

Sacred Heart Parish

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9

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The kingdom of heaven
is like a landowner
who went out at dawn
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1

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LET GO

In our daily lives, and in prayer and worship, we encounter a God whom we don't fully understand. We sometimes meet a mysterious and surprising God, whose actions and designs are beyond us, "as high as the heavens are above the earth." Our readings this week describe the confusion, the joy, and the challenge of this encounter. The readings invite us to "let go." Isaiah invites us to let go of trying to fit God into our own comfortable ways of thinking. Paul, knowing that he might face death at any time, describes his joy over having let go of trying to control his future. Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to let go of limiting God's generosity to others. May our encounters with our mysterious but trustworthy God transform our hearts and minds, and deepen our trust in God.

A GENEROUS GOD

The parable in today's Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God.

Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day's wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that "you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden." They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God's people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God's generosity to everyone.

THE FIRST AND LAST

In today's parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less.

When Jesus says that "the last will be first and the first will be last," he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "the first and the last," the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God's world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus' healing ministry.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6–9

Psalms 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18

Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a

Matthew 20:1–16a

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Sacred Heart Parish and the Diocese of Joliet are overjoyed to invite all the people of the Diocese of Joliet and throughout the Church to join us in celebrating the installation of our new bishop, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, later this month.

On the eve of the Installation, Bishop Hicks will join our priests for a **Vespers Service of Welcome** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. This will begin at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020.**

Bishop Hicks will be installed as the sixth Bishop of Joliet by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the Most Reverend Archbishop Christophe Pierre, on **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** The **Installation Mass** will also take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

Due to the gathering limitations in place during COVID-19, participation will be by invitation only. **Both events will be livestreamed for all to join us virtually at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/> or <http://www.youtube.com/DioceseofJolietIL>.**

Bishop Hicks will begin his service to the Diocese of Joliet on Wednesday, September 30. Correspondence and invitations to activities, or requests for appointments on or after that date should be submitted to Julie Grzadzinski, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, at jgrzadzinski@dioceseofjoliet.org, (815) 221-6185, or at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois 60403.

The continued prayers of all in the Joliet Diocesan Community are welcome as we rejoice in the unfolding of our history.



***Desire to know more about the Catholic Faith?
Want to complete your sacramental preparation?***

Then, RCIA (Rite of Christian initiation of Adults) is for you! The process of RCIA is gradual and is marked by steps or stages which lead to full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Whether you are new to Christianity, a Protestant Christian hungering for the sacraments, or a baptized Catholic interested in Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, we are accepting applications for those people who are committed to the process of conversion into full communion with the Catholic Church.



Classes are beginning Sunday, September 13, and will be held on **Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** Please e-mail cmazzacano@shclombard.org, or call (630) 627-0687, x200 for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration



On the vigil before the First Friday each month, the church will be open for adoration from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(masks required, follow directions of church representatives)

**Thursday, October 1
Thursday, November 5
Thursday, December 3**

Please note: As we go through the phases for re-opening the church, please check the website and watch the live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and listen to the robo calls for updates. If you are unable to access the church website to sign up for a weekend Mass, you can leave a message at extension 211 at the main phone number: (630) 627-0687.

SUNDAY MASS AT SACRED HEART:

Streamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMKrde_k1MWFmBocW11MCdw

Daily Masses are at noon with masks (required). Enter & exit by church door closest to the parking lot. Sit in marked sections in the middle two sections of the church. Church is unlocked at 11:30 a.m. and closed immediately following Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 in the Parish Center. Bring your mask and follow the directions for social distancing.

For important information such as the procedure to sign up for weekend Masses, go to our website: www.sacredheartlombard.org



Blessing of the Animals

Day: Saturday, October 10

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Where: SHC parking lot

Who: Deacon Chris

**Bring your family pets
for a blessing and treats.
Bring your facial covering
and be prepared to social
distance.**

Religious Education Office "To Jesus through Mary"



Greetings from our Religious Education office, and welcome back to our upcoming 2020 - 2021 year of Religious Education classes! As you may know, our RE classes this year will begin next Monday, September 21 for our Monday students and Wednesday, September 23 for our Wednesday students.

Just in case you have not yet had the opportunity to register your child(ren), please contact Dr. Linda Andrejek at landrejek@shclombard.org or 630-495-0843 as soon as possible. We are still accepting registrations, however, we ask that you submit your registration forms as soon as possible!

Please know that we truly look forward to seeing all of our students and families again for our upcoming RE classes! In the meantime, may Our Lord and Blessed Mother continue to grant you all many graces!



Congratulations to
James Chase Opoka

who received the
Sacrament of Baptism

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday vigil & Sunday	September 19 & 20: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Collection: Catholic Education
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Charles Schmitt by Schmitt family
10:00 a.m.	Anna Minerva by Minerva family
12:00 p.m.	Jacqueline Eden by Kaefer family
Monday	September 21: St. Matthew, apostle, and evangelist
12:00 p. m.	Pat Pilet by Ed Schmitt Erwin Stark
Tuesday	September 22: Weekday
12:00 p.m.	Louis Gluth by Chris Bzdelik
Wednesday	September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest (Padre Pio)
12:00 p.m.	Jose G. Seril by Irene Palisoc Intentions of Joseph Cohn
Thursday	September 24: Weekday
12:00 p.m.	Thomas O'Hara by Jim & Sue Leahy
Friday	September 25: Weekday
12:00 p.m.	Anita Gonzalez by Ethel & Harold Spratt
Saturday vigil & Sunday	September 26 & 27: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Collection: Debt Reduction
5:00 p.m.	Emily Melone by Domenico & Diane Schiavone
8:00 a.m.	Louis F. Gluth by Lorraine Gluth
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 p.m.	Mary Nocek by Keafer family



Pray for the repose of the souls of
Edward & Eileen Ryan

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Haley Naebig	Anna Scharf-Dioguardi	Thomas Morris
Winnie Lyons	Mary Lou Maggiore	Michael Eagan
Duncan Kero	Ronne Stankus	Kendall Monaghan
Amanda Kero	Evan Ruud	Drake Dannhauser
Kristine Dowd	Elisabeth Andrejek	Colleen Wick
James Walsh		

Parishioners in the Military

Pray for Justin Batt, Filemon Diaz, John Donovan, Christopher Hopkins, 1LT. Jordan Lemens, CW5 Joseph Lemens, CPT. Joseph Lemens III, Pvt. David Mace, Spc. Sean Mace, Sgt., PFC Kyle Mrazek, Daniel Payne II, Joseph Peters, Josh Ploke, Thomas Reiter, Sgt., MSgt.-E7 Katie Schultz, Robbie Stratton, Kevin Sullivan Sgt., Joseph Tomiello, Lt. Joshua Wiley, Tim Willis, Jacob St. Blancard, 1Lt..

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13;
Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11;
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11;
Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 - 12:8;
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9;
Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
Mt 21:28-32

Vocation Prayer Calendar Sept. 20—26

20. Fr. James Radek, Fr. John Regan
21. Sr. Jeanette Pierce OSF, Sr. Marilyn Renninger OSF, Sr. Gayle Lynn Rusbasan OSF, Sr. Nancy Roberta Schramm OSF
22. Dcns. Scott Pace, Rigoberto Padilla, Thomas Paluch, Lindsey Parsons, Leonard Penkala, Michael Perkins
23. Fr. Edward Ward O.Carm. Fr. John Welch
24. Fr. Rolf Willemsen O.Carm. Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld O.F.M.
25. Sr. Mary Mark Segvich OSF, Sr. Joyce Shanabarger OSF, Sr. Mary Shinnick OSF, Sr. Mary Paul Shisler OSF
26. Fr. Gerald Riva, Fr. Mark Rosenbaum



Diocese of Joliet



Women's Annual Prayer Breakfast

Regretfully, we are canceling this event for this autumn. The Women's Prayer Breakfast is a joint venture with Christ the King and Saint Pius X parishes. We began three years ago and hosted at Sacred Heart. From 95 participants in our parish center the first year, to nearly 200 at Saint Pius X last year, we've grown. We had looked forward to returning to Sacred Heart this year and had reserved the gym, given we had to turn some away the first year we hosted. Work had begun and then the pandemic occurred. This event was a spiritual and social joining and it did not appear we could provide that this year due to safety concerns.



Tootsie Roll Drive September 19 & 20

Knights of Columbus Father Boecker Council #6090 will be holding their Annual Intellectual Disability Tootsie Roll Drive on

Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20.

We will be stationed outside of church before and after all masses.

Please help us by supporting this worthy cause and donate for a Tootsie Roll and or maybe a Tootsie Roll midget mini-bank. Donations go to special needs programs in our area. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

D. Thurman, Grand Knight and
I.D. Chairman Matt Koykar



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
life is precious -defend it

Fall 2020 Campaign
Sept. 23 - Nov. 1, 7am - 7pm.



40 Days for Life is a peaceful, community-based prayer vigil that asks our loving God to help bring about an end to abortion through **Prayer and Fasting • Constant Vigil • Community Outreach**

Volunteers are needed to **pray for one hour** in front of the abortion clinic in Downers Grove; Access Health Center located at 1700 W. 75th St.

Over 17,000 babies' lives have been saved through the prayers of people praying at a 40 Days for Life vigil. Please consider joining us for an hour of prayer this year, and bring a friend.

For more information and to sign up for an hour, please visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove

We need your prayers... so do the moms and babies!

PRAY TO END ABORTION

God will not allow you to be lost if you persist in your determination not to lose Him.

PADRE PIO

SACRED HEART GRADUATES RECEIVE THE MARY C. GUERTLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Montini Catholic High School in Lombard congratulated two deserving recipients of the Mary C. Guertler Memorial Scholarship on Monday, August 31st. The scholarship was established to honor the memory of Mary Guertler, who had three children and three grandchildren* graduate from Montini Catholic. Her son, Steven Guertler '79 (Villa Park), established the scholarship in her name.

Students selected for this year's scholarship were juniors **Isabelle Juda** and **Sarah Ernat**, both of Lombard. Applicants were asked to discuss their participation in parish and community programs. Isabelle and Sarah greatly impressed the Guertler family with their extensive service resumes. Both young women are members of Montini Catholic's Peer Ministry group and are very involved in the faith life at Montini Catholic and in their parish (**Sacred Heart, Lombard**) and community.

Mary Guertler's Catholic faith was the cornerstone of her life. She attended Mass daily and was committed to Catholic Education, herself being a product of 12 years of Catholic school. "My mother was steadfast and selfless in her desire to provide each of her four children a Catholic education," said Steven. "No personal sacrifice was too great for her to achieve this vision. She went to work third shift as a Nursing Assistant at Elmhurst Hospital to ensure tuition was always covered. She specifically requested the PM shift so she was home for her children both before and after school. My mother loved Montini Catholic and was proud of the Lasallian educational experience that her children and grandchildren received."

"Congratulations to Izzy and Sarah," said President Jim Segredo. "They are both inspirations to us all, here at Montini Catholic. And both are perfect examples of young adults putting their faith into action and living out their Lasallian values."



Join the East DuPage Deanery and Holy Ghost Church Online

for this special event...

Thursday, September 24th

7:00—9:00 p.m.

Holy Ghost Website :

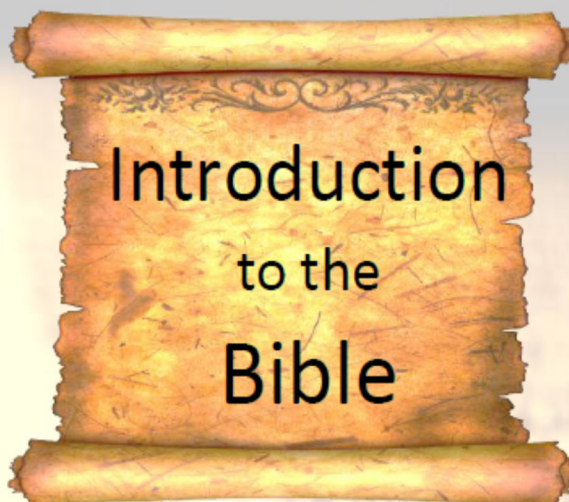
www.holyghostparish.org

Presenter: Dr. Joan Gorski

Director of the Biblical Institute of Joliet

Learn the Catholic view of scripture, what the church says about reading the Bible, biblical origins of Catholic practice and Beliefs, what every Catholic should know about the Bible, and ways to bring the Bible into your life.

Dr. Joan Gorski grew up in Naperville and has made it her life's work introducing others to the many aspects of Scripture, and sharing her knowledge with those interested in obtaining a deeper understanding of the Bible.



Join us at 7pm by watching Dr. Joan's presentation on Holy Ghost's Website.

www.holyghostparish.org



Sacred Heart School

Where Minds and Spirits Grow

SACRED HEART SCHOOL 2020-2021 GOALS

Goal 1: Student performance will be improved through careful attention to the Plan-Instruct-Assess Cycle

Goal 2: Students will understand and practice the virtues of Patience, Generosity, Gratitude and Fortitude

Goal 3: Parents and Staff will work together to ensure the academic and spiritual growth of our children.

Gifts from God Project 3rd Grade

Students shared some of the things that God has given them including things that make them special. One student presented her project virtually.



7th grade conducted a socially distant battleship tournament outside on the lawn to practice reading and plotting points on a coordinate plane.



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DR. LINDA ANDREJEK, DRE/ Youth Ministry
MR. DANIEL POLLACK, Music Director
MRS. ROXANE DITTA, Office Manager and
Pastor's Secretary

Sacred Heart website: www.sacredheartlombard.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Not open to foot traffic so please call for an appointment)

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch from 11:45 -12:45)

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Parish Office Phone: 630-627-0687

School Phone: 630-629-0536

REO Phone: 630-495-0843

Hours by appointment

DAILY MASS: (Monday - Friday): 12:00 noon

SUNDAY MASS: (by registration only)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (in Parish Center)

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

The chapel remains closed.

Baptism Program:

1. Make arrangements beforehand by calling the parish office. You can call before the baby is born.
2. While social distancing is in place, each baptism will be private. Call the parish office to schedule.

Marriages:

1. Make arrangements beforehand by calling the parish office.
2. Diocesan policy requires that marriage preparation begin at least six months prior to the wedding.

Hospital Visitation:

Please inform the parish office if one of your family members is hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital, Elmhurst Hospital, or Central DuPage Hospital and you wish a priest to visit. Catholic chaplains are assigned to all hospitals to administer the Sacraments and care for the spiritual needs of patients. Kindly inform the information desk.

Notification of the Death of a Parishioner:

Upon the death of a parishioner and once final arrangements have been made, details will be announced at the next scheduled morning Mass. The parish office will also post the information on the bulletin board in the walkway between the church and school.

New Parishioners:

May register at the parish office during the week in person (by appointment) or by phone.

Parish Boundaries:

NORTH: North Avenue from Grace Street to Swift Road
SOUTH: Roosevelt Road from River to Finley Road
Wilson Avenue to Hammerschmidt
Madison to Grace Street
EAST: Grace Street
WEST: Swift Road, DuPage River
Also St. James Apts.—Roosevelt Road & Finley Road
Braeside and Royal Glen Apts.— Glen Ellyn

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