

Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24-25

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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.

August 30, 2020 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

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:

Diana Trachte (30)

Happy Anniversary to:

Dcn. Mark & Julie Pittman (29); Bill & Sue Johnston (1).

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

Mass Intentions: August 29 - September 4, 2020

Saturday Special Intentions of Dcn. Mark & Julie Pittman
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Special Intentions
Tuesday Special Intentions of Bill & Sue Johnston
Wednesday Special Intentions
Thursday Special Intentions
Friday Special Intentions

Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.

Sacred Heart Church Collections



Aug. 16, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....	\$ 2,026.00
Loose	\$ 606.00
Total Weekend Collection.....	\$ 2,632.00
Capital Account	\$ 100.00
Holy Day Collection	\$ 544.00

Aug. 23, 2020 Collection - Not Available

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply? For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the Eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ. – Tracy Earl Welliver

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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 from Julie Pittman 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.

The Diocese of Tulsa will sponsor another 40 Days for Life campaign at the Garden of Hope, from September 23rd to November 1, 2020. The vigil of prayer will last from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., 7 days per week. Sign-up for a prayer commitment will be conducted exclusively online through the website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/tulsa>. More information about the opening and closing ceremonies is forthcoming. Flyers are available in the Gathering Area or you may visit with Sue Ann Williams.

Please continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines: Practice social distancing; sanitize your hands; wear a mask when entering and leaving the church; no gathering before or after Mass in the Gathering Area; throw green Mass flyers away; leave kneelers down after Mass for sanitizing purposes. **Thank you!**





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