

Sacred Heart Parish



“Le Repas d'Emmaüs”
by Matthias Stom (fl. 1615–1649)

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CELEBRATING CHRIST SINCE 1873

April 26, 2020 ♦ Third Sunday of Easter

Livestream Schedule

Daily Mass

Sunday — Friday
at 9:00 AM

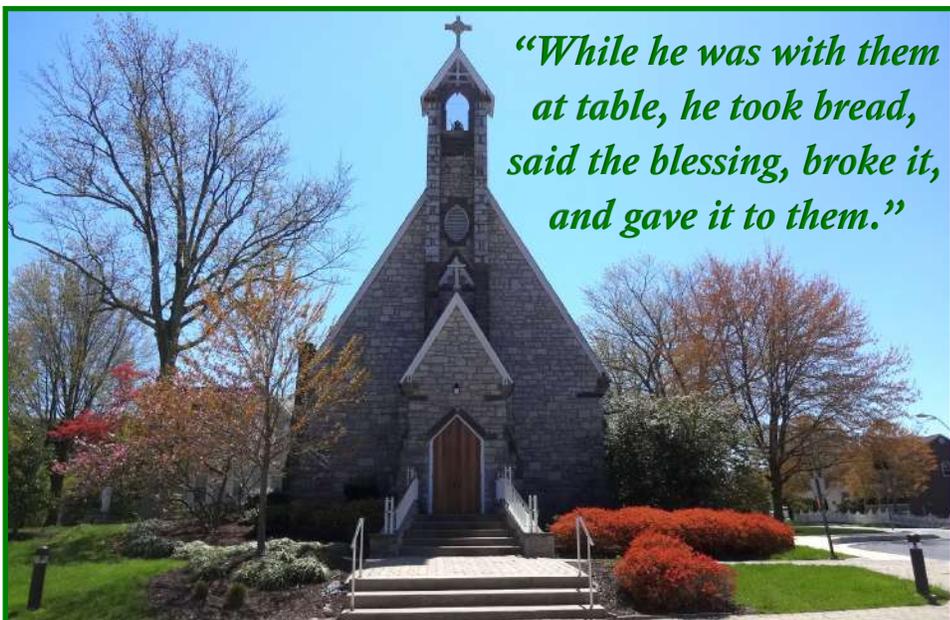
Saturday at 8:00 AM

Misa en español

Jueves a las 7:00 p.m.
Sabado a las 7:00 p.m.

Rosary

4:00 PM each day



*“While he was with them
at table, he took bread,
said the blessing, broke it,
and gave it to them.”*

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New Video Feature: “Java with Fr. Jerry”



Join Fr. Jerry, Fr. Canisius, and Seminarian Maurice on **Monday afternoons** by “livestream” — usually around 2:00 PM — to keep in touch with the parish community and things going on at Sacred Heart during these days of the COVID-19 pandemic. (“Coffee with Fr. Canisius” popped up on Wednesday, so the chats could happen any time!)

You can write in questions that you’d like Fr. Jerry or the others to answer (*they can be theological questions, too*), and he will be glad to try to engage your questions on a “live” basis as well. You will find the chats on our [YouTube channel](#) and at [Facebook](#).

Watch the first chats from April 20 as [Fr. Jerry introduces the series to parishioners](#) and then [describes his vocation story in a separate talk](#). Later, Fr. Canisius told his own story.

When the disciples on the way to Emmaus asked Jesus to stay “with” them, he responded by giving them a much greater gift: through the **Sacrament of the Eucharist** he found a way to stay “in” them. Receiving the Eucharist means entering into a profound communion with Jesus. “Abide in me, and I in you” (*Jn 15:4*). This relationship of profound and mutual “abiding” enables us to have a certain foretaste of heaven on earth. Is this not the greatest of human yearnings? Is this not what God had in mind when he brought about in history his plan of salvation? God has placed in human hearts a “hunger” for his word (cf. *Am 8:11*), a hunger which will be satisfied only by full union with him. Eucharistic communion was given so that we might be “sated” with God here on earth, in expectation of our complete fulfillment in heaven.

*Pope St. John Paul II – Apostolic Letter “Mane Nobiscum Domine”
for the Year of the Eucharist, Oct. 2004 – Oct. 2005*

How to Join Us by Video

“Live” at Facebook

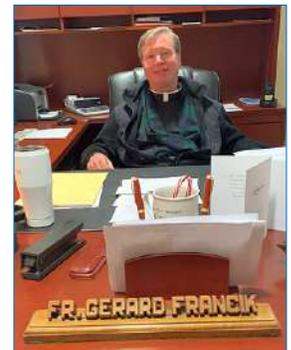
Masses are livestreamed at Facebook each day. You can tune in “live” at their scheduled times or watch any recording later.

Sacred Heart Parish Website

Links and our most recent videos are at www.shgparish.org/videos.aspx and also on the [website home page](#).

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

Videos are uploaded and available afterwards on our [YouTube channel](#).



Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón

III domingo de Pascua — 26 de abril 2020

Misa en español (Facebook)

Jueves a las 7:00 p.m. • Sabado a las 7:00 p.m.

Oración Pascual

Señor mío y Dios mío... Dios de la salvación renovada de generación en generación, resucita en nosotros todo lo que es muerte y lejanía de ti, danos vida y actitudes de resucitados contigo y haznos testigos de tu reino entre los hombres, por el amor, la justicia y la paz.

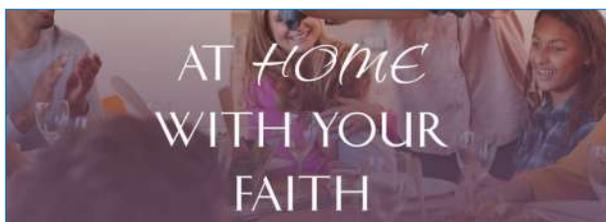
Pon sabiduría, Señor, en nuestro lenguaje, pon ternura en nuestra mirada, pon misericordia en nuestra mente que hace juicios, pon entrega y calor en nuestras manos, pon escucha en nuestros oídos para el clamor de los hermanos, pon fuego en nuestro corazón para que no se acostumbre a sus carencias y a su dolor.

Quédate con nosotros, haznos gustar el pan del evangelio, deja que en el camino, mientras vas con nosotros, se nos cambie la vida... Y envíanos de nuevo, audaces y gozosos, para decir al mundo que vives y que reinas, que quieres que el amor solucione las cosas, y cuentas con nosotros.

Y que Tú vas delante, como norte y apoyo, como meta y camino, hasta el fin de los días.



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ENTRE NOSOTROS ÚLTIMA EDICIÓN MEDITACIONES EDICIONES PASADAS QUIÉNES SOMOS



Recursos en Español:

www.archbalt.org/coronavirus-response-hispanic-ministry-resources/

Sacramental

Bautizos: Se celebran cada segundo sábado del mes (excepto durante la cuaresma). Los padres y los padrinos requieren asistir a una clase de preparación que se realiza el tercer domingo de cada mes y los padrinos deben haber recibido todos los sacramentos de iniciación cristiana (Bautizo, Confirmación y Eucaristía). Favor llamar a la oficina para mayor información.

Matrimonio: Las parejas que están planeando en casarse deben contactar al sacerdote o el diacono por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha planeada para este sacramento. Todas las parejas comprometidas deben de tomar el cursillo prematrimonial.

Unción de los Enfermos: En caso de emergencia llamar a la oficina parroquial o a la rectoría. Por favor notificar a la oficina si sabe de alguien que se encuentre en el hospital y necesite de este sacramento.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación:

El sacramento de la confesión se celebra los sábados de 5:30 p.m. a 6:45 p.m.

USCCB » Bible » Lecturas Del Día

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III Domingo de Pascua
Leccionario: 46



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Youth Ministry

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Convent

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Bulletin Deadline

Announcements are due one week before the requested bulletin date. Send notices to jment@shgparish.org.

Wedding Banns — First Time

Aurelio Neri Casa Blanca and Teofila Acosta Acosta, both of Sacred Heart Parish

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Blanca Rosa Lopez, Donald “Bob” Schroeder



Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers

Lucy Angerer, Gary Bady, Andy Berendt, Mary Ellen and Mike Berry, Georgeanne Bond, Abby Renehan Cafiero, Gloria Cyford, John Dotson, Maria Ekavhiare, Theresa Eyler, Sandy Gamber, Troy Heiner, Sam Hibbard, Gerry Kleiman, Loretta McCusker, Carlyle Montanye, Scott Moser, Elaine Ortiz, Judy Schaefer, Mel Serio, Ryan Shriver, George Stifler

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

The Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will begin on **Tuesday, May 5** at 7:00 PM. It will be held for nine consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding with the novena prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, June 30**. Take-home copies of the novena are available to anyone wishing to complete or continue the novena at home.



*Tentative scheduling update: if we are still under a “stay-at-home” order, the Novena prayers and music will be **livestreamed** on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. If the order has been lifted, the Novena will be in the Little Church.*

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend’s gospel is one of my favorites. It encompasses all of the emotions of Holy Week, Easter, and the Resurrection and also gives us the perfect blueprint for the early Masses.

Jesus meets two disciples — we don’t know who they are — on the way out of town. They are heading out of Dodge! They are downcast, depressed, and confused — so much so that they don’t even recognize Jesus himself when He comes to walk with them. They remind me of so many people in our world today, and even ourselves, at times. We do not understand the way God works, or the way salvation happens in our lives. We lose our way, and instead of walking towards Hope and Life, we walk away. Yet, Jesus comes and joins us on the journey. He patiently explains all of the Scriptures to them and then sits down to celebrate Mass, breaking the bread, with them. Christ, when they finally recognize him, *vanishes*, but they finally return to the right path, to Jerusalem and to the community of believers. They completely turn around.

We may be feeling a little bit confused, disheartened, and hopeless at this point in our lives. Maybe we have lost a job or are trying to figure out how to meet expenses. Maybe we miss our friends at school or going out with people to bars and restaurants. Maybe, instead of growing in our faith life during this time, we feel ourselves moving away because we can’t get to church. *Do not lose heart.* Jesus comes to join us in the journey and steers us in the right direction.

Fr. Jerry Francik



Saints for the Week Ahead

- April 28** — **St. Peter Chanel**, Priest and Martyr
- **Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort**, Priest
- April 29** — **Saint Catherine of Siena**, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- April 30** — **Saint Pius V**, Pope
- May 1** — **Saint Joseph the Worker**
- May 2** — **Saint Athanasius**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Our Stewardship

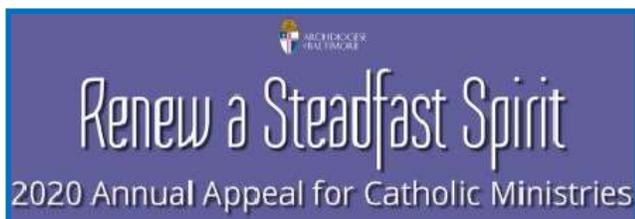
Weekly Offering — April 19, 2020

Offertory	\$4,501.00
Maintenance	\$77.00
Catholic Education	\$62.00
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$70.00
Easter	\$2,513.00

Electronic Fund Contributions 4/13/20 – 4/19/20

(Not included in above total)

Offertory	\$7,641.80
Maintenance	\$422.50
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$50.00
Easter	\$1,735.00



2020 Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries

Thanks to all who have responded to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Thus far, the Appeal has raised more than \$6.515 million. Sacred Heart parishioners have generously donated \$94,579 towards our goal of \$141,441. If you have yet to give, please go online to www.archbalt.org/appeal/give. We are at 67% of our goal. To date, our anticipated rebate will be \$23,644.75. If we meet our goal, that will be an additional \$11,715.60 to our parish. Half of all donations received over our goal will be returned to Sacred Heart. We would love to see 100% participation! Please help us meet and exceed our goal. Appeal rebates are essential in keeping our ministries vibrant and strong!

Parish Support

We continue to be grateful for your much-needed offertory contributions, prayers, and support during the pandemic. We thank those who have been able to increase their giving on behalf of those who might have to reduce contributions due to recent financial hardship or inability to work. We are keeping parish expenses as low as possible while still continuing the work and ministry of the Church.

Online Giving

www.shgparish.org/parish-support.aspx

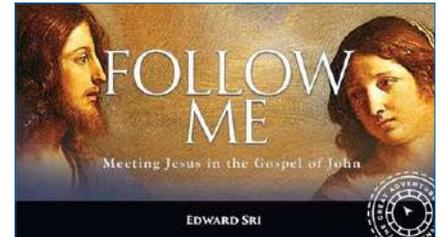
Your offertory can also be dropped in the mail slot at the Parish Office or mailed to this address:

Sacred Heart Parish
P.O. Box 3672 • Glyndon, MD 21071-3672

Parish Life

Parish-Wide Easter Study, *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*

There is a morning session at 11:00 AM and an evening session at 7:00 PM each Wednesday for eight weeks. Please email Jamie Danielson (jdanielson@shgparish.org) to register — and indicate whether you will be joining the morning or evening session. There is no cost for this study; no prior knowledge is necessary.



Christian Small Groups

We are currently forming small groups for the purpose of connecting parishioners in prayer, faith study, and fellowship. If you are interested in hosting or participating in a small group, please contact Michele Hunter (mhunter@shgparish.org) this week. Small groups will be held via Zoom and facilitated by staff members and will meet on a day and time that works for most in the group.



Online Workshops and Catechetical Certifications

Sacred Heart is offering online Catechetical Certifications and access to workshops through the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University at **no charge** to parishioners. [Click here to learn more!](#)



Wisdom Sayings from the Sisters of St. Joseph

– Sisters Cealy, Helen, Karen, and Mary Beth

Maxim of Love 14:4

“One action done well is better than a thousand done half-heartedly.”





Normal Sacramental Ministry

Baptisms

Third Saturdays at noon and within the celebration of Mass (except during Lent). Parents are required to attend a preparation class (offered monthly). Contact the Religious Education Office for more details and to arrange for Baptism.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 PM in the Little Church and by appointment. Parish Reconciliation Services are held during Advent and Lent.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated date and must take a marriage preparation course. Do not set a date until you have met with the priest or deacon.

Communion to the Sick

If someone is in the hospital or homebound and unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office. Mass is celebrated at FutureCare Cherrywood Nursing Home on the 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 AM.

Outreach and Social Justice

Our Daily Bread Casseroles

Casseroles and other donations are delivered to **Our Daily Bread** from Sacred Heart every **Wednesday morning** until we can resume more normal activity. You can drop off your items with the parish volunteers between 8:00 – 9:00 AM each Wednesday outside of the Parish Center. Please contact Mark Grabenstein (410-654-0414 or markgrabenstein@verizon.net) or Vicki Mahr (410-292-5738 or mahrfamily5@comcast.net) with any questions. The **revised** casserole recipe and more details can be found at www.shgparish.org/our-daily-bread.aspx.



Food Collection for Parishioners

Sacred Heart continues to collect **food donations** for our parishioners. Please feel free to drop off donations **outside the Mother Seton Room** whenever you are able. The items of most need include: **sugar, vegetable oil, dry beans, pasta, pasta sauce, and gift cards**, though all non-perishable items are welcome.



American Red Cross Blood Drive Update

Donating blood is essential to community health, and the need for blood products is constant and ever-changing in these times. As part of our nation’s critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter-in-place declarations. The **Red Cross** follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. ([Learn about coronavirus and our safety protocols.](#)) Help save lives. **Healthy donors are encouraged to book an appointment.**

Extra Blood Drive Planned at Sacred Heart Parish:

Wednesday, May 20 • 2:30 – 8:00 PM • Mother Seton Room

(with a possible extra shift from 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM still in the planning stage)

Please note that the needs of the Red Cross are changing constantly at this time, and this schedule may be adjusted in the future; stay tuned for updates!

Center for Pregnancy Concerns — Wonderful News: Babies Saved!



*“We have been operating remotely, with each center open one day a week for curb-side pick-up. We have also served two abortion-vulnerable women with our sonogram service. Both women were stressed, desperate, and alone. They had appointments scheduled at Planned Parenthood. One woman cancelled her appointment after her **sonogram** with us. The other still went to her Planned Parenthood appointment and received — but did not take — the abortion pill, which she was told would stop the fetus’ heart. Our counselor called to check on her after her Planned Parenthood appointment. The woman thought back to her visit to **CPC** and her sonogram and decided **not** to take the pill. Both women chose **life** for their children!”*

*“This would not have been possible without **you**, our friends, who continue to support us through prayer, donations of supplies, and funds. We will continue to do our good work and trust that the Lord will see us through. Thank you for walking with us and joining in His good works.”*

– Parishioner Gina Ruppert, Executive Director of the Center for Pregnancy Concerns



CPC (410-391-3911 • www.cpcforhelp.org) offers free services, support, and supplies to women facing an unplanned pregnancy (before and after their children are born) at four centers in the Greater Baltimore Area — including one at our sister parish, St. Ann.

Sacrament of Reconciliation during COVID-19

While Gov. Larry Hogan's shelter-in-place policy is in effect, churches are not open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The archbishop has instructed priests not to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in parishes and to only perform the sacraments in cases where the individual is in danger of dying.

What if I cannot go to confession right now because of the pandemic?

Pope Francis addressed this issue in his remarks on March 20, 2020: *"But many people today would tell me, 'Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because I can't leave the house? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want him to embrace me, I want the Father's embrace.'"*

The pope said his response would be, *"Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart."*



Make an act of contrition, the pope said, and promise God, *"I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now." And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, N. 1452, says:

"When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' — contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible."

"As the catechism teaches," Pope Francis said, *"you can draw near to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think about it. This is the moment."*

The [Apostolic Penitentiary](#) also addressed this issue in his [March 20, 2020 note on sacramental confession](#). It urged priests to remind their faithful that when they find themselves with the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution they can make an act of contrition directly to God in prayer. If they are sincere and promise to go to confession as soon as possible they *"obtain the forgiveness of sins, even mortal sins"* according to the note.

(from www.archbalt.org/reconciliation/)

Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis on the Feast of Divine Mercy

2nd Sunday of Easter — April 19, 2020

[Celebrating Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday](#), Pope Francis said the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic is an opportunity to practice mercy toward the poor and those who are suffering, particularly in the aftermath.



As the world slowly recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, he warned there is a risk it will be struck by an even worse virus — that of selfish indifference.

This dangerous virus is *"spread by the thought that life is better if it is better for me and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me. It begins there and ends up selecting one person over another, discarding the poor and sacrificing those left behind on the altar of progress,"* Pope Francis said in his homily.

He invited us to accept Jesus's mercy as the Apostle Thomas did, and to show that mercy to those around us.

"Like the apostle Thomas, let us accept mercy, the salvation of the world. And let us show mercy to those who are most vulnerable; for only in this way will we build a new world."

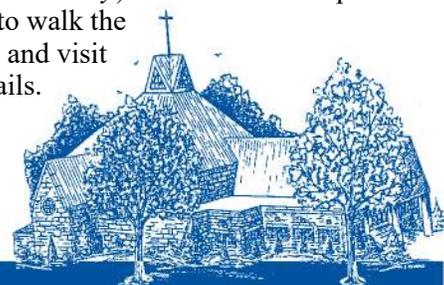
[Click here to view Pope Francis' message on the 50th "Earth Day" \(April 22\).](#)



The Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City

Looking for an opportunity to enjoy some fresh air while praying and reflecting in beautiful surroundings that will lift your spirit up to God? The marvelous outdoor grounds of the [Shrine of St. Anthony](#) (12290 Folly Quarter Road in Ellicott City) continue to be open and available for people to walk the Stations of the Cross and visit the Grotto and the trails.

Visitors should keep "social distancing" in mind when they are on the property.





Church Resources during COVID-19

Sacramental Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

In case of emergency call the Parish Office/Rectorate at anytime. Please notify the Parish Office if you know someone in the hospital or at home who wishes to be anointed. Masses of Anointing are celebrated several times a year.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

“Thirsting for God?” Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and Communion? They may be thirsting, too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding.

The RCIA is a Church rite for adults pursuing the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, are interested or would like more information, please contact Michele Hunter at 410-833-1696 or mhunter@shgparish.org.

Maryland Catholic Conference: COVID-19 Resource Hub
www.mdcatholic.org/covid-19



Maryland Catholic Conference: Government Resources for COVID-19 Relief
www.mdcatholic.org/covid-govtsupport



Coronavirus Memorial Page
www.archbalt.org/one-church-one-family/



Updated Church and Liturgical Guidelines during COVID-19
www.archbalt.org/coronavirus

Sacred Heart Parishioner Home Altars and Prayer Spaces

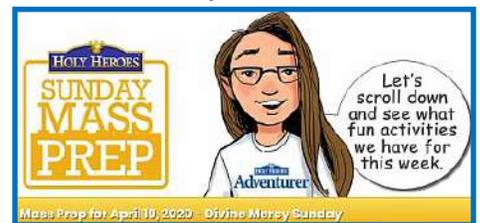


The Kids' Bulletin

A fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the faith every week!



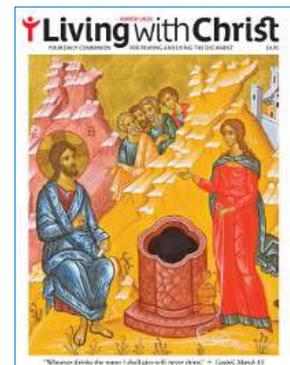
Holy Heroes



Brother Francis



Bayard Faith Resources at Home
Nourish the faith of your family with these FREE uplifting resources!



Scripture Readings for May 3 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

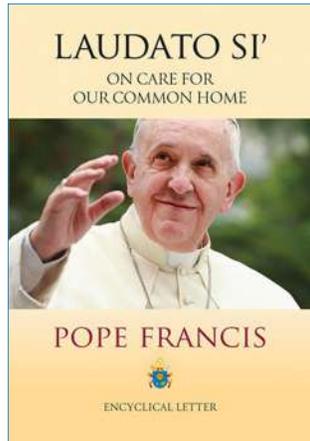
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • Ps 23:1-6 • 1 Pt 2:20b-25 • Jn 10:1-10

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah (1). Through his wounds, we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd (2, Ps). Let us listen for his voice and follow him (3). *This day has been designated as “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.”*

Bulletin Updates

Small Group Opportunity: *Laudato si'*

A small group is now forming to study and discuss Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato si'* — a beautiful and inspiring document addressed to “every person on our planet.” It is meant to encourage, engage, and call people to reconnect with others and the planet we inhabit together. Join your efforts with those seeking to care for the earth and all the various forms of life upon it. We will begin soon at a mutually agreed upon day of the week and time.



What are the components of the small group?

Groups meet weekly for one hour, using [Zoom](#), over the course of eight weeks (initially) to learn about the encyclical. The first session is an introduction to the encyclical and an introduction to each other in the group. The next six sessions are dedicated to the six chapters of *Laudato si'*. Pre-reading will be required, and the sessions will include reflection and discussion — as well as ideas to help Catholics respond to Pope Francis' call in *Laudato si'*. The last week will be for open discussion about the study and planning for the future of the small group. After the eight weeks, we would like to meet periodically to **1)** connect ourselves and others to messages in Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment; **2)** discuss ways to incorporate this important Catholic social teaching into our everyday lives; and **3)** understand that the Pope is asking us to take concrete action.

Who can participate?

Anyone interested in learning more about our common call to be good stewards of the earth and all who inhabit the earth can participate.

What is required?

You will need access to a computer or other such device with a camera and microphone (for using [Zoom](#)). There will be no cost for the small group study, and [the encyclical can be downloaded by clicking here](#).

What is the purpose of *Laudato si'*?

This inspirational letter calls for us to examine our hearts, transform our social values, and take action for global solidarity. The encyclical captures the interconnectedness of social, economic, and environmental justice in building and protecting Our Common Home.

For more info or to join this exciting small group, please contact Michele Hunter at mhunter@shgparish.org.

Bishops of USA and Canada Will Consecrate Their Nations to Mary on May 1

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, announced that the bishops of the United States will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on **Friday, May 1** in consecrating the two nations to the care of the Blessed Mother under the title “**Mary, Mother of the Church.**”

“This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic,” he said.

Archbishop Gomez will lead a brief liturgy with the prayer of re-consecration on **Friday, May 1 at 3:00 PM EDT**. He has invited the bishops to join in from their respective dioceses and to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation.

[Read the Catholic News Service article here](#), and [the USCCB has details and an article at this link](#).



Our Daily Bread Update

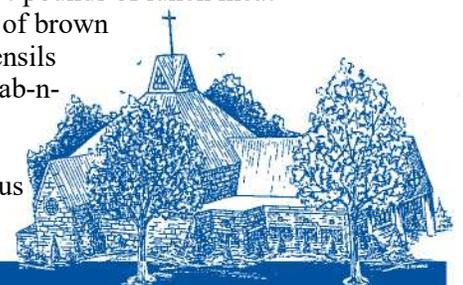
Every week, the outpouring of generosity from Sacred Heart parishioners increases! Our volunteers watched **many** of the same people bring ODB donations and take food to the Mother Seton Room door cart. Some ODB donations were taken to that cart (*and filled it!*), knowing they would be of more use for SHG families right now.

Our Daily Bread in Baltimore confirmed, once again, that **what they need most are Zippy Beef Casseroles** (*the original tomato sauce recipe!*). Sacred Heart parishioners **have delivered 204 casseroles over the last month**, keeping our commitment to ODB strong.

The casserole program is operating at about 50-60% of normal casserole deliveries. It is still totally dedicated to providing a hot meal every day as ODB has done for 38 years to the expanding need.

On April 22 alone, Sacred Heart volunteers delivered:

- **75 casseroles** and 4 pounds of lunch meat
- Two grocery bags of brown paper bags and utensils
- A whole cart of grab-n-go snack items, plus a big box
- Other miscellaneous dry goods





At Home with Your Faith is a terrific resource from the Archdiocese of Baltimore to help you and your family live your Catholic faith and grow closer to Christ in these challenging times.

Guide for the Page

Read the daily Gospel and then

choose from the page's activities or search from other available resources. Some activities are questions to start conversations with your spouse and children, some are crafts, and others are devotional. The guides will support your efforts to make faith a priority everyday and to participate in Mass from your home.

There are easy-to-follow guides for each day of the week with reflections, activity ideas, conversation starters, and much more.

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April 25, 2020 - Feast of St. Mark

Watch Archbishop Lori's Daily Reflection.

Since we're celebrating the Feast of a Gospel writer, read part of the Gospel of Mark with your kids. Catholic living has some tips.

In today's gospel, the high priest Caiaphas speaks of Jesus "dying for the nation." How can you lay down your life and "die" to yourself for your spouse today? Is there an activity that you don't particularly like that your spouse does? If so, can you do that with and for your spouse today?

As we continue to celebrate Easter as Jesus disciples, how are you being sent out like the early apostles were? What responsibility do we have to help people come to be baptized if it is how they come to be saved?

Learn more about the Gospel of Mark from Bishop Barron. Then pick it up, open your mind and heart to God, start reading, and see where it takes you!

Pray through a passage of the Gospel of Mark.

Celebrate Sunday

- Set up a home altar or prayer space with a cross, icons or sacred art, and the Bible.
- Light a candle.
- Take a few quiet minutes before Mass starts. Gather your thoughts and prepare one intention to bring to the Lord.

Find a Mass at www.archbalt.org/online-mass.

- Enjoy your coffee, breakfast, or brunch before or after Mass.
- Actively participate: sit, kneel, stand, and respond.
- Recite this prayer together as a family after communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

- What is one thing that struck you about the readings? The homily? Share it with your family. Ask your children what struck them.
- Host a virtual brunch with another family after Mass via Hangout, Zoom, or GotoMeeting.

- Support your local parish by contributing online or dropping off a check sometime with week. Check your local parish's website for ways to contribute, but many can be found on www.faithdirect.net.

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Teleworking Edition

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