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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.

17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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July 26, 2020 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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, Rhetta Crawford.

Happy Birthday to:

Jennifer Rumsey (26); Luke Boyne (28); Ella Schuler (29); Mary Louise Boyne (30); Adam Bilby (31).

Happy Anniversary to:

Craig & Angela Henderson (27); Bud & Jan Roberts (28).

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

Mass Intentions: July 25th - 31st, 2020
Saturday Special Intentions
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Jennifer Rumsey/ Rick Rumsey
Tuesday A. Hamra t / Kay Dickerson
Wednesday Special Intentions of Maria Rosales
Thursday Ignacio / Maria Rosales
Friday Cresenciano / Maria Rosales

Readings for the week of July 26th, 2020



Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119/Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What do you believe heaven will be like? There is a place in the mountains that I used to visit when I was younger. It was a perfect place with pine trees and a beautiful lake with a river running down into the valley. Whenever I get really stressed, I go to this place in my mind and meditate on the peace that God gives me there. As beautiful as this place is, I can only imagine that it pales in comparison to what heaven is like. Heaven is where we should strive for after this life is over. The Gospel has so many metaphors about finding the kingdom of heaven. What inexplicable joy we will feel in finally seeing the place that nothing can compare. I pity those who don't believe in the beauty that God has planned for us when this life is over. I can't even imagine not spending eternity in a place that makes my mountain retreat second best. Is there a place where you can go that truly gives you peace in this chaotic world? Would you give up everything that you own to have that perfect moment where God exists? He is here with us today. And one day, by His Grace alone, we will see Him face to face. Doesn't that put a smile on your face? It surely does mine. - Sue Ann Williams, Parishioner

Sacred Heart Church Collections



July 12, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....	\$ 1,774.00
Loose	\$ 264.00
On Line	\$ 155.00
Total Weekend Collection.....	\$ 2,193.00
Capital Account	\$ 423.00

July 19, 2020

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

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc. 35:7

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

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When a merchant finally finds a priceless, perfect pearl, he sells all he has and buys it. He does this because that pearl matters to him. It has significance and brings a depth of joy like none other. What matters and is of importance to you? When what matters to us has something to do with the kingdom of God, God is delighted. His exuberant happiness is hard to contain because He knows that we are happy stumbling upon this beautiful wisdom. Ask God to help you discover this pearl of great price. There are many things competing for our attention every day. But not all of these things are important. We focus too much energy on the unimportant, superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really make a difference and have the greatest impact. Things all too easily become more significant than people, and our agendas become more essential than God's. We do not have to empty our bank accounts and totally detach from everything we have in order to serve God. But, we are asked to prioritize our lives and make what matters to God what matters most to us. In doing so, when we rise each day, we will be able to see what really needs our attention and embrace it with great joy!

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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.

Due to the uptick in COVID 19 cases we strongly recommend everyone follow these basic guidelines. A detailed list is available on the sanitizing table.

We strongly urge EVERYONE over the age of 18 years to wear a mask when entering the building. It may be removed once you reach your pew. After Mass, please wear the mask until you exit the building.

Please sanitize your hands when entering the building

Please continue practicing social distancing guidelines.

Please no gathering before or after Mass in the Gathering Area.

Please throw the green Mass Flyer away after Mass. They cannot be reused.

Thank you to all our parishioners who remain after daily Mass and weekend Mass to disinfect the Church.

We thank all our parishioners for their generous donations during the Knights of Columbus Food Drive. The food drive has officially ended but please remember our neighbors in need as we still are distributing food items from the Church Food Pantry.





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