

*Celebrating & Sharing God's Love*

# Sacred Heart Church



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.  
Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Buswell Chapel

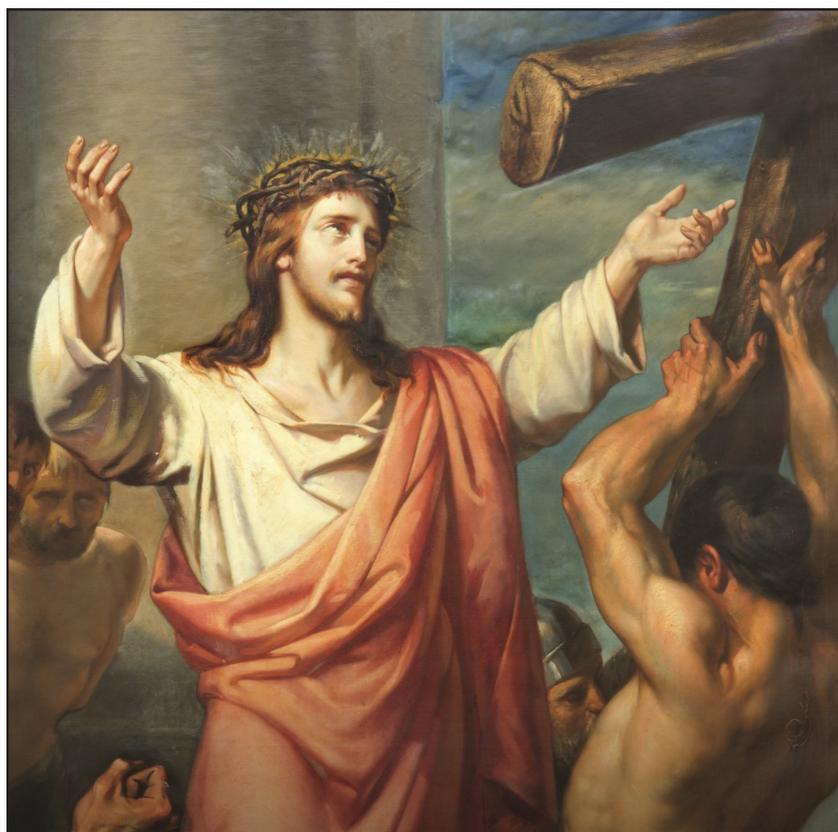
## MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays: 5:15 p.m. Buswell Chapel  
Wednesdays: 12:00 noon Buswell Chapel  
Thursdays, and Fridays:  
7:00 a.m. Buswell Chapel  
Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
First Saturday of the month 7:00 a.m. Buswell Chapel

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Sacred Heart Parish is a family blessed by God with His different faces expressed in our diverse cultures. We respond to give of our time, talents and treasures in return for blessings received from God. We continue to celebrate these blessings through our liturgy, social activities, faith formation and the response to our brothers and sisters in need."

~Modified by Pastoral Council 2014



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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 16:24b-25

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## REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER UJU

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The irony in Jeremiah's proclamation of divine deceit is what many holy people have observed. From the outside, the word of God and the promises of God are so attractive to a heart open to Him. However, the word of God which burns like fire do not leave us the same. It urged Jeremiah to minister among the people. Unfortunately, the ministry was not so much welcomed causing him to wish the work away. However, he was unable to do so because refusing to do the ministry caused him more upheaval than the rejection of the people. It was for this that he called it duping—one he could not escape from. The sight in the Gospel is slightly the same as the Apostles joined Jesus, as it were, duped by the person and ministry he performed. They were fully excited hearing, as we did last week, that He is the Christ of God. However, there is something about this knowledge which was uncomfortable to them; just like Jeremiah's ministry was uncomfortable to Him. That thing is the fact of the passion. Peter wanted to wish it away but the cost of that was worse than living the passion. The cost is that of losing a place around Jesus and being called Satan. Peter could not deal with this prize and so gave in to accept the passion that Jesus was to undergo. He could not deal with this prize and so was ready to take His own cross to follow Jesus. The same is what is laid in front of us. Do we prefer the course of everyday life in appreciation of the passion of Christ to being called and regarded as satanic minions? I for one will prefer to carry and endure the cross because what do I gain after all I have been through to lose the joy of heaven by being called Satan. Equally we could be Satan in the life of other people when we don't wish them to experience the Cross of Life and only lead them falsely to the "Lah-Lah" land. It is not our portion to be Satan's but Children of God who are ready to take our Own Cross following Jesus. Because he was victorious, we too, can become victorious if we follow after Him.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Everyday Stewardship

I love the original movie Willy Wonka and 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

### Summer Mass Schedule

8:00 am Tuesday - Friday

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Please call the office to reserve a spot at the weekend Masses.  
Mass will be livestreamed Wednesday at 12:00 noon and Sunday at 10:30 am

## PRAYER

### IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

O good and merciful God we thank you for the beauty of creation and ask pardon for how we have abused the universe you created and found good. At this time of universal pandemic we come helpless before you asking for mercy for ourselves and our world. Grant eternal rest to the dead and your healing favors to all infected with this virus. Through your help may a lasting remedy be soon found. Protect all essential workers and all in the frontlines, as professionals and as families, who risk everything for the care and support of others. Grant to our political leaders, the spirit to work together for the common good. To our spiritual leaders, the zeal for the salvation of the souls in their care. And to us all, the determination to do all that are asked of us to be safe and to ensure the safety of others. May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoked as help of Christians and health of the sick, grant us the favors we ask, of you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, August 29th/Church**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 30th/Church**

8:00 am

10:30 a.m. For The People of the Parish  
Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother In Taking Care of  
Michael Chacon & Rogelio Cereceres, by Angie Chacon

**Tuesday, September 1st/Church**

8:00 a.m. Special Blessing For All Family Members Living and  
Deceased, by Laurinda Espinoza

**Wednesday, September 2nd/Church**

8:00 a.m. †Felix Arguello, by Shirley Melgares  
12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 3rd/Church**

8:00 a.m. †Agnes Marie Atencio-Kratz, by David, Lisa Duran &  
Family

**Friday, September 4th/Church**

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart League, by Sacred Heart League Members

**Saturday, September 5th/Church**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 6th/Church**

8:00 am José H. & Pauline L. Martinez (Birthdays), by Veronica  
Vasquez  
Martha Atencio (Birthday), by Daughter Beverly Mestas  
10:30 a.m. Para la Gente de la Parroquia (For The People of the  
Parish)  
†Teresita Maestas, by Kathee Cordova & Marveen  
Manzanares & families

12:00 p.m. Wednesday Mass and Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Mass will be live-  
streamed on the Sacred Heart Catholic Churches Facebook page



**The Rosary Makers**

Tue and Fri 11am to 2 pm  
709 4th street Alamosa, CO 81101  
(719) 937-6005



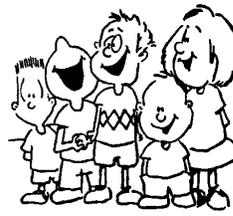
**Collection Report**

We would like to thank all of our parishioners and visitors for  
being generous with your weekly donations. We depend on  
your generosity to meet the financial needs of our parish.

August 30, 2020

Envelopes:	\$1,171.00
Loose Change:	<u>\$ 815.00</u>
Total	\$1,986.00

**May God bless you for your continued support!**



**KID'S CORNER**

**Sharing the Gospel**

If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter. But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up his own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.

**Mission for the Week**

Every day firemen, policemen and soldiers give up their lives to protect yours. Thank God for them.



**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



**Prayer**

Thank you, Jesus, for giving up your life to save mine. Amen.

**Youth Coordinator Vacancy**

The Sacred Heart parish has an opening for a Youth Coordinator. The person must be a Catholic in Good Standing with the Church. S/he will, among other things, supervise the Middle/High School programs geared towards their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, engaged and lively living of the faith, and Active participation in the life of the parish. It is a part time position that covers from mid-August to mid-May (9 months). Contact Fr. Uju if you are interested.