, however, "many" and "few" are qualitative terms. Imagine for a moment that nearly every human person is in heaven and only a handful had, by their actions on earth, separated themselves from God. For a God who infinitely loves, even one person spending eternity apart from Him is too many!

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**SEASONAL REFLECTION**  
**Holiness Runs in the Family**

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

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**Jeff Everard & Jennifer Rumsey**, RCIA  
**Dcn. Vincent Greuel**, Confirmation / Youth Development  
**Virginia McCoy**, Music Director

**Parish Organizations**

**Knights of Columbus:** The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.  
**Prayer Network:** For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office at (918) 224-0944.  
**Women's Bible Study Group:** Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.  
**Fatima Ladies:** Meet every 3rd Sunday at 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

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**Announcements**

**The Sacred Heart Women's Study Group** will be beginning on Tuesday, September 10 with our new study at 10:45 a.m - Noon. The topic is still being determined, but please contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029 if interested. More information will be forthcoming with the price and topic of the study. We would love the women of our parish to join us for this study!

**Upcoming youth opportunities:** DCYC on October 19th at Union High School. The cost is \$49 and \$19 for students going through Confirmation. 2020: JCYC on March 7th from 1pm to 8pm. Summer camp June 29th to July 3rd. If anyone has any questions about any of the activities listed please call Scott Mulvihill at 918-863-5141

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL MISSION APPEAL :** Our church is missionary by nature. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization. The diocese of Tulsa collaborates with mission groups every year to raise funds for their missions through a program called the Missionary Cooperative Plan. The group assigned to our parish this year is the Missionary Society of St. Paul. **Fr. Stephen Ojapah, MSP** will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St Paul on the weekend of August 24-25. There will be a second collection to support them in their work.





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