

**Baptism, Our New Relationship**

Today's First Reading is a hymn foretelling a mysterious figure, the Suffering Servant of the Lord. This Servant is God's chosen one, His "beloved" (as Jesus is called "beloved" at His Baptism in today's Gospel). The Servant is a gentle figure who will bring justice to the entire world, not only to Israel. Jesus applies this prophecy to Himself whenever he speaks of His mission, especially His suffering and death on the cross. • In the Second Reading, St. Peter defines the two kinds of baptism: St. John the Baptist's - one of *conversion*; and the one given by Jesus - one of *conversion* and *receiving* the Holy Spirit. St. Peter recalls his visit to the Roman pagan, Cornelius who wanted to become a Christian. He was a God-fearing pagan who sympathized with Jewish ways. St. Peter was there, so he testifies to the Holy Spirit's descent upon Cornelius even prior to his baptism. • Today's Gospel introduces us to a *new* and *more complete* Baptism, not just one of conversion (like John the Baptist's) but one of *filiation*; for in Christian baptism we become God's children, adopted by Him via the Sacrament of Baptism. This is the power of Jesus' baptism. It is Jesus who sanctifies baptism, who draws down the Holy Spirit. In Christian Baptism we are not only called to conversion, but are anointed with God's Holy Spirit wherein the Father proclaims us to be His beloved. At that moment, He claims us as His own. Anointed with His Spirit, we become His children. It is our spiritual filiation with God. • May we always have the grace to live that new relationship, renewed in Reconciliation.

**Prayer of the Week**

Father in heaven, you revealed Christ as your Son by the voice that spoke over the waters of the Jordan. May all who share in the sonship of Christ follow in his path of service to others, and reflect the glory of his kingdom even to the ends of the earth, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

The Sacrament of Baptism derives its name from a Greek word that means to "plunge" or to "immerse" into water. Thus, its name highlights the

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new Christian's burial into Christ's death and resurrection into a new Christian life of grace. • Church tradition has also call baptism "the washing" or "regeneration" or "bath of enlightenment." These descriptions suggest a rebirth of the spirit and point to the necessity of receiving catechetical instruction about the mysteries of God's love to either before or after receiving the sacrament. Baptism also makes us children of light and empowers us to bring the light of Christ into the world. In brief, baptism is God's unearned gift to us that confers the grace and life of Christ.

**"Second Sunday" Social**

TODAY, after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall

All are welcome!

**Seeking Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound**

For those parishioners who are homebound due to illness or age, receiving Holy Communion is a spiritual gift and not just a mere kindness. This may be the only way these people may have to receive the sacrament on a regular basis. For them to do so, however, requires that someone from the parish be willing to serve as a Special Minister of the Eucharist to the Homebound. If you think you would be able to participate in this ministry, please contact Fr. Walton. Training will be provided.

*You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Live always as a child of the light.*

**Faith Formation Teachers Needed**

Children who are not enrolled in a Catholic school receive instruction in our Faith Formation program 4:00 to 5:00 pm on Tuesdays during the school year. You can help pass on the faith by volunteering to teach in the program. Training and materials are provided. If you can help, please contact Tila Madrigal at 916-947-2683.

**In Our Prayers**

**Daily Mass Intentions  
January 13 - January 20**

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Kenneth Belke (+)
	9:30am	Joshua Wingert (+)
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish
<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Pablo Cacanando (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	Nita York (+)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	Aaron Sanchez (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	Gene Domek (+)
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Patricia Estlander (+)
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Jose, Anna & Lucy Oliveira (+)
	5:30pm	George & Rita Godby (+)
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Barbara Dovichi (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Joe Vanacore (+)

**In Memoriam**

Glenn Takai • December 22, 2018

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Bishop Francis Quinn, Doris Wagner, Cathy Bergmann, Rick Cwynar, Kang Simon Lee, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Laurel Sunderman, Isabel Harper, Rouzbeh Daylami, Howard Huston, Mark Zane, Richard Honey, Josephine Davila, Dale Wooldridge, Donald Anderson, Teresa Yeung, Nancy McGarry, Vivian Stolp, Rita Doherty, Patrick Valenzuela, Cheryl Halm Lincoln, Michael Fletcher, Grayson Kemp, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Grace Grant, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Marie Schumacher, Ralph Goodall, Josephine Haddock, G.R. Gurley, Darren Stewart, Marge Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Barbara Cramer, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Ammon, Mary Terese Henricksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

**Christmas Thank You**

This Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Our parish celebrations were greatly enhanced with the help of many ministries: Music with Schola Cantorum and Vox Nova, directed by Don Kendrick and the School Choir directed by Liz Mazzaferro and Ingrid and Steve Penney; Ushers (coordinated by Jan Radimsky), Readers (coordinated by Lisa Konarski), and Eucharistic Ministers (coordinated by Maureen Sharp); The Art and Environment Committee, led by Gabi Stallings and the Stallings, Holtkamp, and Borland families along with the Altar Society members, led by Linda Rutherford, who decorated the church; Karl and Kim Voltrez, Steve Hyde, and Tom Flynn, who set up the Creche; Don Baumgartner and his Angels, who kept the church clean throughout all the celebrations; and Claire Hyde, who cleaned and ironed all the linens used at the Masses, not a small task! • Thank you to all of them for their contributions of time and talent.

**Altar Society News**

Members are invited to attend the next Altar Society meeting to be held on Friday, January 18 at 10:am in the Parish Hall.

**Safety Committee**

Sacred Heart's position on a major street and near a hospital sometimes results in a mentally ill person coming into the church. While most of these people mean no ill will, they can be frightening to our parishioners. On a rare occasion, they might be violent, able to harm themselves or others. To address these issues and draft a plan for how best to respond to these situations, Fr. Walton would like to establish a committee of parishioners consisting of individual with any kind of law enforcement or public safety background, as well as mental health professionals. If you are interested in joining this committee, please call Fr. Walton at 916-452-4136.

**Please Do Not Park in Lot Across the Street**

The small office building parking lot across 39th St. from the church has, until now, been available for weekend parking. However, the tenants now have shifts on the weekends and they need their parking spaces. Please be courteous and honor their request not to park in their lot at any time.

**Meetings & Events**

**In-Parish Retreat -- Save the Date!**

You are invited! Fr. Robin Ryan, CP, will be visiting our parish Feb. 10-12. Each evening at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria, and each morning after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall, Fr. Ryan will be presenting an "In-Parish" Retreat for all interested parishioners. In Fr. Ryan's words, "a retreat is a sacred space and time". Many of us are unable to spend a weekend away from home at a retreat center. Instead, our parish will be visited by the Retreat Master, Fr. Ryan. He will provide us with the time and space to "take a long, loving look at the real" (Fr. William. McNamara, OCD), namely our lifelong invitation to renew and strengthen our connection with Christ, our Savior.

**The theme for each evening will be:**

Sunday: "Christ the Friend: Building Friendship with Christ."

Monday: "Christ the Good Shepherd: Becoming a Reconciled and a Reconciling Person."

Tuesday: "Christ the Bread of Life: The Eucharist as Food for the Journey."

Each of the three evenings will be held in the cafeteria at the school beginning at 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The format of each evening will include a Scripture reading, a psalm, a song, and a presentation by Fr. Ryan. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. • If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by calling the Ministry Office at 916-452-4830 or emailing Rita Spillane at [ritaspillane@gmail.com](mailto:ritaspillane@gmail.com). Please plan to attend this Retreat even if you are only able to attend one or two of the sessions. When you RSVP, indicate what nights you expect to be able to attend.

**Giving Tree Generosity**

This year, the Sacred Heart community was especially generous to those charities asked for gift cards for their clients.

The four charities (St. Francis Manor children, Human Trafficking Medical Home, Low income Seniors, and Diocesan HIV/AIDS) received a total of \$4,915, ranging from \$725 to \$1,575 to each. This is especially generous in light of the fact that our parishioners were so generous to the Butte County fire victims just a month before. Thank you for sharing your Christmas bounty with those in need of support.

**School Open House**

Mark your calendars and join us for our annual Open House on January 27 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. All are invited and welcome. This is the kick off for Catholic Schools Week, celebrated throughout the Diocese of Sacramento. Students will be giving school tours, classrooms will be open and teachers will be available to visit. • Come and see all the wonderful excitement that happens at Sacred Heart Parish School!

**Youth Group**

The Youth Group's second meeting in January will be held on Wednesday, January 23. The theme is still to be determined. • If you are a student in grades 8 through 12,

please consider joining us for one of our upcoming meetings. All meetings are held in St. Anthony's Hall from 6:30-7:30 p.m. • If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sunderman at [psunderman@sacredheartschool.net](mailto:psunderman@sacredheartschool.net).

**Grand Parents /Special Friends Day at the School**

Friday February 1  
Call the School for details

**Parish School Now Accepting Applications**

The School is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants for Transitional Kindergarten must be 4 years old by September 1, 2019 and applicants for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1. We will also be accepting applications for 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grades. • For more information, please contact the Parish School Office at 916-456-1576.