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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give to Caesar, Give to God?

The First Reading tells of the emperor Cyrus, who upon defeating the Babylonians, set their captives free, which included the Jews in exile there. So, the Jews returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt the temple. Here we find Cyrus called "*God's anointed one*", i.e. *messiah*. He was doing God's will by saving the Jews from their exile. As a precursor to Jesus

Himself, who in doing God's will, dying on the cross, set us free from the exile of sin. • Today's Responsorial is a recognition of God as the God of all people, not just the Jews. Originally, the Jews believed that Yahweh was their God, while other nations had their own gods. This psalm hails from the time when Israel was no longer henotheistic, but had converted to monotheism. Yahweh was the only God who existed, so He must be the God of all nations. Since the Lord is God of all, the psalmist calls on all nations to praise Him, and recognize that all authority in heaven and earth belongs to Him. Everyone who exercises authority over others has obtained that authority from God. This is why scripture calls us to obey and pray for governors, kings, judges, etc. • The Second Reading teaches two lessons. First, St. Paul reminds the community that every success comes from God, warning them against spiritual pride and arrogant self-sufficiency; Second, the lesson is a reminder of both the horizontal and vertical dimensions of our faith and relations with others. It's a sort of triangle: the disciples, the community, and God. • In today's Gospel, the Pharisees and

Faith First

the Herodians had decided Jesus was dangerous, so they set out to trap him in a misstatement that would get him in trouble. If Jesus said to pay the taxes, then it would turn the Jews against him for siding with the Romans, the occupying power. If Jesus said not to pay the taxes, then Jesus would be accused of opposing the Roman authority. Ironically, they said they were coming to Jesus because they considered Him to be truthful. Not at all. The only thing they were interested in was subterfuge. Jesus understood well the trap they had set for Him. His answer confounds them - give what is Caesar's to Caesar, and what is God's to God.

Welcome Home! Indoor Mass Resumes

Indoor Mass has resumed in Sacramento County. We missed receiving Holy Communion, we missed our Catholic Community, and we missed the closeness to God we feel at Mass in church. As we celebrate today, let us give thanks for our health, for our presence here, and for our faith that has given us comfort these past several months. Even six feet apart, wearing our masks, and sanitizing our hands, we greet God and each other with "Hallelujah!"

Mass Schedule Monday - Friday at 8:00 am Saturday at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm Sunday at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am

Because seating restrictions limit us to 90 persons per Mass, we are all asked, if possible, to sign up online for Masses via the Parish Website. On the Parish Home Page, just below "Resuming Public Mass," you will see Signup Sheets click here. (There are 70 slots for each Mass. At each Mass there will be 20 slots available for parishioners to just "walk up" to Mass.) Remember, only 90 people per Mass.

Prayer of the Week

Lord our God, Father of all, you guard us under the shadow of your wings and search into the depths of our hearts. Remove the blindness that cannot know you and relieve the fear that would hid us from your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. John Paul II

This Thursday, October 22 is the memorial feast day of St. John Paul II. One of the most influential leaders of the 20th century, Pope John Paul II was the first Polish pope and the first non-Italian pope since 1522. He was instrumental in bringing an end to Communist rule both in Poland and the whole of Europe. His pontificate was also marked by tremendous strides in ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. He was the first pope to visit both a mosque and a synagogue. By the time of his death in 2005, he was one of the longest-serving popes in history.

In Our Prayers

Daily Mass Intentions October 18 -- October 25

Sun	8:00am	Patti Motmans (+)
	9:30am	No Intention
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish
Mon	8:00am	No Intention
Tue	8:00am	Eliyamma Chirackal (+)
Wed	8:00am	Gene Vittori (+)
Thu	8:00am	Norma Landucci (+)
Fri	8:00am	Joan McFetridge (+)
Sat	9:00am	No Intention
	5:30pm	John Mullins (+)
Sun	8:00am	Don & Anita Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	Maxine & John Vanacore (+)
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish

In Memoriam

Jim Lawson • October 11, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Please Pray for the Sick

Mark Lewis, Tom Duval, Gene Sirois, Delia Chavez, Dick Grutzmacher, Rick Barbaria, Gene Yeager, Margarita Enriquez, Marjorie Green, Robert McAleese, Helena Enright, 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 Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

Shine like lights in the world

Seeking Volunteers

The reopening of Sacred Heart parish is possible only because parishioners are volunteering to help out with the many chores necessary to keep the church sanitized against the corona virus. We are especially in need of people to help wipe down the pews after Mass, a chore that is easily done in 10-15 minutes. • If you have any time you can volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 916-452-4136.

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.

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. • We are very excited that our seventh and eighth graders have the opportunity to return to in person learning beginning October 16th. We have missed having ALL of our students back on campus and we look forward to the leadership that the seventh and eighth graders provide. We still have a small percentage of families who are choosing to learn from home and teachers are fulfilling the hybrid teacher role with generosity, grace and professionalism. We can't wait for the day when our community is back together!

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.
--- cf. Psalm 105:3-4*

Lighting and Pietà Chapel Updates

The last big projects undertaken during the church shutdown are underway. The Pietà chapel has been blocked off and the sculpture has been wrapped and boarded up to protect it while construction occurs. The chapel's interior walls have been removed and the ceiling opened up. The exterior doors to the church have been removed and will be replaced by doors that conform to current building codes. Lastly, the exterior lighting leading to the rectory and along the 39th Street side of the church is being ungraded and enhanced. • Thank you to those who have donated to our Parish Building Fund so we can complete this project.

Transitional Kindergarten

and Kindergarten 2020-2021

Applications began October 1, 2020 for the 2021-2022 school year. • Transitional Kindergarten 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. • Please Note: If you currently have a student in our Transitional Kindergarten program, you do not have to re-apply for Kindergarten.

Meetings & Events

World Mission Sunday Collection This Weekend

Today, World Mission Sunday, we are called to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Please help missionaries to extend the helping hand of the Lord to those in the missions.

To donate online, visit www.scd.org/wms. • Special envelopes are also available in the church vestibule. Make your check payable to "Sacred Heart Church." The Parish will send one check to the Diocese. Please be generous.

this past 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 by contacting Tila Madrigal at 916-947-

2683 or by email at tilamadrigal@gmail.com. Remember, all Sacraments (e.g. First Holy Communion and Confirmation) are two-year programs with no exceptions.

Altar Society News

We are grateful to Ashley Andrews for providing the flowers to beautify the Blessed Sacrament Altar during the month of October. Thank you, Ashley, for your generosity.

Masking at Mass

Please remember to wear a mask when entering Sacred Heart. If you have had contact with someone who has Covid-19, you should not come to Mass until you have quarantined yourself for 14 days after exposure in order to assure that you yourself do not develop the disease. • Thank you for taking this precaution of the sake of your fellow parishioners.

Catechism Renewal for Teachers

Did you know that each year all teachers at Sacred Heart Parish School participate in classes in order to stay current with Church teachings? This year the faculty is studying the document that was written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops titled, "Open Wide our Hearts, the Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter Against Racism." This document has led to rich discussion and a more thorough understanding of our call as Catholic Christians to love one another. We will study this topic throughout the school year.

Adult Faith Formation Evening

Please plan to join your fellow parishioners this coming Monday night, October 19th at 7:00 pm for Fr. Robin Ryan's second and concluding presentation on the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, **Rejoice and Be Glad**. Fr. Ryan will be expanding on his theme of pursuing holiness as well as introducing the example set by the Blessed Mother, Mary, Mother of God. • Parishioners who participated in Monday, October 12th presentation shared how inspired they were by Fr. Ryan. We were asked to consider: "Who are the people in my life who have shown me "ordinary holiness"? What did I learn from them?" And "In my everyday life, what are the activities and places in which I encounter God in a special way?" • What questions will Fr. Ryan pose for us this coming Monday evening? • You can find out. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! • If you are interested in attending, email Rita Spillane at ritaspillane@gmail.com or leave a message on the Ministry Office phone at 916.452-4830. She will send you the Zoom link invitation.



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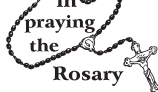
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