

Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

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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.

September 27, 2020 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

Catechetical Corner

First Holy Communion Class start date

Sunday, September 27th @ 9:00 a.m.

Grades Pre-K through 8th start date

Sunday, October 4th @ 9:00 a.m.

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Dale Wilson, Jean Beesley, Max Taldo, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Carolyn Schmidt, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Rick Larson, Judy Diskin, Rhett Crawford, Chapman Family.

Happy Birthday to:

Margaret Sutton (26); Theresa Jones (29); Kathy Jolin (1); Charlene Newton (2).

Happy Anniversary to: Don & Mary Louise Boyne (1)

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

Mass Intentions: September 26 - October 2, 2020

Saturday	Special Intentions
Sunday 8:00	Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30	Special Intentions
Tuesday	Rick Rumsey / Jennifer Rumsey
Wednesday	Special Intentions
Thursday	Special Intentions of Don & Mary Louise Boyne
Friday	Special Intentions

Readings for the week of September 27th, 2020



Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.

Sacred Heart Church Collections



September 13, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....\$ 2,951.00

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Total Weekend Collection.....\$ 3,795.53

September 20, 2020 Collection - Not Available

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found. — Tracy Earl Welliver



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during Eucharistic Adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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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.

Grief Support Group: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays/8 wk sessions Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.



Lector Schedule - 10:30 a.m. Mass / 1st and 2nd Readings

September 27th	- Chris Lawson
October 4th	- Sue Ann Ausmus
October 11th	- Charles Gebetsberger
October 18th	- Josette Haskell
October 25th	- Sara Beuchat

There is still time to sign up for the Prayer Vigil at the Garden of Hope which will be happening through November 1st from 5:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. There are flyers in the gathering area with registration information or go to 40daysforlife.com/tulsa

Birthright of Tulsa needs new or nice hand-me-down clothing size Infant to Toddler-2 ONLY. They also will accept maternity clothing. Winter wear is needed the most. You may bring items to the parish or drop it off at Birthright of Tulsa, 6600 S. Yale Ave, (Warren Clinic) Tulsa, OK. Call 918-481-4884 for drop off hours.

Feast of the Archangels—September 29th

As we celebrate the feast of the archangels, let us wrap ourselves in Jesus' love, ask his angels to help us, and thank God for his provision for us. — A Year of Celebration





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