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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.

21st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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August 23, 2020 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true.

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:

LaJeana Neises (27); Clara Boyne, Diana Holton, Chuck Belveal (28).

Happy Anniversary to:

Dean & Nancy Wise (20); John & Sheila Ford (20); Mark & Julie Pittman (29).

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

Mass Intentions: August 22 - 28, 2020

Saturday Special Intentions
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Special Intentions
Tuesday Special Intentions of Don Boyne
Wednesday Special Intentions
Thursday Special Intentions of Dale Wilson
Friday Special Intentions

Readings for the week of August 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I often ask myself what it must have been like to sit at the feet of Jesus when He was walking this earth. Is it any wonder that Peter knew exactly who Jesus was? He traveled with Him and saw the miracles. He listened to the truths spoken and felt the warmth of being so close to God in the form of man. We are often told today that Jesus walks among us every day in the form of the poor and lonely, the destitute, the hungry, the prisoner and the orphan. If this is true, do we also believe that Jesus is the Christ? And if we believe as Peter did how do we react to those less fortunate than us? We are the church that Peter so willingly accepted. What he must have felt. Did he realize at that time what was in store for him in the future? How he was going to suffer at the hands of those who did not believe that Jesus was the Son of Man? There are still those today who do not believe this and have caused much suffering. We only have to look no further than our own back yard to see this is true. Many Christians are being slaughtered for no other reason than being Christian. Churches are being burned and precious artifacts are being destroyed. What did the apostles do when this was happening to them? They did not lose their faith but was strengthened by it. They willingly gave up their lives for love of the one they called The Christ. Are we as strong in our faith today? Would we be willing to die for our faith? Let us pray fervently that we will never be put to the test. - Sue Ann Williams, Parishioner

Sacred Heart Church Collections



Aug. 9, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....	\$ 2,314.00
Loose	\$ 1,314.00
On-Line.....	\$ 80.00
Total Weekend Collection.....	\$ 3,708.00
Capital Account	\$ 575.00

Aug. 16, 2020 Collection - Not Available

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer:

One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To stand in the presence of God is to stand in the presence of incomprehensible mystery. We are people of proofs and facts. With good reason, we are becoming more doubtful of what presents itself to us, as technology makes it easy to fabricate false images and distort what is actually true. What we think is real actually may not be. We become skeptical. Does this skepticism affect our relationship with God? To have faith in God means that we must be willing to trust in the absence of full knowledge. To know the mind of God means we would know God himself, and that is impossible. To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ means we acknowledge that the reality and presence of an incarnate God has a fundamental claim on who we are. When we name this truth, we participate in a depth of knowledge that stretches us far beyond the scope of our minds. It brings us to silence, which is the only way to touch our soul.

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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.

Women’s Bible Study: Tentative start date is Tuesday, September 15th. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

Religious Education: Enrollment forms are available in the Gathering Area for First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes only. Registration for all other classes will follow in the upcoming weeks as we await directives from the Diocese of Tulsa.

We ask that everyone follow these basic guidelines:

Everyone over the age of 18 years wear a mask when entering and leaving the church.

Please sanitize your hands when entering the church.

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.



August 29th, 2020



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