

Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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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.

February 7, 2021 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

Catechetical Corner

Religious Education Classes

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

First Communion & 5th - 8th Grade

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Juan Franco, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Don Perno, Marty Neises, Judy Diskin, Dianne Perno, Lindsey Roberts, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko.

Happy Birthday to:

Alvara Uriarte (6); Diane Kennedy, Brigid Henderson (10); Shelby Schuler (11); Buddy James (12).

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

Mass Intentions: February 6th - 12th, 2021

Saturday Rick Larson t / Mike & Cindy Tanner
Sunday 8:00 Teodora Ascension Rodriguez t / Bill & Sue Johnston
Sunday 10:30 Casey Tanner / Mike & Cindy Tanner
Tuesday Rick Larson t / Catherine Ritchie
Wednesday Patsy Kenny / Jackie Chalfant
Thursday Jim & Willine Ryan t / Buddy & Stacy James
Friday Special Intentions



Readings for the week of February 7th, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32/1 Cor
10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors: Saturday 1st & Second Readings

February 6th - Jeff Everard
 February 13th - Karen Sontag
 February 20th - Mike Tanner
 February 27th - Jeff Everard

Lectors: Sunday 1st & Second Readings

February 7th - Chris Lawson
 February 14th - Sue Ausmus
 February 21st - Charles Gebetsberger
 February 28th - Josette Haskell

Ushers - volunteer basis

Sacred Heart Church Collections



January 31, 2021 Collection

Envelope	\$ 1,595.00
Loose	\$ 492.00
On-Line	\$ 25.00
Total Weekend Collection	\$ 2,112.00

January 24, 2020 Collection \$ 3,074.00

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

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

Question: Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



February 17th - Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with the distribution of ashes. There will be a collection to support the charitable works of Sacred Heart Parish.

Please bring your palms from last year to the Church to be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. There is a box in the gathering area.

Friday, February 19th - Please join us for Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. There will be no Lenten Dinners due to COVID restrictions.

3rd Annual 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. The Knights of Columbus Council 9333 is asking each member of the Parish to join them in celebrating Lent in the spirit of almsgiving by donating one non-perishable food or toiletry item each day during Lent.

Our Faith & Works Annual Appeal is next weekend, February 13th/14th. Whether you have given in the past, or you would be a first time giver please give prayerful consideration to donating this year. It is up to all of us to help provide the 77 parishes and 2 missions in Eastern Oklahoma with the services and ministry resources no single parish could provide for itself. There are many services our parish benefits from throughout the year. Please help our faith go further by making a pledge to the Faith & Works Annual Appeal.

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