

Jesus, our Courage in Trial

The First Reading challenges us to have the courage to give witness to our faith, no matter what the consequences. Saints Peter and John are interrogated and persecuted by the Sanhedrin for preaching the Gospel. They converted this occasion of suffering for the sake of the Gospel into an opportunity to further the Gospel by giving a mini testimonial. ● In the Responsorial Psalm we find the same theme where God transforms events considered curses into blessings. Not that God will do away with all our difficulties, but He will never ask us to face these things alone. His love will always be there as we walk through the dark valley of life's disappointments. His love can change our mourning into dancing, for He will never leave us. In this Easter season we celebrate Christ's victory of Life over death, of Light over darkness. ● In John's Gospel, we find the story of the miraculous catch of fish. It seems odd that the Apostles continue fishing after dawn, since the fish swim toward the bottom to avoid the sun's heat on the water's surface. Beckoned by Our Lord, after an unsuccessful night of fishing, the Apostles cast over their nets and receive so many fish that they are unable to pull them in. Our Lord, waiting for them on the shore, serves them breakfast with their new catch of fish and some bread. The fish is central here because Jesus is making them fishers of men. Added to that, Jesus, the Bread of Life, is once again in their midst. Some believe the significance of the 153 fish represents the number of species of fish in the world, which signifies that their "catch" will be *universal*, encompassing the whole world.

Prayer of the Week

Let us pray in confident peace and Easter hope. ● Father in heaven, author of all truth, a people once in darkness has listened to your Word and followed your Son as he rose from the tomb. Hear the prayer of this newborn people and strengthen your Church to answer your call. May we rise and come forth into the light of day to stand in your presence until eternity dawns. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Faith First

Mary's Role in the Church

Mary, foremost among the saints, has a special place in the story of salvation history. Her role in the Church flows and is inseparable from her union with her son. Her "yes" at the annunciation, consented to the Lord's Incarnation, thus collaborating with her Son's work from the very beginning. ● The New Testament reports that she was singled out and graced by God for the special and unique privilege of being the mother of the Savior. Not fully understanding how she --an unmarried woman-- was to conceive a child, she became the perfect symbol of faith when she said yes to the invitation to bear God's Son. With her husband, Joseph, Mary raised Jesus in a loving, prayer-filled home. They taught him and cared for him. ● When Jesus launched his public ministry, Mary faithfully witnessed and supported him. With courage and sorrow in her heart, she stood at the foot of the cross in Jesus' dying moments. Finally, the Bible tells us that Mary was with the apostles praying in the upper room after Jesus' resurrection, expectantly awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Church teaches that Mary is the greatest Christian saint. She is the perfect model of Christian faith and love because she obeyed the Father's will, cooperated with her son's redemptive work, and responded to the graces of the Holy Spirit.

Religious Education 2019-2020 Registration

Next weekend, there will be an opportunity to sign-up children attending a non-Catholic school in grades Kindergarten through 8th grades for the Parish's Faith Formation Program. Registration forms and other program information will be available after all Masses in the vestibule. ● Starting Tuesday, September 3, classes will be held from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm every Tuesday at Sacred Heart Parish School, 856 39th Street. ● The fees for classes are as follows: \$75 for one child and \$100 for two or more children. There are additional per child fees for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. ● If you have any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact Tila Madrigal, Religious Education Coordinator, at 916-947-2683 or by email at tilamadrigal@gmail.com.

Meetings & Events

May Crowning

On Sunday, May 12, at the 9:30 am Mass, there will be a procession by children and a May crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many younger parishioners have not seen this devotional, which has been part of parish life for hundreds of years worldwide. For those with a special devotion to Mary, plan on attending this Mass and taking part in this traditional crowning during Mary's month of May.

Class of 2019

Please pray for the 8th graders at Sacred Heart Parish School as they complete their last two weeks of school before graduation on May 21. The class will spend May 6 on retreat where they will reflect on their time at Sacred Heart School and plan for their future in high school. We are very proud of the Class of 2019 and know they are well prepared for the next steps on their journey.

New Altar Servers

Over the past several weeks, a new group of altar servers has been assigned to both Sunday and daily Masses. We thank these children, and their experienced co-servers, for volunteering to help at Mass. Not only does this help the priest, it usually helps the children develop a better and deeper understanding of the Mass. ● We also thank Janet Gill for training the children in this ministry. Boys and girls entering 6th grade and older at the Parish School and in the Catholic Faith Formation program are encouraged to participate. ● Call the Parish Office for more information.

Rose Sale

After all Sunday Masses on Mothers' Day (May 12), roses will be sold, with the profits going to the Sacramento Life Center. Please consider purchasing a rose and help support the Life Center's valuable work.

"Second Sunday" Social

Join us for the "Second Sunday" Social from 12(noon) to 1:30 pm next Sunday in the Parish Hall. It is a chance to catch up with fellow parishioners and meet some new faces. All parishioners are welcome, regardless of the Mass they attend. Walk over to the Parish Hall for coffee and donuts along with fun and fellowship.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Easter 2020 will be on April 12! Will you be ready? Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic? Call RCIA director Rita Spillane at 916-452-4830 to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic or renewing the practice of your Catholic faith.

Youth Group

The group will be meeting twice during May. This Wednesday, May 8 the group will be hosting a fun-filled Trivia Night. Compete against your friends in several different rounds of trivia with questions on a broad range of topics. On Wednesday, May 29, the group will celebrate its graduates (from both 8th grade and high school) with an Graduation/End of the Year Party. ● 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 pm. ● If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sunderman at psunderman@sacredheartschool.net

"The Spirit" Newsletter

The spring/summer issue of *The Spirit of Sacred Heart Parish* is in the mail and should be arriving at your home anytime.

If you do not receive a copy, please contact the Parish Office and we will happy to send you one. ● We acknowledge and thank the leadership team of Pam Milchrist, Anne-Louise Radimsky, Anne Marie Flaherty as well as all the others who write the articles, provide editing services, and prepare *The Spirit* for mailing. We hope you will enjoy reading the articles and appreciate all the time and hard work of our dedicated group of newsletter volunteers.

Altar Society News

- Our thanks to Andy Sevier who is providing the flowers to beautify the Blessed Sacrament Altar during May.
- Members are invited to attend the Altar Society meeting to be held on Friday, May 17 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

New Parish Website

The parish has developed a new website with the help of our new webmaster Carson Gross. We encourage you to visit it and give us your feedback. You may find the new site at <https://sacredheart.church/> (no www necessary).

First Holy Communion

Thirty-nine second graders from the Parish School and the Parish Faith Formation Program received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4. They learned their prayers and participated in their first Penance. They prepared their pew banners for the ceremony and they celebrated their First Holy Communion with great devotion and joy. We congratulate the following children on this important spiritual milestone in their faith journey: Jack Anderson, Bridget Beard, Luke Buri, David Burruel, Cali Chambers, Alexa Cueva, Gavin DeBoo, Saul De Dios, Mareli De Dios, Elisandra Estolas, Jaden Eves, Madison Glenn, Ryan Glenn, Wesley Gonsalves, Alice Grow, Elijah Guerrero, Gillian Hamm, Gwenyth Natalie Hastings, Miles Christopher Hastings, Olivia Ann Hunter, Gabriel Jackson, Natalia Large, Tory Lazio, Maliya Lemus, Trent Lewis, George Macko, Brayden Mirell, Molly Kate Moyer, Mable Mullen, Helena Ozeroff, Sofia Marie Passalacqua, Brianna Petersen, Michael Preskar, Cosima Emi Rabenn, Eve Barbara Rojas, Madeline Rose, Vincent Villarreal, Mia Williams, Brooklin Wright.

Teachers Retiring

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of two of our beloved teachers at Sacred Heart Parish School. Mrs. Paquette is retiring after teaching Kindergarten for 19 years, although she has been part of this community for over 25 years as her two boys attended the school. We are grateful for her dedicated service that has always gone above and beyond expectations. Mrs. Mosbrucker, our second grade teacher, is also retiring. She has had a long and successful career in the Dioceses of Sacramento and Wisconsin. She has had many roles such as PE teacher, Principal at St. Philomene and teacher of many grade levels. ● We will be celebrating both teachers with a reception immediately following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 19 at the school.

Please Remember

Always accompany your child to and from the restrooms located in the church vestibule. We are located on a busy corner with increasing foot traffic.

In Our Prayers

**Daily Mass Intentions
May 5 - May 12**

Sun	8:00am	Don Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	Mary Maitland (+)
	11:00am	Bill Riehl (+)
Mon	8:00am	Joseph & Joanne Muscatelli (+)
Tue	8:00am	Sr. Clementine Kuhle, BVM (+)
Wed	8:00am	Kang Simon Lee (+)
Thu	8:00am	Jozo Alaga (+)
Fri	8:00am	Niema Cameron (+)
Sat	9:00am	Int...In Thanksgiving
	5:30pm	Linda Ryle (+)
Sun	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	9:30am	Glen Schwartz (+)
	11:00am	Bill Riehl (+)

In Memoriam

Grace Kellie Mayberry • April 22, 2019

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

Please Pray for the Sick

Robin Aurelius, Elliot Sevier, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Rouzbeh Daylami, Howard Huston, Mark Zane, Richard Honey, 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, 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 Amnon, Mary Terese Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.