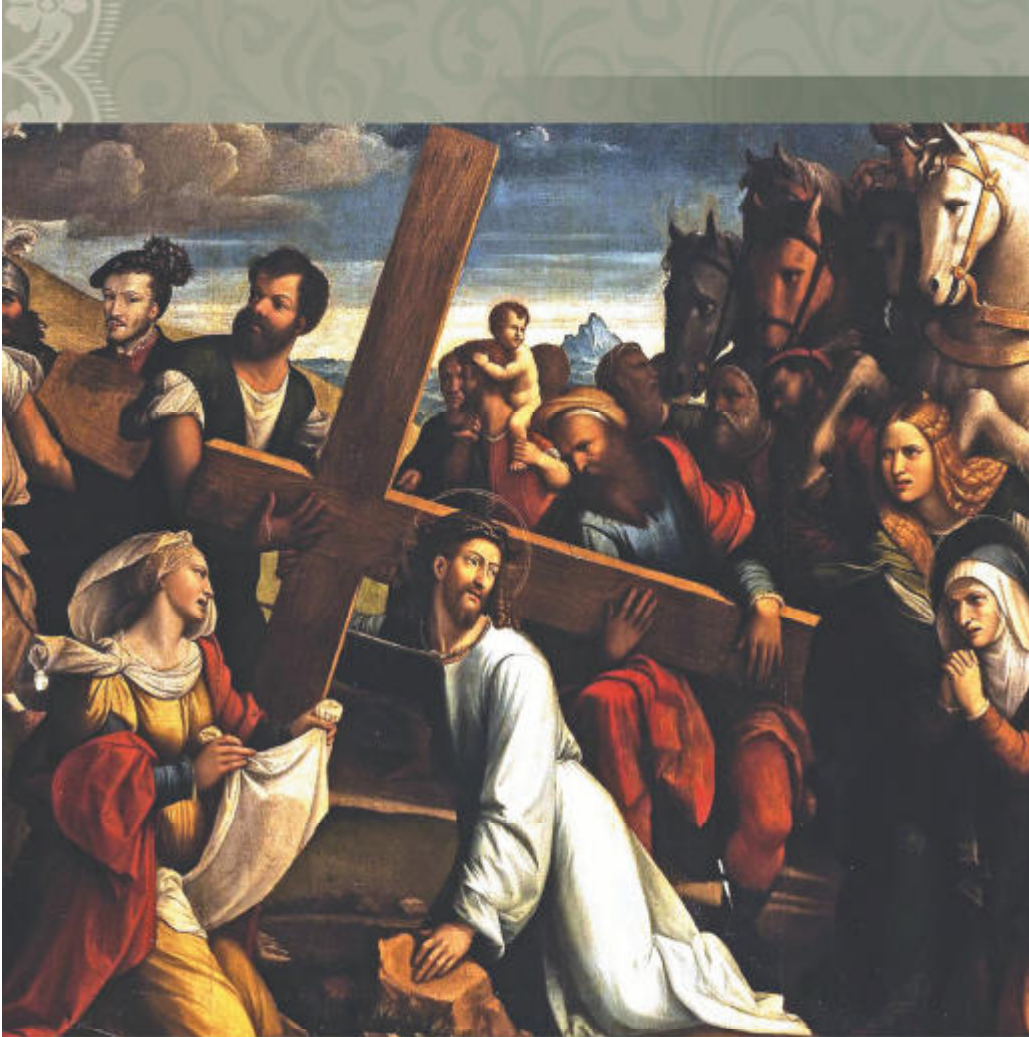


Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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.

Sept 7 - 8, 2019 • Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

Catechetical Corner

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

Confirmation Class - 9th through 12th Grade
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: Nicolas Hancock (13).

Happy Anniversary to: Mary & Kenny West (7).

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

Mass Intentions: Sept 7th - 13th, 2019

Saturday Catherine Ritchie / Sontag & Ritchie Families
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Catherine Ritchie / Sontag & Ritchie Families
Tuesday Ashley Rumsey / Rick & Jennifer Rumsey
Wednesday Special Intentions of Jerry Dickerson
Thursday Special Intentions of Don Cain
Friday Special Intentions

Readings for the week of Sept 8th, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



Liturgical Ministers

Lector/Ann	Euch. Min	Altar Server	Usher/ Gr.
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September 7 - 8, 2019

5:30 pm

K. Sontag	B. Whitesell	B. McLane	M. Neises
V. Berube	J. Sontag	M. Whitesell	J. Schuler

10:30 am

C. Gebetsberger	M. Chapman	S. Mulvihill	C. Lawson
S. Beuchat	B. Greuel	J. Schuler	R. Mulvihill
S. Larson / T. Jones			

September 14 - 15, 2019

5:30 pm

M. Tanner	K. Sontag	B. McLane	J. Sontag
J. Everard	C. Cavenah	N. Newton	D. Cavenah

10:30

C. Lawson	V. Dunkel	J. Schuler	W. Haney
S. Ausmus	L. Haney	S. Mulvihill	D. Wise
D. Everard / D. Holton			

Sacred Heart Church Collections



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DCYC - Oct 19th @ Union High School

Cost: \$ 49.00 / \$19.00 for Confirmation Students

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

Answer: When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross - to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Hearing and listening are two different things. Even in our human relationships, people can hear what we are saying, but are they really listening? This is true with God as well. We hear God's word as it comes to us through Sacred Scripture, but are we really listening to it? Listening requires a good dose of humility and openness to the one who is speaking. It requires that we free up some of our personal space so that we can be available and receptive to another person and to God. Listening does not require the use of words. We can listen to God through art, creation, the unfolding of life, and the human story. Truly listening to God provides us with the direction of where we need to go, how we are to live, what we are to choose, and what we must avoid. Listening prepares and anchors us.

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Jeff Everard & Jennifer Rumsey, RCIA
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Virginia McCoy, Music Director

Parish Organizations

- Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st 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.

Announcements

SAVE THE DATES:

- Oktoberfest: Saturday, Oct 12th from 6:30 p.m. to ??
All Saints Party: Tuesday, Oct 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All women of the Parish are invited to join the Women's Bible Study beginning Tue, Sept 10th. The study is Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy. The cost of the books will be \$ 30.00 and orders will be placed on Sept 3rd. Please contact Julie Pittman at 918-519-2029/phone or text to order your study guide. Classes are every Tuesday from 11:00 am to 11:45 am preceded by Mass at 9:00 am, Holy Hour at 9:30 am and social fellowship from 10:30 to 11:00.

The Parish of Christ the King is inviting all women of the diocese to join them at their Fall Spirituality dinner on Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m., featuring Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT who is a former Division I athlete who had a radical conversion and joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity in 1998. Her story has been featured on EWTN's The Journey Home. Tickets are \$ 25.00. www.christthekingcatholic.church/events

Sacred Heart welcomes all new members to our parish family. Please fill out a registration form that is available in the gathering area and return to the office.





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