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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

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Following, Challenges Us to Choose

In the First Reading from Jeremiah, we find that God blesses those who trust Him, while those who trust their own strength will be frustrated and cursed. Jeremiah uses the popular image of the Babylonian exile, those who trust in the Lord are like trees planted near running water, they will never wither or fade, for the Lord will be their strength. We humans, on our own, are incomplete. We can only flourish when relying on the Lord and His love. Thus, true *wisdom* is trusting the Lord. • The Responsorial Psalm continues this theme of *wisdom*, using the same imagery of the Babylonian exile. Those who trust in the Lord will yield fruit like the tree planted near running water. The wicked, on the other hand, will dry up and be lost. Additionally, the good man has nothing to do with the wicked. In following God, we are *called to make choices* that separate us from certain things. • The Gospel verse reminds us that we are in the world, but not of it, for our true home is in Heaven. • In Luke's Gospel, we find the wisdom of the Beatitudes. There are four blessings and four woes. It puts this world's trials and difficulties in perspective, with future reward and living for a higher purpose. It reminds us that here there is a cost for following Jesus. Truly living for, with, and in Him, we will be denounced, excluded and insulted by those of the world, but God cherishes our fidelity and truthfulness.

## Prayer of the Week

Let us pray for the wisdom that is greater than human words. • Father in heaven, the loving plan of your wisdom took flesh in Jesus Christ, and changed humankind's history by his command of perfect love. May our fulfillment of his command reflect your wisdom and

## Faith First

### Confirmation for Adults

Did you or someone you know miss out on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation? If you would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation there will be a morning class for adults to prepare them to receive the sacrament. The class will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 19, 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Please contact our Adult Faith Formation director, Rita Spillane at <shchurchoffice@gmail.com> or call to leave a message at 916-452-4830 to sign up for this class or to learn more about this opportunity.

bring your salvation to the ends of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Why Do We End Our Prayers with "Amen"?

"Amen" is a resounding, "Yes," an affirmation that punctuates our prayers and celebrations. It means, "so be it," "I agree," "it is firm." In Hebrew, *Amen* comes from the same root as the word for "believe." Thus, when we say "Amen," we are making an act of faith, proclaiming the truth of what we have prayed and celebrated. It is a summary of our heartfelt conviction and expresses our solidarity with it. Saying, "Amen" to the Nicene Creed restates our belief in God and all the other articles of the Creed. • Death is a kind of "Amen" to human life. For Christians who have "fought the good fight," death is a statement that readies us for eternity. If we lived struggling to do right, trying to love, repenting of our sins, trusting in Jesus--then our death is not something to fear. Rather, it punctuates the sentence of our lives. It enables us to present ourselves to God as the finished story of a loving disciple.

*Jesus said, Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while. -- Mark 6:31*

## Retreats for Men & Women

Have you been thinking about God lately? Renew your inner life by making a retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. You will be amazed how much the retreat will help you find how God is active in your daily experience and what peace this awareness can bring you. For more information, please call Kim or Jim Paquette or go to <[www.christthekingretreatcenter.org](http://www.christthekingretreatcenter.org)> to make a reservation.

## In Our Prayers

### Daily Mass Intentions February 13 -- February 20

|            |         |                                   |
|------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sun</b> | 8:00am  | Nita York (+)                     |
|            | 9:30am  | For the People of the Parish      |
|            | 11:00am | Int...Marion Slakey (92nd B-day)  |
| <b>Mon</b> | 8:00am  | Angela Gann (+)                   |
| <b>Tue</b> | 8:00am  | Altar Society Members (+)         |
| <b>Wed</b> | 8:00am  | Int...Dennis Rust                 |
| <b>Thu</b> | 8:00am  | Antonio Antun Vucica & Family (+) |
| <b>Fri</b> | 8:00am  | John Silveira (+)                 |
| <b>Sat</b> | 9:00am  | Souls in Purgatory (+)            |
|            | 5:30 pm | For the People of the Parish      |
| <b>Sun</b> | 8:00am  | Hope Harrington (+)               |
|            | 9:30am  | The Chelini Family (+)            |
|            | 11:00am | Patrick Valenzuela (+)            |

## In Memoriam

### Stacy Morris • January 30, 2022

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

## Please Pray for the Sick

Delia & Santiago Chavez, Rosemary Kirrene, Tom Slakey, Bill Blucher, John O'Connor, Pam Milchrist, Diane Peters, Michael Kelly, Brian McKenna, Dick Grutzmacher, Margarita Enriquez, Robert McAleese, Diana Zuniga, Dale Wooldridge, Nancy McGarry, 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.

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son,**

## Father Walton to Retire

After 48 years in active priestly ministry, Father Walton has requested and been given permission by Bishop Soto to retire. The effective date will be July 1, 2022.

Father Walton has served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish for the past 20 years. He plans to continue living in the Sacramento area, assisting local pastors with weekend Masses. • A farewell reception will take place at the end of June near the Feast of the Sacred Heart. • The process to identify a new pastor has been initiated by the diocesan Priests Personnel Board. We will keep you posted on any developments.

## Sacred Heart's Schola Cantorum

Schola Cantorum, Dr. Donald Kendrick, conductor, is now celebrating their 30th anniversary of bringing great choral music to our church. Dr. Kendrick founded the all-volunteer group in 1992 with 8 singers who enhanced the Liturgy at the 11:00 am Mass, first singing from the back balcony. Today, the group has grown to almost 40 singers. Schola has presented concerts and undertaken numerous international tours and recordings over the years, including two separate performances at the Vatican for two different Popes. For three decades the choir has brought large audiences and outstanding music to our church. • If you would like to honor their work through a donation, you are invited to visit their website at <scholacantorum.com> and make a tax-deductible donation. • We are blessed and grateful to have such a dedicated and talented choir.

## Please Remember

Since we do not have security around the church, please, for your child protection and safety, always accompany him/her to the restrooms located in the church vestibule. We are located on a busy corner with increasing foot traffic.

## Sacred Heart Parish School: Preparing for Lent

Sacred Heart students are considering how they would like to spend Lent this upcoming March and April. Each year we practice almsgiving and this Lent students will decide if they would like to donate to the Sacramento Life Center through the "Baby Bottle Project" or to Catholic Relief Services through the Rice Bowl Project. Both charities are very wonderful organizations and both have terrific outreach to our communities. Perhaps some families would choose to support both and that would be wonderful! What are you doing for Lent?

## Accepting Application for 2022-2023 School Year

Sacred Heart Parish School is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Families who wish for their student to join us in TK (Transitional Kindergarten) must be 4 years old by September 1, 2022. Students who are applying for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022. This policy holds true throughout the grades at Sacred Heart: students must be age appropriate for each grade. Applications are available on the school website at: <www.sacredheartschool.net> • If you have questions please feel free to call the School Office at 916-456-1576.

## Meetings & Events

### Time to Return Your Palms

Many of us keep the palms we received on Palm Sunday and display them behind a hanging crucifix. Now is the time to return the old, dried palms to the basket in the vestibule. The old palms will be burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday this year. The palms, which symbolized joy on Palm Sunday, now become symbols of the fact that we are sorry for our sins. This reflects the joy of the people when Jesus first rode into Jerusalem, which turned to sorrow when he died on the Cross to save them from their sins.

three-day, in-person accreditation visit will be March 9-11. We are looking forward to having all of our hard work validated. Please keep the school community in your prayers as we enter the final phase of this process.

### Annual Catholic Appeal is Coming Soon!

This year, the Annual Catholic Appeal will culminate on February 26-27. Many of you have already received a flyer from the Diocese with an appeal envelope. We ask that you return your donation as soon as possible on or before Feb. 28. Envelopes will be available on the Appeal Weekend for those who have not received a flyer. • For your convenience, you may donate online at <<http://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/donate-annual-catholic-appeal>> or by using the QR code found on

the posters in the vestibule.

### Kathy Dana Art Show

Parishioner Kathy Dana has been selected by PBS-KVIE Gallery for an art show entitled "Ocean Obsession." The show, which runs from Feb. 1 to April 1, can be seen between 9am-5pm, M-F at 2030 W. El Camino Ave. Make a visit to the studio gallery. The paintings are amazing. • Congratulations, Kathy, for the recognition you are receiving for your beautiful work and artistic talent.

### Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents

Are you expecting a baby or have a newborn in your life? Then you need to sign up for the Baptism class given once a month. To attend you must sign up by calling the Parish Office at 916-452-4236 ext. 2. At the class, the necessity and importance of Baptism are explained as are the obligations and duties of parents and godparents. Parents and godparents must attend this preparation class in order to schedule the child's Baptism.

### Mercy General Hospital

The Hospital's Chaplaincy Department is looking for volunteer Eucharistic Ministers to serve their patients on a regular basis. Each volunteer would need to be fully Covid-vaccinated, and had their flu vaccination and TB test (which latter two are provided annually by Employee Health). • The Volunteer Services Department would provide basic volunteer orientation/information annually, and the Chaplaincy Department would provide Eucharistic Minister information and orientation. • If interested, call 916-453-4545.

### Support for Advertisers and Local Businesses

During this pandemic, many small businesses in our neighborhood have been struggling due to loss of patronage. Some of these businesses generously advertise in our bulletin, others are nearby shops that are used to serving our parishioners. If you are financially able, please support these neighborhood establishments at this critical time for them. • We thank and appreciate our local businesses.



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