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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. followed by a Holy Hour
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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith First

Hospitality is true Christianity

The First Reading focuses on the importance of hospitality in being a true Christian. The story is about Abraham being visited by God, accompanied by two angels (all three visitors are disguised as three strangers traveling in the desert). Later on in Christianity, this was understood to be the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. *Lack of hospitality is considered one of the greatest sins and one of the reasons for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.* Abraham's *gracious hospitality* to his three guests was richly rewarded with the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham of a son, within a year. Abraham is the model of true Christianity demonstrated by gracious hospitality. This true sign of Christianity is especially important in the *desert of our world*. ● The Responsorial continues the theme of hospitality: *welcoming God into one's home*. The Psalm asks who can host the Lord? Only the one who lives morally, charitably, harming no one, who thinks and speaks the truth without gossip, associating only with those who live by God's ways, and not profiting at another's loss, nor selling justice. ● In the Second Reading the question is asked, what could be lacking in the sufferings of Christ? By trusting when we suffer, we make Christ's suffering present and alive again in ourselves and we become sacraments of His passion. *Knowing God's will* is far beyond our humanity, yet this is precisely what has been revealed in Christ. In His death and resurrection, we have learned how much God loves us and of the glory He has prepared for us. ● In the Alleluia Verse we see that the most fertile heart generously keeps God's word and persevering, yields a rich harvest. ● In the Gospel we find the story of Martha and Mary and their hospitality to Jesus. This hospitality is a lesson to us for our Christian life, that it *must be based on* a loving relationship with the Lord. Then whatever we do will be a loving response to love received, this is true hospitality.

Putting Faith into Action:
Reflection Questions for the Week

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (from Luke 10:38-42)

- How do I practice hospitality?
- Do I tend to be a Martha or a Mary?
- When I am putting my faith in action, do I take time to recognize the divine presence?

Elements of the Liturgy:
The Entrance Procession

Originally, the entrance procession was simply a practical way to get from the sacristy, which was often located at the entrance to the church, to the sanctuary located at the back of the church. In time the procession also took on a deeper meaning and has become the formal beginning of the liturgy. The entrance procession is not only a solemn introduction of the priest and other ministers to the sanctuary, but it is also a visual expression of the assembled People of God becoming a liturgical community. The assembly manifests the presence of Christ and the very nature of the Church whose members possess distinct offices and ministries.

In Our Prayers

Daily Mass Intentions
July 17 -- July 24

Sun	8:00am	Roger Dhesi (+)
	9:30am	Robert Bourbeau (+)
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish
Mon	8:00am	No Intention
Tue	8:00am	Daniel Garcia (+)
Wed	8:00am	Special Intention
Thu	8:00am	John Silveira (+) (+)
Fri	8:00am	Jonas Minton (+)
Sat	9:00am	Sgt. Eric Williams (+)
	5:30pm	Stefan Jankowski (+)
Sun	8:00am	Don & Anita Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Jack Sergio Viera (+)

In Memoriam

Caroline Reid ● June 28, 2022

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

Please Pray for the Sick

Veronica Castillon, Justin Plumhoff, Paulina Cerezo-Rangel, Joetta Connors, Delia & Santiago Chavez, Rosemary Kirrene, Tom Slakey, 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.

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart

Saint of the Week:
Saint Mary Magdalene-July 22

St. Mary Magdalene was one of the disciples of Jesus. She was probably wealthy and provided financial support for his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and burial and was one of the first witnesses to his resurrection. ● She ran to the apostles with the words "I have seen the Lord!", but according to gospel accounts, they did not believe her at first. She is sometimes called "The apostle of the apostles" because she was the first to tell them of his resurrection. ● Although she is often identified as the sinful woman who anoints Jesus feet and washes them with her tears and dries them with her hair, this association came later, in the Middle Ages. The belief that she was a prostitute is probably not accurate. ● She is the patron saint of converts, glove makers, perfumeries, hairdressers, pharmacists, and contemplative life. She is also the patroness of people who are made fun of for their piety.

Prayer of the Week

Father, let the gift of your life continue to grow in us, drawing us from death to faith, hope, and love. Keep us alive in Christ Jesus. Keep us watchful in prayer and true to his teaching till your glory is revealed in us. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meetings & Events

Bible in a Year

Parishioners are continuing to meet on Monday mornings at 8:45 in the Parish Hall to listen to the Bible in a Year podcast presented by Fr. Mike Schmitz, of Ascension Faith Formation. The group is growing, and open to all parishioners. Come every Monday or as often as you like. ● We listen to the podcast together, and then have an opportunity to share our thoughts and pray together as we strive to increase our understanding of the Word of God. We're currently working our way through the Old Testament books of Numbers and Deuteronomy. ● Call 916-452-4830 for more information

Altar Society News

We thank Diana Zuniga and Linda Bottallo Zuniga for providing and caring for the flowers that adorn the Blessed Sacrament Altar during July.

Parish Greeters Ministry

The Greeters Ministry is looking for additional parishioners to join us! Greeters hand out parish bulletins as they welcome members of our parish family, as well as visitors, to Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Young people are welcome to participate as well. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families to participate in together! We are especially in need of Greeters for Saturday 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 8am and 11am. ● Questions? Call the Parish Office at 916-452-4136 ext. 2.

Children's Faith Formation

The Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) Program is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 Program which will begin in September. Registration packets are available in the vestibule. There will also be an information and registration table in the church vestibule on the weekends of July 30/31 and August 27/28 at all Masses.

A required parent orientation meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2022, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the parish hall. Parents will be provided with important dates and information for the year.

Religious education classes are for children in grades first through eighth attending a non-catholic school. Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are also available for children.

Classes will begin on September 6, 2022, and meet on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish School, located at 928 39th Street.

Looking for Rosary Makers

The ROMA rosary maker's ministry is looking for new members. If you know, or are interested in learning, how to make rosaries, the ROMA rosary maker's ministry is looking for you. The rosaries are donated to nursing homes, hospitals, and Sacred Heart parishioners. The Group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month from 10 to 12 p.m. ● If interested please contact Tila Madrigal at 916-947-2683 or email <tilamadrigal@gmail.com>.

Covid Still a Threat

It has become easy to forget that Covid is still present in our community. However, people continue to come down with Covid, even though they are vaccinated and boosted, reminding us that we all still must be vigilant against transmission of the disease. Please use safety protocols when interacting with others.

Mass Times for Travelers

Going on vacation in the United States? You can easily find out the nearest parish to your destination and when Mass is offered so you don't miss your Sunday obligation. ● Just consult <https://masstimes.org/> for information on Masses in the area where you are vacationing.

Please Remember

For your child's protection and safety, always accompany him/her to the restrooms located in the church vestibule.

and yield a harvest through perseverance. --- Luke 8:15

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