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LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 P.M.; SUNDAY 8, 9:30,
AND 11 A.M. (MUSIC WITH SCHOLA CANTORUM)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

M - F: 8 A.M.; SAT 9 A.M.

FIRST FRIDAY: 8 A.M. AND 12 NOON

HOLY DAYS: PLEASE SEE BULLETIN

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS: 9 A.M. (NO 8 A.M.)

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 4-5 P.M.

BAPTISM: PLEASE CALL RECTORY

MARRIAGE: PLEASE CALL RECTORY SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human Mercy, God's Mercy

The First Reading is a call to conversion: to seek God while there is still time. We should not waste the opportunity. God wants us to turn away from sin and toward Him to receive His mercy. This is one of the ways that God's thoughts are not like ours. His are filled with unfathomable love, mercy and wisdom. • The Responsorial Psalm praises God for His gracious mercy and compassion. He is near to all who call on Him; He always reaches out to us. God wants us to realize how much we need Him in our lives. He created us and called us into His life and His love. He protects us and calls us into His mercy and His glory. Our human standards are not applicable to God's thoughts and actions. So too His mercy is beyond our comprehension. • In the Second Reading, St. Paul shows incredible *availability to God's will*. He is ready to meet the Lord. After all he has suffered and the prospect of death seems appealing. He realizes that if he lives he could continue to serve the Lord, so it does not matter at all to him whether he lives or dies, as long as he does God's will. His level of submission to God's will is our goal. This is not easy to attain, but over a lifetime, we slowly learn to submit, wherever His will may lead us. • In today's Gospel, human justice meets God's justice. Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard owner who hired workers at all different times of day, paying all the same full day's wage at the end of the work day, whether they worked just a few hours or the entire day. This caused a jealous reaction among the workers. It did not measure up to *our* way of thinking. Would we be pleased if the person we liked least ended up

Faith First

next to us in heaven? Do we pray for the good of those who harm us? Do we realize that those who hurt us, are hurting themselves more? So, are we concerned for them because of that? God has already extended this kind of mercy to us. May we have the grace to extend His kind of mercy to others.

Special Collections

During "normal" times, parishioners are very generous when special collections are taken up. During these pandemic days, however, it is very easy to overlook the need for financial support for charities dependent on our generosity. Recently, we have had requests for support of the Holy Land as well as requests for donations to the Priests' Retirement Fund. • In two week, the annual Peter's Pence collection will be presented. • It is very important that we not neglect these causes while we are distracted with the coronavirus. Their need is no less than in other years, and in some cases their need is even greater. Please consider donating to these causes by giving a check, payable to Sacred Heart Parish, writing the object of your donation in the memo line. • You can drop off your donation in the rectory mail slot, leave it in the basket in the vestibule if you come into church for a private visit, or mail it to the parish at 1040-39th Street. • Thank you for answering the requests from those who need our help.

Prayer of the Week
Father in heaven, the perfection of justice is found in your love and all humankind is in need of your law. Help us to find this love in each other that justice may be attained through obedience to your law. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Morning Prayer
Would you like to begin your day by praying together with other parishioners? At 8:00 am, Monday through Friday, a group of parishioners gathers via Zoom to pray. Our time together involves praying aloud the Psalms, listening to a hymn, and sharing intentions for which we wish to pray. Morning Prayer lasts for about 25 minutes. Please send an email to Rita Spillane at ritaspillane@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

Summer Catholic Series

Check out the summer series *In All Things* produced by Canadian Catholic media Salt and Light. Short videos cover fresh and interesting stories like Community, Stepping Closer to God, Singleness, and God's Will versus your Will. Salt and Light reminds us that as Catholics, part of what we learn is to find the goodness of God in all things. God to <https://saltandlighttv.org/inallthings/>

In Our Prayers

Daily Mass Intentions Sept. 20 -- Sept. 27

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| Sun | 8:00am | No Intention |
| | 10:00am | Int...James Madrigal |
| | 12:00pm | For the People of the Parish |
| Mon | 8:00am | Int...Ivka Terzic |
| Tue | 8:00am | Nita York (+) |
| Wed | 8:00am | Grete Meiners (+) |
| Thu | 8:00am | Int...Greg Mayer |
| Fri | 8:00am | Don & Anita Cerqui (+) |
| Sat | 9:00am | John Vanacore (+) |
| | 5:30pm | No Intention |
| | 8:00am | For the People of the Parish |
| Sun | 8:00am | For the People of the Parish |
| | 10:00am | No Intention |
| | 12:00pm | No Intention |

In Memoriam

Let us pray for all those who have died, especially the victims of the coronavirus and the current fires. May they enjoy peace, happiness, and light.

Please Pray for the Sick

Gene Sirois, Delia Chavez, Dick Grutzmacher, Rick Barbaria, Gene Yeager, Margarita Enriquez, Marjorie Green, Robert McAleese, Helena Enright, John Vostrez, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Richard Honey, Dale Wooldridge, Nancy McGarry, Patrick Valenzuela, Michael Fletcher, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Josephine Haddock, G.R. Gurley, Darren Stewart, Marge Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henricksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

Open our hearts, O Lord,

Back to School

Sacred Heart Parish School was pleased to welcome student in TK through 6th grade back to campus. We began the day with a car parade and balloons adorning the entrance to the school. Parents and students were very excited to be at school. One parent was overheard saying, "This is the best day of my life." We are anxious for the day when our seventh and eighth graders can join us!

Catholic Faith Formation Program

The CFF Program for 2020-2021 will hold its first online class for children, in grades first through seventh attending a non-Catholic school, and their parents this Tuesday, September 22 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm via Zoom. All classes will be held online and will meet every other Tuesday. • If you still need to enroll your child please do not delay in contacting Tila Madrigal at 916-947-2683 or by email at tilamadrigal@gmail.com. Remember that all Sacraments (e.g. First Holy Communion and Confirmation) are two-year programs with no exceptions.

Safety/Security Projects Update

Last month the Parish completed several projects to enhance parish safety and security. These include a new concrete walkway between the rectory and parish hall for ADA access; a second handicapped parking space by the hall; a protective iron grill around the hall's exterior water main; new iron gate/fencing at the parish hall main entrance and additional rod iron fencing at the north end of the parish hall and between the church and medical building. The final projects of reopening the exterior church doors in the Pieta Chapel as an emergency exit only and installing new exterior church/rectory lighting along 39th Street will follow in the next few months. • Funding has come from the Parish Building Fund at a total cost of approximately \$365,000.

Parish Building Fund

Donations to the fund are donor-restricted and can only be used for church/parish hall/rectory projects. • Please consider donating to the Building Fund. Our goal is to begin rebuilding the Fund.

The Healing Power of Love in Action: Creation Care in a Time of Pandemic & Partisanship

As part of the Season of Creation celebration, please plan to join us for an inter-parish Feast of St. Francis celebration on Monday, October 5 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm via Zoom. If interested please send an email to Rita Spillane at ritaspillane@gmail.com or call the Ministry Office at 916-452-4830. • Catholic Climate Covenant, an organization formed in part by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has prepared their annual Feast of St. Francis program. Four Sacramento area parishes--Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, St. Francis, and St. Joseph (Elk Grove)--are collaborating to participate in the celebration via Zoom. The 90 minute program en-

Meetings & Events

able to join us.

Adult Faith Formation Evenings

We welcome back Fr. Robin Ryan, CP who gave a three-evening parish mission at Sacred Heart last year on God and the Mystery of Suffering. • Fr. Ryan's topic is "Rejoice and Be Glad. The Call of Holiness in Today's World." Fr. Ryan invites us to read Pope Francis' Apostolate Exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad" ahead of time if possible. This document is available for free on the web and can also be found

in booklet form for purchase. Pope Francis writes, "I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44; cf. 1 Peter 1:16). Join us for two consecutive Monday evenings via Zoom on October 12 and 19, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. • If you are interested in participating, please email Rita Spillane at ritaspillane@gmail.com or call the Ministry Office at

916-452-4830 and leave a message. • Father Ryan is a Passionist priest who teaches at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. We look forward to his insightful presentations.

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
-- Entrance Chant of Today's Mass*

Parish Website Resources

We have posted on the Parish Website at <https://sacredheart.church/> some spiritual resources to nourish our faith and prayer life. There are a number of websites that celebrate Mass daily. • [EWTN](#) Eternal Word Television Network • [Catholic TV](#) • [Salt and Light Media Canadian Daily TV](#) on YouTube.

Here are some helpful spiritual resources and some daily meditations on the Scripture readings of Mass:

• St. Louis University has a fine website exploring the depths of Sunday readings. Explore historical, cultural context, thoughts from the early Church, Scripture in depth, and other areas of significant import. Find it at liturgy.slu.edu
• [Word on Fire](#) is Bishop Barron's website which is extremely popular. Bishop Barron explains the Sunday readings each week. The site has numerous videos, homilies, and other Catholic resources.

Prayer Requests

For those affected by the Coronavirus, may they receive comfort and strength from God and all of us and for those affected by the Western fires and recent hurricanes, may they receive the support they desperately need.



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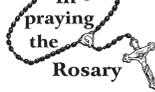
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