

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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER UJU

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week our Scriptures spoke about our debt of love to each other and we considered it from the perspective of showing concern for each other's salvation. Another debt we think about today is that of forgiveness—for it equally helps to build up our spiritual credit scores. In the words of St. Paul, there is so much interdependence among us, alive or dead. Peculiar to such is that possibility of stepping on each other's toes or simply doing something that does not appeal to another person. These may not be because of some malice intended but simply because we have different attractions and may find ourselves struggling for the same things, where the fittest only survives. Genuinely, some of us can choose to ignore those hurts at first. However, our alarm bells start ringing once we think that people are taking advantage of us or presuming our goodness to be a sign of weakness. Therefore, asked how often we must forgive each other in this sea of possible hurts and conflicts Jesus responded seventy-seven times. In other words, he said it has to be endless. What should be of note is that we all seek this gesture of forgiveness for ourselves as seen in that man who owed his master a lot of money. On the contrary, we do not always accord that gesture to others as shown by the same servant in his attitude to his fellow servant who owed quite a negligible amount. For not showing mercy to his fellow, he cleaned up all his spiritual credit score and rotted in prison. This is because the debt forgiven him was worth more than his life and all he had. Let us not see it as a simple parable; it is a warning to each of us as Jesus ended by saying that so will God do to us if we do not forgive each other from our hearts. Therefore, if you are one who boasts that no one can cross you, that you are a deadly counter-puncher, and that you are tough; listen again to our first reading where Ben Sirach said, "If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? . . . Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor, remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults."

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

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– 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.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 12th/Church

5:00 p.m. †Connie Elizabeth DeLuna, by Sacred Heart Parish
Jacob Rodriguez (15th Birthday), by Lucille DuPont

Sunday, September 13th/Church

8:00 am †Sharon Lujan (Birthday), by Theresa Ruybal
10:30 a.m. For The People of the Parish
†Steve Espinoza, by His Children

Tuesday, September 15th/Church

8:00 a.m. Tom & Lynn Collier (50th Wedding Anniversary), by Denyse Herrmann

Wednesday, September 16th/Church

8:00 a.m. †Irene Quintana, by a Friend
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 17th/Church

8:00 a.m.

Friday, September 18th/Church

8:00 a.m. †

Saturday, September 19th/Church

5:00 p.m. †Joaquin DuPont (Birthday), by Lisa & Children
†Saul Velasco Gutierrez, by Esther Gutierrez

Sunday, September 20th/Church

8:00 am †Joe Gonzales (1st Anniversary), by The Family
†Marie Valdez, by JoAnne Allen Ibarra
10:30 a.m. For The People of the Parish
†Adam James Peña, by Gloria Salazar
†Humberto & Benita Garcia, by John & Regina Imre

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



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will be starting up soon for the school year. If you have a student who is in high school who is wanting to get confirmed, please come to the Kick-Off and register! Due to the Covid situation, we will have classes 2 times a month instead of weekly. The classes will be in-person and on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8 PM. There are 8 sessions covered during this first semester so it is important students attend. Face coverings and social distancing will be enforced. Please bring and plan to wear a facemask.

We will have a Kick-Off on September 20th from 2-3:30 PM for both Confirmation classes (Year I 7 Year II). It will be a chance for you to register your child and turn in any paperwork and the students will have a full class.

Here are the dates for this semester:

- September 20th 2-3:30 PM in the gym (Sunday)
- September 23rd 6:30 PM (Wednesday)
- September 30th 6:30 PM (Wednesday)
- October 14th 6:30 PM (Wednesday)
- October 28th 6:30 PM (Wednesday)
- November 11th 6:30 PM (Wednesday)
- December 2nd 6:30 PM (Wednesday)
- December 9th 6:30 PM (Wednesday)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. God Bless,

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Middle School Classes

Kick-Off September 20th 3:30-4:45 PM in the gym. We will have registration and our first class.

Classes are once a month on the first Sunday of the month @ 3:30 PM.

Here are the dates for the first semester:

- October 4th 3:30-4:45 PM (Youth Mass @5 PM)
- November 1st 3:30-4:45 PM (Youth Mass @5 PM) & December 6th 3:30-4:45 PM (Youth Mass @5 PM)



The Rosary Makers

Tue and Fri 11am to 2 pm
709 4th street Alamosa, CO 81101
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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.

September 6, 2020

Envelopes:	\$2,660.00
Loose Change:	\$ 886.22
Total	\$3,546.22

May God bless you for your continued support!



KID'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus says to forgive each other seventy times seven or 490 times. That's forgiving once each day for more than a year. Put 490 jelly beans in a gallon "Forgiveness Jug." Each time you forgive someone, eat a jelly bean. When you realize that God has forgiven you, it is easier to forgive others from your heart. God fills you with his love, which is even better than jelly beans. Then you can forgive without holding a grudge.

Mission for the Week

I will forgive those who hurt me because God has forgiven me.