

God's Kingdom

Begins Here and Now

The First Reading reports on the Church's progress in early times. St. Paul reminds us that as Christians we must undergo many hardships in witnessing to the Faith. Though very few of us will ever be arrested or martyred for being Christian, we all have a price to pay if we truly witness to the Faith in word and deed. The Apostles always attribute all their mission's success to God. This is essential; for it is easy to be prideful when things go well. The humble recognition of God as the Source of every good, furthers their success. ● In the Responsorial Psalm, the theme of God's love relationship with man and ours with Him, begins to unfold and continues through the Second Reading and the Gospel. Psalm 145 is a hymn of praise. God's kingdom is best understood as His *reign (more an action than an object)*. It exists whenever and wherever God's law is obeyed and His love revealed. God's reign is one of love and He conquers with His love, for He is the King of all hearts. ● The Second Reading describes what awaits us after death: the *new life*, where we are not subject to the limitations of time and the world we now live in. Even our love for God and others will have no limitation. God has taught us love's true meaning. His love for us and our love for Him will be perfect in heaven. This heaven is not so much a time or place, as it is a relationship with God and others. ● In John's Gospel we see that *glory means to live in love*. Jesus has proven Himself to be the fullness of God's love in His willingness to leave His heavenly abode, become one of us, and then die on the cross for us. This astounding lesson in love is our challenge. In as much as we love God and one another, we are like Him, for God is love. Love is the basis and totality of the law. When we live in love, we live in God, and God in us. So His reign, His Kingdom begins here and now with His love and our living it.

Prayer of the Week

Lord God, you have revealed to the nations your saving power and filled all ages with the words of a new song. Hear the echo of this hymn. Give us voice to

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sing your praise throughout this season of joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Andrew Opsahl, O.P.

Several years ago, Andy Opsahl was a parishioner at Sacred Heart. While attending here, he was involved in several ministries and was a supporter of Schola Cantorum. He engaged in a period of discernment, and as a result, he entered the seminary to become a Dominican priest. Andy will be ordained on May 31 at St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco. ● We thank God for his vocation and for Andy's responding "yes" to the call. We ask God's blessings upon his life and his ministry as a priest.

The Kingdom of God: Its Meaning

It is generally agreed among Scripture scholars that there are three dimensions of the Kingdom of God, each of which shed light on this important concept. The first is the Christological dimension. Here we see that the Kingdom is not a thing, it is not a geographical dominion like worldly kingdoms. It is a person; it is Christ. By the way in which Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God, he leads people to realize the overwhelming fact that in him (Jesus) God himself is present among them, that he is God's presence. ● The second is Mystical dimension that the Kingdom resides in the human heart. Early Church Father, Origen wrote, "those who pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God pray without any doubt for the Kingdom of God that they contain in themselves, and they pray that this kingdom might bear fruit and attain its fullness." ● The third is the Ecclesiastical dimension. Here we see that the Kingdom of God is in the here and now, present in and through the Church. Yet it is a mixed reality that will only be perfectly realized at the end of history. This current "mixed" state can be seen as the Church on earth which now grows in the field of the world with both weeds and wheat until the harvest when Christ says he will "tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned. But gather the wheat into my barn" (Matthew 13:30).

Meetings & Events

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 spent May 6 on retreat where they reflected upon their time at Sacred Heart School and planned 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.

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.

Family Mass This Weekend

This Sunday, the 9:30 am Mass is the last Family Mass of the school year. Following the Mass, there is a reception to honor and thank Mrs. Paquette and Mrs. Mosbrucker. 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 are grateful for their dedication and long standing commitment to Catholic Education. They will be greatly missed. After the 9:30 am Mass, please move your car to the school parking.

Youth Group

The next youth group meeting will be 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 in the future. 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.

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).

2019-2020 Faith Formation Registration

Last weekend, children attending a non-Catholic school in grades Kindergarten through 8th grades were signed up for the Parish's Faith Formation Program. In case you did not register at that time, registration forms and other program information are available 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.

Sacred Heart School Graduation

The Eighth grade students have many festivities planned to end their time at Sacred Heart Parish School. May 15th was the last assembly, prayer service and award ceremony for the class. On May 17th they gathered with all of the other eighth graders throughout the diocese for Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Soto. On May 21 there will be a Mass for the entire student body, parents and grandparents. It will be followed by a brunch at the school gym. The day will be capped off by a graduation ceremony at 4:00pm. Please pray for the graduates as continue to grow in their faith and education.

School's Out for Summer

School will be out on May 31. The students of Sacred Heart Parish School thank all parishioners for their ongoing prayers and support. We pray that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer break. We will return to school on August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven..

Farmers Market at Mercy General Hospital

There's a new Farmers Market in the neighborhood. Every Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mercy General Hospital sponsors a farmers market in the parking lot in front of the J Street entrance. Shoppers can purchase organic fruits and veggies, fresh baked bread, organic cheese, homemade salsa, tamales and more. This is an initiative of Mercy Hospital as a community service to support healthy food production and the farmers who grow it. Support your local farmers and enjoy organic, fresh produce!

Communion from the Cup

The California Department of Public Health has determined that the incidence of influenza-like illnesses has finally dropped below the critical threshold for two consecutive weeks, and is now at expected levels for this time of year. ● As a result, Bishop Soto has lifted the suspension of the Communion cup and other precautions that have been in effect since January.

Catholic Faith Formation Program

Tuesday, May 14, was the last day of a very successful year for the 83 children that participated in faith formation classes for the 2018-2019 year. Thank you to Cleo Ner, Carmen Rogers, Anne Marie Flaherty, Andrew Holz, and Joan Knego for sharing their faith and their time, effort, and dedication to the children. Thank you also, to Raquel Dudderar and Sarah Ross for sharing their faith with the adults that waited while their little ones attended classes. A very special thank you to all parents for allowing us to share our faith and the promise of God's love with your little ones.

Kindergarten Graduation

On Thursday May 23 the Kindergarten students will have their graduation ceremony. Parents and grand parents will be in attendance. This is always a special time for the students and their families. as the students will be looking forward to finally having their own desk!

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In Our Prayers

In Memoriam

Rose Ratekin • April 26 2019
Fr. John Grace • May 4, 2019

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

Please Pray for the Sick

Rita Fernandez, Thomas Wolfanger, 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 Henricksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

Daily Mass Intentions
May 19 - May 26

Sun	8:00am	Don & Anita Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	Int...Parker Madrigal
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish
Mon	8:00am	Sarah Atkinson (+)
Tue	8:00am	Joan T. Koster (+)
Wed	8:00am	Glenn Takai (+)
Thu	8:00am	Elaine Lane (+)
Fri	8:00am	Bill Skarles (+)
Sat	9:00am	Jose, Anna & Lucy Oliveira (+)
	5:30pm	Terence McCartan (+)
Sun	8:00am	Members of Gallegos Family (+)
	9:30am	Glen Schwartz (+)
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish