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

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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.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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June 28, 2020 • 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

Catechetical Corner

Have a safe and blessed summer

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Dale Wilson, Laurie Boyne, Jean Beesley, Alan Craig, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Carolyn Schmidt, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Judy Diskin.

Happy Birthday to:

Magda Saldana (30);

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

Mass Intentions: June 27 - July 3, 2020

Saturday All fathers in the family / Karen Sontag & Catherine Ritchie
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Don Cain t / Knights of Columbus
Tuesday Becky Elbert / John & Sheila Ford
Wednesday Lois Berube t
Thursday Sarah Domres t / Madia Sontag
Friday Special Intentions

Readings for the week of June 28, 2020



Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel had always confused me because it sounded like I was being rebuked for loving my family. But on closer look, it said just the opposite. In putting God first in my life, I learned to love as God loves. With a deep love that touches deep in my heart. God's love is unconditional. How many times have we prayed that our children or other family member would turn back to God and the church? I was once told by a very wise priest that as much as we love our children, God loves them more and yearns for them to live with Him in eternity. This was something I had never thought of before. He went on to say that we should always pray to the Father and to our Blessed Mother for the conversion of hearts and to always believe that our prayers are heard. But also know that we can never love our family more than God and our Blessed Mother loves them. We have been given free will and no one, not even God Himself will change that. If God won't how can I? If God loves them more than me, than should I not always put Him first? By putting him first I then learn to love others. What goes up, must come down. My putting God first comes back to me and I in turn express that to the world. Wouldn't it be great if we all learned this lesson?

- Sue Ann Williams, Parishioner

Sacred Heart Church Collections



June 14, 2020 Collection

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Total Week-end Collection	\$ 3,698.00
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June 21, 2020

Week-end Collection.....\$ Not Available

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc. 35:7

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Calling Priests Father

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

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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.

Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.



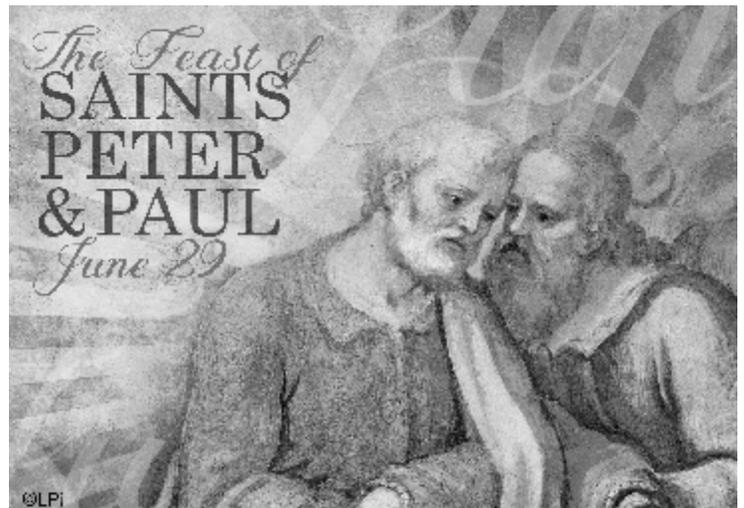
MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Volunteer basis until further notice.

Please continue practicing social distancing guidelines. Please no gathering before and after Mass in the Gathering Area. Please wear a facemask when entering and leaving the church. Please sanitize your hands when entering the church.

Job Opportunities

School of Saint Mary seeks candidates for their After School Program. The position needs a person 5 days a week from 2:45 to 6:00 p.m. who will be in a care and guidance relationship with students and their parents. Please contact Pamela Slateligggett at 918-798-5857 if you are interested or have questions.

St. Joseph Monastery is hiring a Dietary Cook (full time or part time) who can prepare lunch and supper for the Sisters, employees, and guests from a planned menu and established recipes while also being able to clean and maintain the kitchen. Please contact Sr. Maria Paula at: srmariap@hotmail.com for more information.





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