

Hospitality is True Christianity

The First Reading focuses on the importance of hospitality in being a true Christian. The story is about Abraham being visited by God, accompanied by two angels (all three visitors are disguised as three strangers traveling in the desert). Later on in Christianity, this was understood to be the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. Lack of hospitality is considered one of the greatest sins and one of the reasons for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham's *gracious hospitality* to his three guests was richly rewarded with the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham of a son, within a year. Abraham is the model of true Christianity demonstrated by gracious hospitality. This true sign of Christianity is especially important in the desert of our world. • The Responsorial continues the theme of hospitality: welcoming God into one's home. The Psalm asks who can host the Lord? Only the one who lives morally, charitably, harming no one, who thinks and speaks the truth without gossip, associating only with those who live by God's ways, and not profiting at another's loss, nor selling justice. • In the Second Reading the question is asked, what could be lacking in the sufferings of Christ? By trusting when we suffer, we make Christ's suffering present and alive again in ourselves and we become sacraments of His passion. Knowing God's will is far beyond our humanity, yet this is precisely what has been revealed in Christ. In His death and resurrection, we have learned how much God loves us and of the glory He has prepared for us. • In the Alleluia Verse we see that the most fertile heart generously keeps God's word and persevering, yields a rich harvest. • In the Gospel, we find the story of Martha and Mary and their hospitality to Jesus. This hospitality is a lesson to us for our Christian life, that it *must be based on* a loving relationship with the Lord. Then, whatever we do will be a loving response to love received, this is true hospitality.

Prayer of the Week

Father, let the gift of your life continue to grow in us, drawing us from death to faith, hope, and love. Keep us alive in Christ Jesus. Keep us watchful in prayer and true to his teaching till your glory is revealed in us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faith First

Prayer for Hospitality

Lord Jesus, how many times did you urge your followers to welcome the stranger? I sometimes balk at this. It is hard to be welcoming when I am tired, fearful, or anxious about my time and resources. Bless me with an open and welcoming heart. Let me see others as I would see you. Let others see in me the warmth and grace of your love. Enfold me in your gracious Spirit and make hospitality a mark of my life. Amen.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
-- Revelation 3:20

The People of God

The image of the Church as the people of God has its roots in the Old Testament covenant between God and Israel. In this covenant God wished to sanctify and save not only individuals, but individuals formed into a loving community. The Hebrew Scriptures tell a story of God teaching, preserving, and cherishing his people. This was in preparation for the new people of God formed through the blood of Jesus Christ. The new covenant calls all people to unity in the Holy Spirit. • The Greek word for people is *laos*, from which we get the word *laity*. This image emphasizes the dignity of each individual Christian as a child of God, who has been called into a fellowship of life, love, and truth through faith and baptism. The Lord Jesus invites the members to continue his work of redemption in the world, to be light of the world and salt of the earth. To be vital and active members of the Church means we must help bring others to the Lord both by example and direct effort. We must love as the Lord loves. • The people of God are those who are baptized and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. Thus, we share in the Lord's priestly, prophetic, and royal office. Our mission is to live our lives so the Lord's light shines forth in the world through us. When we love, God's love can be seen. When we act like Christ, we are like salt. Just as the presence of salt in food enhances its flavor and brings out the best taste, so the presence of God's people should bring to the world the exciting news that Jesus is the Savior and that God's kingdom has been established in our midst.

In Our Prayers

**Daily Mass Intentions
July 14 - July 21**

Sun	8:00am	Don & Anita Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Isabel Grace Flynn (+)
Mon	8:00am	Jose, Anna & Lucy Oliveira (+)
Tue	8:00am	Stefan Jankowski (+)
Wed	8:00am	Nita York (+)
Thu	8:00am	Mary James (+)
Fri	8:00am	Joseph & Joann Muscatelli (+)
Sat	9:00am	Jennifer Gonzales Shushereba(+)
	5:30pm	Linda Ryle (+)
Sun	8:00am	Alfons Valadez (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Dick Cutting (+)

In Memoriam

Hannah Hayhurst • July 3, 2019

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Please Pray for the Sick

Thomas Wolfanger, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Rouzbeh Daylami, Howard Huston, Mark Zane, Richard Honey, Dale Wooldridge, Donald Anderson, Nancy McGarry, 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.

Food Donation Collection

Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable unexpired food donations next weekend, July 27-28, to all the Masses. This month, the pantry needs: cereal, small boxes of crackers, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, marinara sauce, and granola/nutrition bars. • Please check expiration dates on all items; we are not able to dispense out-of-date food. A bag filled with non-perishable food may be left inside the altar rail. • Many local families and students at Sacramento State rely on assistance from our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry to make it through the month. Thank you for your generosity!

Altar Society News

Do you have a hidden talent? Have friends told you your crafts are good enough to sell? At the Altar Society Bake and Craft Sale at the Fall Festival, you can share your creativity with hundred and earn some money! Get your inventory ready and contact Tila Madrigal at 916-947-2683 or tilamadrigal@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Parish School Summer Hours

During the summer months the Sacred Heart Parish School office has the following schedule: Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The new school year begins August 15.

Email & Texting Scam on the Rise

The Diocese has received multiple reports from parishioners of several parishes about receiving scam emails from an imposter who creates an email address using the pastor's name and then sends a phony email asking for money in the form of gift cards. The scam has recently evolved and parishioners are now also receiving text messages from the imposter/scammer using the pastor's name and a local telephone number. A pastor or clergy member will never ask for gift cards electronically via email or text message. • *Please Note: Several Sacred Heart parishioners have received bogus requests allegedly from Father Walton asking for gift cards and financial aid.* • If you would like more information on how to protect yourself on the internet, go to the SANS website and subscribe to the [OUCH! Monthly Newsletters](#). • If you believe you are a victim of an internet crime (no matter what the dollar value), file a report with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center by going to the following website <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. For more information, go to their website.

Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents

A baptism preparation class is offered the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. To attend you must sign up by calling the church office at 452-4236 ext. 2. At the class, the necessity and importance of baptism are explained as are the obligations and duties of parents and godparents. Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays of the month after the 11:00 am Mass (around 12:15 pm). Parents and godparents must attend a preparation class. For more details, please call the Parish Office.

Meetings & Events

Annual Missionary Appeal

The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program in which missionaries from around the world speak at each parish in the diocese. The goal of this appeal is to increase awareness of missionary work and to raise funds to help missionary organizations continue their evangelization efforts. In the Diocese of Sacramento, 50 different missions were selected this year to each speak at two parishes. Last year through generous donations, we collected \$420,110 for 50 missions. • Next weekend, our parish will be visited by Fr. Emeka Okwuosa with the Society of Divine Vocations. Father Okwuosa will share with us his religious community's special ministry of fostering and nurturing vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the Universal Church. The Society of Divine Vocations carries out their ministry in parishes, schools, and missions in 18 countries including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Vietnam, Philippines, Australia, and the United States. • Special envelopes are available in the church vestibule. *Please note that checks should be made payable to Sacred Heart Church.* All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be divided equally among the 50 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese this year. • Thank you in advance for your generosity.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Parking Issue

A new restaurant has opened across J Street from the church. This restaurant specializes in breakfast and lunch, but unfortunately it has no parking lot. Sacred Heart will need to restrict its parking lot for parishioners only. We will have appropriate signage as well. Although parking in the medical lot next to Sacred Heart is available to us, we cannot restrict that space as we can our lot. We are asking that parishioners help out by moving their cars from our lot after they have attended Mass in order to free up spaces for the next Mass. If you decide to patronize the restaurant after Mass, please do not leave your car in the church lot, but find alternate parking. Thank you for your cooperation.

2019-2020 Faith Formation Registration

Children attending a non-Catholic school in grades Kindergarten through 8th grades can register for the Parish's Faith Formation Program on the weekends of August 17-18 and 24-25. 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 • The fees for classes are: \$75 for one child and \$100 for two or more children, with additional per child fees for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. • For additional information contact Tila Madrigal, at tilamadrigal@gmail.com or 916-947-2683.

Farmers Market at Mercy General Hospital

There is a new Farmers Market in the neighborhood. Every Friday, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, 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!