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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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God Helps the Humble

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, the *conversion* theme persists and grows. • The First Reading is again about justice and mercy, but from a different perspective. We cannot presume upon God's mercy, doing whatever we want. Our actions have consequences. If we choose sin, then we must live with the effects of sin. It is our choice: life or death, good or evil. God wants us to choose the good and live. If we do not, then we will have to live with that decision. • The Responsorial Psalm is a plea for mercy, but this time with a twist. The psalmist humbly recognizes the effects of his sins, especially those of his youth, so he asks the Lord to change his heart. In his humility, he knows that *God guides the humble to justice*, and teaches them His way. If one admits the need for guidance and instruction, God will certainly help. The arrogant do not seek God's help and so are condemned to frustration. • The Second Reading is a beautiful Christological hymn about the eternity of Jesus. It is borrowed from an early Christian source. It expresses the great *humility* of Jesus. The Greek word "*kenosis*" means *surrender* or emptying out. Not only was Jesus born a man, but He was also willing to die on the cross, in obedience to the Father's will. Because of this great love and humility, God exalted Jesus above all creation in the universe. Jesus, being given the title *Lord*, used for Yahweh in the Old Testament, is being proclaimed as *God*. • Today's Gospel presents a parable contrasting those who do God's will and those who do not. The vineyard owner has two sons, one promises to obey, but does not; the other says no, but then does. Religious people say they will do the Father's will, but do not. Tax collec-

Faith First

tors, prostitutes, sinners say they will not, but then change their minds and end up doing God's will. In this way, sinners enter heaven before the so-called religious do. Jesus often warned religious people to be careful, for their judgment would be more severe since they received a great gift from God in being able to practice their religion. From those to whom much has been given, much will be expected. So, may we always have the grace to seek God's help in living up to what is expected of us.

Peter's Pence Collection: October 4

Considering the current health emergency, the Holy Father has established that, for the current year 2020, the Peter's Pence collection, which traditionally takes place around the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29th, will be transferred throughout the world to the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 4th, the memorial celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi. Through it, every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. It is an activity that also supports the most needy and ecclesial communities in difficulty who approach the Apostolic See for help. It is an ancient practice which began with the first community of the apostles. It continues to be repeated because charity distinguishes the disciples of Jesus: "From this, they will all know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13: 35).

Prayer lasts for about 25 minutes. Please send an email to Rita Spillane at ritaspillane@gmail.com.

Prayer of the Week

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your unbounded mercy you have revealed the beauty of your power through your constant forgiveness of our sins. May the power of this love be in our hearts to bring your pardon and your kingdom to all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Morning Prayer

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

SH Faculty Professional Development Day

All faculty members will be participating in a virtual professional development day on Friday, September 28th. Ordinarily this day is called "Ministry Days" and is held at St. Francis High School. This year, we will be listening to two keynote speakers who will be presenting on "Passing on the Faith" in the morning sessions and on "Interrupting Racism in the School and Parish".

In Our Prayers

Daily Mass Intentions Sept. 27 -- Oct. 4

Sun	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	10:00am	No Intention
	12:00pm	No Intention
Mon	8:00am	Jose, Anna & Lucy Oliveira (+)
Tue	8:00am	Terry Andrews (+)
Wed	8:00am	Robert Smith (+)
Thu	8:00am	No Intention
Fri	8:00am	No Intention
Sat	9:00am	No Intention
	5:30pm	No Intention
	12:00pm	Janice Spillane (+)
Sun	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	10:00am	No Intention
	12:00pm	Janice Spillane (+)

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

Tom Duval, 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.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;

No Fall Festival

Remember: there is no Fall Festival next Saturday because of CoVid restrictions. But feel free to donate to the school to make up for the lost fundraising! Just mail a check to the school or drop it in the Rectory mailbox. See you at *next* year's festival!

Return to In-person Learning

Students in grades TK-6th grade who are enrolled at Sacred Heart Parish School had the opportunity to return to school on September 15th. Balloon arches and decorated cars set the tone for our return. While we are still adjusting to all of the new health protocols that are required under our waiver, it is good to be back at school. We look forward to the day when our 7th and 8th graders can join us!

Student Council Elections

Sacred Heart junior high students are running a virtual campaign this fall. All candidates have shown their creativity through video introductions that included their plans for Student Council during these unusual times. Congratulations to all students who are running! Voting will also be virtual and results should be available next week.

Transitional Kindergarten/ Kindergarten 2020-2021

Applications will be accepted beginning October 1, 2020 for the 2021-2022 school year. TK applicants must be 4 years old by September 1, 2021, and Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old by the same date. Please submit application as soon as possible. Note: If you currently have a student in our TK program, you do not have to re-apply for Kindergarten.

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.

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.

Meetings & Events

Email Addresses

The parish is compiling a list of email addresses of everyone in the parish (if you have one). Use of email for routine communications will save us quite a lot of money in postage. Please email your address to shchurchoffice@gmail.com.

Pieta Chapel Changes

The last big project undertaken during the church shutdown is starting! Following the recommendation of the Safety/Security Assessment Report, the Pieta Chapel will be remodeled in order to open the side door as an emergency exit (no entrance). The sculpture will initially be wrapped and boarded up to protect it while construction occurs. The interior walls on the east and south walls will be removed. The floor will also be leveled. Finally, after painting etc. the sculpture will be turned 90° and placed against the south wall. Thank you to those who have donated to our Building Fund so we can complete this project.

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 enables Catholics to grow in their understanding and call to care for creation as integral to the Catholic faith through prayer, education, and action. • Mark your calendars! We hope you will be able to join us.

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.

Sacramento Food Bank

According to the Sacramento Food Bank, more than 215,000 Sacramento County residents experience the food insecurity of not knowing where their next meals are coming from. This number has increased dramatically during the pandemic because so many people have lost their jobs. If you have the resources, please donate to the Sacramento Food Bank online at sacramentofoodbank.org.



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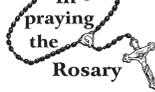
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