When one thinks about the largest fish in the world, one’s thoughts may drift towards the great white shark. The great white is a truly menacing creature that has earned the respect of all mankind and marine wildlife alike. However, what if I was to tell you that the largest fish in the world is in fact a shark twice as large as the great white but nowhere near as aggressive? The *Whale Shark* is indeed the largest fish in the world. In fact, it is the largest non-cetacean (cetaceans are aquatic animals such as dolphins, orcas, blue whales, etc.) animal on earth! They live in every tropical and warm sea on earth. Whale sharks regularly live up to 70 to 100 years. Some have been known to live up to 150 years. They do not even reach their sexual maturity until the age of 30 years. They are the second longest-lived sharks behind the Greenland Shark that lives between 270 to 500 years due to extremely cold climates. At their largest they can measure an excess of 40 ft. as compared to the great white which tend to measure around the 20 ft. range. They also average a weight of around 9 tons! With such menacing proportions, why is the whale shark not the apex marine predator that haunts us in our dreams? The reason is simple. The whale shark is a filter feeder. This means that it opens its enormous mouth and aims for schools of plankton and krill, some of the smallest marine lifeforms. It then closes its mouth, filters out the water through its gills and consumes the meal. They tend to be extremely docile often allowing divers to swim next to and interact with them on a regular basis. Unfortunately, the whale shark is considered an endangered species by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. There are very few whale sharks living in captivity but the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta does have two whale sharks residing in massive tanks. Interestingly enough, the whale shark is beloved by many cultures; some even adding the beautiful creature to their currency. Once again, another exceptional example of how God creates such a combination of size, beauty and docility for our amazement and appreciation.
Thursday, May 7th

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it would be advantageous to unite as a nation in prayer on this day for an end to the pestilence that is the coronavirus, an end to abortion and any other intentions that you may have. May God bless us all during these tumultuous times.

Jueves, 7 de Mayo

Hermano y hermanas en Cristo, será ventajosa para unirse como nación en oración para el fin del coronavirus, el aborto y cualquier intenciones que tienen. Que Dios nos bendiga durante estos tiempos difíciles.
We would like to offer all of our parishioners a well deserved “thank you” for remaining vigilant with your tithing and Annual Catholic Appeal. Our tithing totals are down from our average during this time. However, please keep in mind that tithing is not something that is demanded by our church, it has been an ask from our Lord since the beginning of recorded history. Our church and the Archdiocese still has to operate during these trying times so please continue to give your tithing and make your pledges to the A.C.A. God bless us all!

Queremos dar una gracias para todos nuestros feligreses para manteniéndose vigilante con sus diezmos y Apelación Católica Anual. Nuestros totales diezmos han bajado durante este tiempo difícil. Esto fue esperada. Pero, diezmo no es algo que nuestra iglesia ha exigido. Diezmo es algo que nuestro Señor nos ha pedido desde el principio de los tiempos. Nuestra iglesia y Arquidiócesis todavía tiene que operar durante este tiempo. Por favor continúan con sus diezmos y sus promesas al A.C.A. Dios nos bendiga a todos.
Tithing has been an integral part of how we give ourselves back to God since the beginning of recorded history. Scripture speaks about Cain and Abel bringing offerings to the Lord of the fruits of their respective labor. We do this by offering our tithings along with our time and talents. However, during this time of absence from many of our sacraments, we must remain vigilant to our responsibilities to our Lord. Here are a few of ways to continue your tithing during this time.

Vamos a proveer tres (3) maneras para dar su diezmo a nuestra iglesia querida durante este tiempo raro.

**Online Giving**

Today, many people take care of their bills online due to its convenient nature. However, this is also an ideal way to take care of your tithing as well. By giving online, it ensures that your “first fruits” are exactly that! Simply visit our church website, [sacredheartclovis.com](http://sacredheartclovis.com), and click on “Give”. Fill out the information and just like that, your tithing is done quickly, securely and efficiently from the comfort of your own home. Definitely consider online giving.

**Donaciones Electrónica**

La manera más recomendada para dar su diezmo será hacerlo por nuestro sitio Web. Solo hacer clic donde dice “Give”, llena toda tu información, la frecuencia y cantidad de su diezmo y terminaste.

**Mailing Tithing to the Office**

You are all still welcomed to send your tithing into the church office. Please do not send your tithing envelopes to the church office without placing them inside of a security envelope. We will check the mail daily. Our address is:

**Sacred Heart Church**

921 N. Merriwether St.
Clovis, N.M. 88101

**Envía por Correo**

Pueden mandar su diezmo por correo si quieren. Si lo mandan por correo, por favor pon su diezmo dentro de un sobre de seguridad. Vamos a chequear el correo cada día. Nuestra dirección es:

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**Devotional Candle Offering Box**

You are also welcomed to drop off your tithe into our devotional candle offering boxes located by the votive candle racks on the East and West sides of our church. Please ensure that you label your tithing as such prior to placing them into the boxes. We must still be able to distinguish which donations are for the candles and which are for tithing. The boxes will be checked daily so this is a safe and secure alternative.

**Cajas de Velas Votivas**

Pueden dejar su diezmo en las cajas que usamos para donaciones de velas votivas dentro de nuestra iglesia. Estas cajas son seguro y vamos a chequear las cajas cada día. Antes de dejar su diezmo en las cajas, por favor marquen su donación como tal.
Weekly Readings

Monday, April 27th:

Tuesday, April 28th:
*ACTS* 7:51—8:1A *PS* 31:3CD-4,6&7B&8A,17&21AB *JN* 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 29th:
*ACTS* 8:1B-8 *PS* 66:1-3A,4-5,6-7A *JN* 6:35-40

Thursday, April 30th:
*ACTS* 8:26-40 *PS* 66:8-9,16-17,20 *JN* 6:44-51

Friday, May 1st:

Saturday, May 2nd:

Sunday, May 3rd:

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Prayer Warriors!

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact Mary Shockley (575) 799-6402. She will place that individual that is in need of prayer into a circle of prayer. Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church will then pray for those individuals to Almighty God. This is a wonderful ministry and privilege for us to be able to pray for you.

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Mass Intentions

**FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** April 27th, 2020
9:00AM For the intentions of the celebrant

**Tuesday** April 28th, 2020
9:00AM †Jan Lasseter

**Wednesday** April 29th, 2020
9:00AM †Barbara and †Christopher Timmons

**Thursday** April 30th, 2020
9:00AM †All who have died from Coronavirus

**Friday** May 1st, 2020
9:00AM Recovery of Mary McWilliams

**Saturday** May 2nd, 2020
6:00PM Recovery of Jean Kaplan from surgery

**Sunday** May 3rd, 2020
10:00AM †Barbara & †Christopher Timmons,
†Luzia Kronenberger, †Pedro Sena,
†Marcos G. Urban Jr., Felisa Runion
Thank you Frank Oborny!!

We would like offer our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to our brother Frank Oborny. Frank beautifully sculpted and produced the backings for our new Stations of the Cross that were purchased while Fr. Leon was with us. The new Stations have been erected and look absolutely wonderful! Frank is the gentleman that was also responsible for our new Baptismal font and offering table in the back. We are truly blessed to have a brother who gives so freely of his time and talents and never charges the church a dime! God bless you Frank and thanks again!