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August 29, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance: All Are Welcome #314

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Responsorial Psalm

*The one who does justice
will live in the presence of the Lord*

Second Reading: James 1:17-18,21b-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory: For the Beauty of the Earth #597

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Communion: Only This I Want #505

*Only this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.*

Recessional: Glory and Praise to Our God #548

*Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings.

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save.

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray.

August 29th - September 5th

Sunday, August 29th –

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

5:00pm Vigil Decd Richard Wisker
8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
9:45am Decd Costantino & Ludovica Cucchiella
11:30am Decd Rosario & Rosalinda Tarda

Monday, August 30th -

1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

8:30am Decd Helen Russell

Tuesday, August 31st -

1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/Lk 4:31-37

8:30am Decd Colleen Keller Zambetti

Wednesday, September 1st -

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

8:30am Sp Int
7:30pm Decd Mary Avezzano

Thursday, September 2nd -

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

8:30am Decd Antonia Leylegian (1st Anni)

Friday, September 3rd - St. Gregory

Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

8:30am Decd Henry Trabucco (4th Anni)

Saturday, September 4th -

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

8:30am Decd Lorraine McManus (2nd Anni)

Sunday, September 5th -

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5a/Mk 7:31-37

5:00pm Vigil Decd Timothy M. O'Brien
8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
9:45am Decd John & Ida Cammarosano
11:30am Decd Freeman & Areizaga Families

Week of August 29th

Bread and Wine
Decd Henry Trabucco

Sanctuary Lamp
Decd Henry Trabucco



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The Parish Office will be closed
Wednesday, Sept 1st through Monday, Sept 6th.
The Office will reopen on
Tuesday, Sept 7th at 11:00 am.

The Week Ahead

Monday

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 Mass

Wednesday

Our Mother of Perpetual Rosary & Novena 6:30 pm
Confessions 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Saturday

Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm

Please Pray
for the repose of the souls of
Michael Birritella
and all the deceased parishioners of Sacred Heart,
and the Special Intentions of
Our Parish Family members,
listed in our Prayer Intention Book.

Wedding Banns

III Christopher Dennison & Stephanie DeLuca
II George Bulaj & Shage Mitaj
I Daniel Couto & Maria Candace

From the Pastor's Desk

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Do Our Words and Actions Agree?

All three of our readings this weekend share a common interest, a common theme: Our faithful adherence to God's word and commands or our abandonment of those laws for the sake of following our own ways, other gods, things that lead us away from God. This is not a new theme; we heard similar thoughts in last weekend's readings as well. Might there be a message here for us?

In our first reading, Moses challenges the Israelites to "hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live and may enter in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you." In our second reading, James enjoins the Christian community to "humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." In our gospel passage from Mark, the Pharisees and scribes note that Jesus' disciples did not perform the necessary cleansing of hands before eating their meal or other external rites of purification. Jesus reproves them saying that they are more concerned about human tradition than they are about following God's commandments, which they disregard. In quoting the prophet Isaiah, Jesus uses strong words to make his point to these hypocrites: "This people honors me with their lips but their hearts are far from me."

Once again, let's personalize the Scriptures. Do we obey God's commandments? Do we pay only lip service to God, to His Word? Are our hearts far from the Lord? Do we really try our best to put our words into action or do we simply try to "squeak by" with bold words that are not followed by concrete actions? Do we tell God how much we love him and do we back up those words with actions? Do we tell others that we love them and back up those same words with actions? Are we doers of God's word as well as hearers of God's word?

Jesus certainly cared about the Law and keeping the rules. However, we know that he never put the rules before people. He reminds us that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27) He did not overestimate the importance of rules and regulations. We, too, may broaden our understanding of the immensity of God's love and care for His people. We have seen this over and over again in the preaching and teaching of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis. Although I am no expert on the writings and speeches of our Holy Father, I do not find it surprising that some within the Church take exception to him and the spiritual, moral guidance he is giving us; the people in Jesus' day took exception to him as well.

As we journey through this 22nd week of Ordinary Time, let us consider our response to God's Word and our response to Jesus' instruction and example. Let us consider the way(s) in which we fulfill our religious and spiritual obligations. Am I growing closer to God and deepening my relationship with Jesus or am I drifting away and putting God at a distance in my life?

Pope Francis on Covid Vaccinations

The Vatican has recently released the English text of Pope Francis' appeal for all people of goodwill to take any COVID-19 vaccine "authorized by the competent authorities." Pastors are encouraged to include this in their parish bulletins and announcements. This can be very useful to increase the immunization rate. Also, with schools re-opening, it would be good for high school principals to make this available to their students and their parents.

"In a brotherly spirit, I join in this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together. Being immunized with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies (cf. Laudato si', no. 231, cf. Fratelli tutti, 184). Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you, and thank you."

Returning to Masks?

Many have asked if we will return to the requirement of wearing masks while at church. At the present time we continue to ask those who have not received the vaccination to please do wear a mask at all times while inside Sacred Heart Church. Those who have received a vaccine must decide for themselves, based on their own comfort level, about wearing masks. If it becomes necessary and advised, we will ask everyone to wear a mask, despite their vaccination status. We continue to disinfect the church after each weekend Mass and each Sunday evening the SterileMed Company comes to do a more thorough disinfecting of the church. Thank you everyone for being vigilant.

Sunday's Young Adult Mass

Despite the rain last Sunday, 20 young adults participated in our Young Adult Mass and stayed briefly for some refreshments afterwards in the church hall. Our music was provided by New Life Ministry and added both joy and solemnity to the celebration of Mass. I wasn't quite sure if anyone would show up for the Mass, but I was inspired by the fact that we had as many as we did, even though that is a smaller number than usual.

I keep repeating the invitation in the parish and I keep asking all of our parishioners to invite a young adult to join for Mass and fellowship once a month. I try to personally invite as many young adults that I see in church on the weekend but I need your help to encourage your sons/daughters, grandchildren, neighbors to participate. The majority of those in attendance are young professionals, some recently engaged or married, some parents...some are college or graduate students. Many walks of life, many different experiences...one purpose for gathering: to praise the Lord and receive Him in the Eucharist. (Each month before the Mass several young adults ask to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well. The Spirit of God is at work here...let's help Him along!)

Our next Young Adult Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 19 at 7:00 PM.

In Celebration of Creation

For the next several weeks, we include a brief bulletin insert, courtesy of Sr. Carol De Angelo, SC, the Peace/Justice/Integrity of Creation director for the Sisters of Charity. As part of the Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement, she is trying to help Pope Francis get the word out to parishes about Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si* and about the role we play in the care for creation. As a Capuchin-Franciscan parish, we are happy to share these inserts as we do our part to care for God's creation. The inserts have been composed by Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement.

WEEK I AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 1st

September 1st is the World Day of Prayer for All Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation. The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "A Home for All? Renewing the 'oikos of God.'" 'Oikos' is the Greek word for 'home' or 'household'. During this Season of Creation may we celebrate the gift of our Common Home, Earth, and the family relationships that sustain us.

In Case You Missed It: New Music Resources & Missalettes

A number of parishioners have been asking when the missalettes would be back in use. After reviewing a number of options that are available to us, we have decided to purchase new music resources for the parish that will be accompanied by a separate missalette containing the readings and Mass parts. The missalettes coincide with the beginning of the new liturgical year (the First Sunday of Advent.) If the music books come in earlier, we can begin using them sooner.

I am grateful for everyone's participation, but in song and recited responses at Mass. I hope that these new resources will help increase everyone's participation in Mass, even if we're wearing masks! Sacred Heart has always been a vibrant, responsive, participative liturgical community. May these new resources help us to resume and even exceed our level of participation prior to the beginning of the pandemic. Let us continue to lift up our hearts, our voices, our spirits to the Lord in hymns of praise and gratitude. Thank you for the many ways in which you assist, motivate, and inspire others!

It Happens Every Summer!

Even though the new school year begins in a few short weeks (sorry to mention it!), a number of families make last minute decisions at the end of the summer about which high school their sons/daughters will attend. The same is true here at Sacred Heart. We have had a number of new, recent inquiries which we are grateful for. Sacred Heart High School is still accepting new (9th grade) and transfer students for the 2021-2022 academic year. Please do not hesitate to contact Brendan Clark, our Director of Admissions, at 914-965-3114 or bclark@sacredhearths.org for more information.

Fr. Bob

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*Sacred Heart High School
Salutes Yonkers*
Saturday, September 18th
3:00-7:00 PM in Mary's Field

There is no charge for this event.

However, in order to prepare for the barbecue, we **MUST** have a count of those who wish to attend. For that reason, please contact us **no later than September 10th**.

In order to respond, you may: call the parish office, email Claire Sullivan (csullivan@sacredhearths.org) or scan the QR Code found on the attached small flyer

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