

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish of Sacred Heart, are committed to enriching the Spirituality of the parish family, the Christian community, and all brothers and sisters created in God's divine image and likeness. We are called by the Holy Spirit, under the leadership of our Bishop and Pastor, to assist others through the development and promotion of various ministries. We pray for Divine guidance that we may serve others with truth, courage, forethought and compassion.

Parish Council 1998

BAPTISM: Call the office three months prior to anticipated birth to schedule a preparation class after which a Baptism date can be scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Please contact Aga Chandler, Coordinator of Religious Ed.

MARRIAGE: Contact the office six months prior to anticipated wedding date. Pre-Cana is required for all engaged couples and should be attended at least three months before the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & MINISTRY OF CARE: If you or someone you know is seriously ill, hospital or home bound, and would like the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church office to make arrangements to have a priest come and visit. The Eucharist can also be brought to homebound parishioners by an Extraordinary Minister.

WE WELCOME YOU AND INVITE YOU

to fill out a form to become a member of our special Little Church with the Big Heart. The green census forms are located in the back of the Church. You may put the completed form in the collection basket, mail it to the office, or bring it in during office hours. We welcome you to our family.

August 20, 2023 Sacred Heart Of Jesus Catholic Church

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MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Saturday — 6:00 p.m. and Sunday — 10:30 a.m. with Rosary recited 30 minutes before Saturday Mass

WEEK DAY MASS

Wednesday — 10:00 a.m. in the Church 9:00 a.m. Adoration and Benediction Anointing of the Sick is the First Wednesday of Each Month

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

12:05 p.m. Day of the Holy Day

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:10 a.m. before 10:30 am Mass Wednesday: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. before 10:00 am Mass

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday — 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Pre K 3 through High School — Sunday at 9:00 a.m. September — May

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in exploring the Catholic Faith Sunday at 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. September — May

BULLETIN NOTICE DEADLINE

— <u>MONDAY 1:00 PM for the following Sunday's bulletin</u> — Please email your request to **libbyac@sacredheartshreveport.org** You can drop it off at the church office or place your written announcement in the collection basket on Saturdays or Sundays.

Thank you.

BIENVENIDO A LOS RECIÉN LLEGADOS!

Por favor rellene un formulario de censo situado en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Usted puede poner el formulario en la cesta de la colección, enviarlo por correo a la Oficina o llamar a su información a la Oficina de la parroquia durante las horas de oficina.

Nosotros le damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia.





Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Matthew: 15:28

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SUN., AUG. 20 - 10:30 AM SAT., AUG. 26 - 6:00 PM SUN., AUG. 27 - 10:30 AM

Reader 1	Andrea Feeney		Darlene Cain	Dardanella Powell	Joe Glorioso
Reader 2	Dan Feeney		Ruth Willis	Barbara Reilly	Anthony Priest
EMHC1	Walt Recker		Jean Woods	Sandra Hay	Jennifer Callicoatte
EMHC2	Deacon Clary Nash		Barbara Lichtfuss	Deacon Clary Nash	Mary Nash
Altar Server A Altar Server B	Richard Guz-		Chandler/Katerina Stemplinski el Stemplinski	Michael Krieg	Annabelle Callicoatte Joe Callicoatte

SAINT PLUS X (1835-1914)

August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condermed the theological innovations called "modernism" yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square-

"I bless peace, not war!"—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed 'Christian" Europe despite his peacemaking efforts. —Peter Scagnelli



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

August 20 thru 26, 2023

For Repose of the Soul of

"Fay Cunningham"

by: Claudia LaRoux

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul....we want to help! We can be reached Monday - Friday between the hours of 9 am to 11 am & between 1 pm to 3 pm at 318-865-7807.

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If you are out of town and would like to find a mass near you. Go to ww.MassTimes.org or call 734-794-2100.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 – BY: DEACON CLARY NASH

"The Church is the bearer of Christ's word to the world down through the ages until the Lord returns. This is why in her sacraments, in her authoritative teaching, in her liturgy, and in the lives of her saints, the Church proclaims the word first entrusted to the Apostles with transformative power. Today's readings present a wonderfully universal perspective on God's offer of salvation. This is a perspective that is very dear to us as Catholic Christians. Did you know that Catholic means universal? Jesus came to offer love to all, and all are invited to belong to the family of his disciples.

As Catholics we are committed to an understanding of Christianity that is meant for all and belongs to all who want it. 'Catholic' was a name given to Christians very early when it became obvious to outsiders that Christians belonged to all walks of life and welcomed people from all racial and religious groups. The earliest example of the word 'Catholic' being used is from the first years of the Second Century in a letter from Ignatius of Antioch. He makes the simple statement: 'Wherever Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. The authors of the First Reading from the Isaiah scroll claim that God's temple is to be a house of prayer, not just for the Jews, but for 'all the nations' (Isaiah 56:7). They were opposing those within Judaism who were trying to restrict God's gifts including the temple to Jews. The Responsorial Psalm picks up the same theme. The psalmist prays that God's saving help will be experienced by 'all nations.' The name Mary and Joseph gave to their son, Jesus, means 'The saving help of the Lord'. Paul expresses the same longing when he prays that all nations will come to know the glory of God as it is revealed on the face and heart of Jesus (1Corinthians 4:6). The psalm goes on to pray that 'all the peoples will praise God', and that the 'ends of the earth will revere him'. In the Second Reading, Paul assures his readers that God wants to show mercy 'to all mankind' (Romans 11:32). That includes us, it is this reason that we identify with the name 'Catholic'. We know that the heart of God reaches out to all people, and so must the heart of a disciple of Jesus. God who wanted to make the Church the expression of his unbounded love for the whole of humankind. We should understand the psychological and moral implications of calling the Church 'Catholic'. A catholic heart means a heart with universal dimensions: a heart that has overcome the basic narrowness that prevents us from listening to our calling towards supreme love. It means an ecumenical heart, a heart capable of embracing the whole world. Christ died for all. No one is excluded from his love, from his forgiveness. Christ lives on and the Church continues his work. If then, we experience the privilege of communion with Jesus here in our community, our catholic heart will be compelled to reach out to others who experience the same longing, but who do not know where to search. Each of us must ask how we are to carry out this universal mission given us by Jesus. In seeking an answer to this very personal question, we will find help through the example of Jesus in today's Gospel. A Canaanite woman comes to Jesus pleading for her daughter. No doubt Jesus' heart goes out to her as it always does to people in need. She isn't named. Whenever you encounter someone who is not named in Scripture, this is an invitation to allow ourselves to become that person in the story. Jesus knows something that we all need to know. We are not called to meet any and every need that presents itself to us. It is not we who are the source of healing and love. God is love and the only true and therefore healing love we can give is the love which God inspires in us. We might feel better saying Yes, but it is important to discern first what God's will is for us. From the whole of the Gospel, it is clear, that Jesus' only desire was to do the will of God his Father. The woman from Canaan was exceptional because of the qualities and traits we see as she approaches Jesus. This story comes with a 25-dollar gift card to the first who approaches Deacon. Lessons from The Canaanite woman:

She was **Humble**, the faith of the Canaanite woman was awakened by her need. She desperately needed her daughter to be healed. What is the level of your need?

Persistent, People do not always understand what you are going through. **Sincere**, God meets you where you are in your faith and then help you grow. God will sometimes **test** your courage and faith.

Trusting, God responds to persistent prayers of faith.



Aug 20—Catechists & substitute teachers meeting after Mass in G.H.

Aug 27—Drawing for LCN 2024 for Visa Gift Card

Aug 27—Back to School—PSR Registration after Mass

Sep 04-Monday, office closed for Labor Day

Sep 09—Youth Group Meet and Greet, 3 pm to 6 pm.

Sep 10—9:00 am—First Day of PSR

Sep 12—CWL at St. Pius X- Mtg. at 10:30 am. Cost for luncheon \$12.00

Sep 13-Ladies Guild 1st Mtg in Fall at 10:30 am-Gab. Hall

Sep 17—St. Mary's 50th Anniversary Mass & Meal

Sep 24—Parish Picnic—More info. to come.

Oct 20-22—Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Healing Retreat)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let it be Done for You as You Wish"

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus was not deaf to the pleas of the Canaanite woman, but he did not respond to her right away. When he did respond, he appeared to be insulting her. Why? Theologians have offered various perspectives on this interaction, but Jesus' response certainly wasn't due to prejudice! Jesus may have been using this lesson to help his apostles see what was on the horizon. A bridging of the gap between the old attitudes and the new realities; between the Old Covenant understanding that foreigners were excluded from salvation and the fact that Jesus would soon offer the gift of salvation to the whole world. But the one message that comes through loud and clear in today's Gospel is the faith of the Canaanite woman. Jesus tests her faith, and she comes through with flying colors!

Something I find interesting about this story and others like it, is how our Lord allows others to "persuade" him to act. In a shocking, deeply mysterious cooperation with us, and never outside of His providential will, He gives mere human beings the ability to change outcomes. At the wedding at Cana, He is seemingly reluctant to do his first miracle, but his mother's intervention prompts him to act. In another scenario, He is walking toward Jairus' home in the midst of a large crowd and the woman with the hemorrhage covertly touches his garment. Without Jesus' clear permission, she receives healing. Then there is the woman in today's Gospel who doesn't allow Jesus' comment to crush her but continues to plead her cause and thereby receives the blessing of her daughter's deliverance.

These faithful women do not perceive themselves as entitled. Quite the opposite! They are extremely humble. This humility, this knowing-who-they-are, helps them to recognize who Jesus is and what he is capable of. These women do not demand what they want, but they have great confidence in Jesus, and they persist. Their faith is astounding.

Many of us have an inability to perceive how great our need is (I'm okay, you're okay), and mistakenly think we must solve our problems independently. We don't like to think of ourselves as helpless, weak, and unable to produce results without someone else's assistance. "Believe in yourself," is a much more popular motto than "Believe in Jesus."

This is all nonsense. I am not okay. You are not okay. We are sinners and we need a savior. We need help every moment of every day to live the life God is calling us to. God provided a remedy for our sin problem, and Jesus alone is the Savior we so desperately need. Mother Mary, the woman with hemorrhage, and the Canaanite woman from today's Gospel knew that Jesus was the answer to every problem. Jesus' response to all three of them can be summed up in his response to the Canaanite woman: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

By: Christine Hanus

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The "Little Church with the Big Heart" always applies throughout the entire year

Twentieth Sunday in O.T. The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use.....and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.!

Hot! Hot! And we still have August heat! Many people lost their food when the electric went out for days and days. Red Cross sent many people to our little pantry! We never turn down anyone that needs food. We are a pantry with food and clothes, which is rare in our St. Vincent de Paul. We've had huge donations from "Labels" women wear. It's been a struggle removing the security tags on everything with only 2 removers. Mary Hernandez and Albert Butscher have been heroes for SVdP removing the tags. It is very time-consuming job but they didn't give up. In July SVdP fed 52 families, which included 44 children, 66 adults, 15 seniors, and 6 homeless. The cost of food was \$300.10 for 4,224 pounds of food. Joe Glorioso is doing a wonderful job keeping the pantry full. Cost of utilities was \$585.15. Janis Parker carefully vets the people in need. We still need a couple of people or small group to take over the clothing side. Come give it a try to see if this is your

HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call the dedicated line: 318-588-1064 for information, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Absolute confidentiality is maintained by team members and participants prior to, during, and following the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be *October 20-22, 2023.*

\$250 VISA Gift Card drawing is August 27th. Lucky Calendar Numbers 2023 Winners

August 6 - 12, 2023

Date Amt. No. Winner sold by:

8/06 Sun. \$ 50.00 # 575 – No Winner

8/07 Mon. \$ 25.00 # 931 – Ruth W. sold by Ruth Willis

8/08 Tue. \$ 25.00 # 822 – Mary P. sold by Cathy

8/09 Wed. \$ 25.00 # 467 - Yuri C. sold by Aga C.

8/10 Thu. \$ 25.00 # 772 – No Winner

8/11 Fri. \$ 25.00 # 288 – David P. (St. Pius X) sold by Richard G.

8/12 Sat. \$ 35.00 # 465 – No Winner

Congratulations to the winners of the week!
The 2024 LCN's are here and ready for you to get yours. If you want to get a 2024 number prior to the drawing, call Walt @ 318/525-2654 or Cathy @ 318-286-6275 or send an email to cbflynn2586@aol.com and I will make arrangements for you to get yours.

PSR (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION)

Our Annual Planning Mtg. will take place this weekend at 11:30 am in Gab. Hall. We are always looking for new substitute teachers, so if you have heard the call please join us at the meeting. Registration will begin 8/27/23 after morning mass. There is no charge for PSR, but donations are always welcome. I look forward to seeing all our students back in the classrooms. **Aga Chandler, PSR Coordinator**

Scripture Readings For the Week of August 20, 2023

Sun: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt

15:21-28

Mon: Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt

19:16-22

Tue: Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thur: Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Fri: Memorial of Saint Louis of France and Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10;

Mt 22:34-40

Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sun: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt

16:13-20

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Weekly Collection Needed

\$ <u>4,772.00</u>

Regular Collection — Aug. 12 & 13, 2023 Children's Offering — Aug. 12 & 13, 2023 TBA TBA

Attendance: Aug. 12 & 13, 2023 — TBA

Second Collection—TBA

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON (CWL) will be hosted by the Ladies of St. Pius X Catholic Ch. on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. Registration will start at 9:30 am and meeting starts promptly at 10:30 am. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Please bring white elephant gifts in a gift bag or paper bag. They will be sold for 50 cents. Also, please call your reservation into Elaine Smith at 318-453-4145 as soon as possible. The guest speaker is Anna Maria Lannetti from the Convent of Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows.

OCIA

Is scheduled to start on September 10, 2023. There will be more information soon.

"Parish Picnic" Sunday, September 24, 2023

We don't have a lot of information at this time, but will have more information soon.