

God's Wisdom
Helps Us Follow Him

The First Reading speaks of our inability to know God's will or even understand earthly things, including making sense of our own lives. It goes on to explain that wisdom comes from God's Holy Spirit. It is precisely this Wisdom that allows us to make sense of life for it is this same Wisdom that created the world and teaches us His ways. ● The Responsorial continues the teaching of the Book of Wisdom, that it is God's breath, the Holy Spirit, that sustains all life. We are nothing more than dust and breath, and if God withholds the breath we return to dust. We are so fragile; God is so great. We even count time differently, day by day; He is in eternity, where 1,000 years are like a moment that passes unnoticed. Yet God, who sees all and is above all, is nevertheless and remarkably, concerned with every event that happens on earth. So, we ask God to intervene and "prosper the work of our hands," for only in and through Him will our lives be filled with peace. ● Today's Gospel is an example of Gospel wisdom, not worldly wisdom. We find Our Lord using the typical Middle Eastern way of speaking; by way of hyperbole, He tells His disciples to hate their parents, if they want to follow Him. It is His way of saying that we must love Him more than we love others. He must be the center of our lives. A Christ-centered Christian puts Jesus in the first place. In making this decision to follow Jesus, it is a serious commitment that will sooner or later cost us. If we accept this challenge to put Christ first in our lives, then we can truly follow Him without hesitation.

Prayer of the Week

Lord our God, in you justice and mercy meet. With unparalleled love you have saved us from death and drawn us into the circle of your life. Open our eyes to the wonders this life sets before us, that we may serve you free from fear and address you as God our Father. 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

Parish Study Group

On Tuesday, September 10, we will begin a NEW study of *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith* by Bishop Robert Barron. From Archbishop Chaput (Philadelphia): "If you read one book this year on what Catholics believe and why, this is the book to read – and share with others." We hope to share it with you. We meet every other Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall located behind the rectory. Newcomers are especially welcome as we begin something new. The assignment for September 10 is the Introduction & Chapter 1, pages 1-35. ● More information call Mary Anne Smith at 530-676-7874.

2019-2020 Faith Formation Registration

Children attending a non-Catholic school in grades Kindergarten through 8th grades have been signed up for the Parish's Faith Formation Program. In case you did not previously register, registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church. ● Starting Tuesday, September 3 and continuing every Tuesday, classes are held from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm 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.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Classes are held once a week starting Tuesday, September 17 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The program continues a few weeks after Easter Sunday. ● If you know anyone (a family member, a friend, a neighbor, and a co-worker) interested in joining the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) process, please share this information. They are encouraged to contact Rita Spillane at the Ministry Office (916-452-4830) and leave a message or email Rita at ritaspillane@gmail.com

In Our Prayers

In Memoriam

Catherine Bergmann • August 27, 2019

Saints of God, come to her aid!
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!
Receive her soul & present her to God the Most High.

Please Pray for the Sick

Susan Finnegan, Thomas Wolfanger, John Vostrez, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, 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 Mugarategui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

Meetings & Events

Fall Festival Coming Soon!

The Fall Festival is an annual event that takes place on the first Saturday of October. We will continue many of the traditions of the past including slides, rock climbing, and game booths for the children, as well as Cherry Bells, Bingo, and the Wine Wheel. The steak booth will grill up the traditional recipe steak sandwiches, pizza, and more. The Altar Society will be hosting a craft festival this year in the cool cafeteria along with the dessert dinner! Beer and Wine will be served. Come join for a day filled with fun and community. Gates open at 11:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

"Second Sunday" Social: Today!

Join us today for the "Second Sunday" Social from 12(noon) to 1:15 pm in the Parish Hall. It is a chance to catch up with fellow parishioners and meet some new faces. Bring a friend or make a new one. Regardless of the Mass you attend, we hope you will join us.

Altar Society News

- Our thanks to Nora Trujillo and Mary Domyancic who are providing and caring for the flowers on the Blessed Sacrament Altar during September.
- We are looking for volunteers to staff our Bake Sale for the Fall Festival on October 5. If interested, please contact Jackie at 916-955-2958.
- Call all bakers! Contact Janet at 916-915-7977 or Linda at 916-446-2079 to donate for our Fall Festival Bake Sale.
- A reminder to all that we will not have a white elephant sale or a raffle for the Fall Festival. We thank you for many years of supporting our raffle. The school raffle is still on.

Back to School Pancake Breakfast: Today!

Join us today for the first Pancake Breakfast of the school year. You can count on delicious pancakes and hot coffee. Chef Hamm may be whipping up his special carnitas eggs benedict that are an absolute treat! Prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and \$5.00 for students. Hope to see you at Sacred Heart Parish School cafeteria for breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Farmers Market at Mercy General Hospital

There is a new Farmers Market in the neighborhood. Every Friday, from 9:30 am to 1:00 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.

Youth Group Update

Are you a student in grades 8-12 looking for an opportunity to share your faith in a fun and supportive environment? Do you like service projects, activities, games and great food? If so, Sacred Heart Youth Group is for you. It will meet twice in September. On September 11th, we will be playing a number of fun games to help members get acquainted. On September 25th will plan and brainstorm activities for the year. ● The Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in St. Anthony Hall located on the school campus. ● If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sunderman at psunderman@sacredheartschool.net

Church Rose Window Update

The Parish retained John Fidler of John Fidler Preservation Technology Inc. to evaluate the extent of repair work needed on the terra cotta frame of the rose stained-glass window located over the church's main entrance. Mr. Fidler completed his window frame damage assessment, prepared a proposal outlining the scope of required repairs, and invited three qualified preservationists to submit bids. Each preservationist walked the site, inspected the window, and crunched the numbers. The bids have now been received, and we are in the process of evaluating them. In the coming week, the Parish will award the contract, and soon work will begin. During the project, the church will be fully accessible. ● The project is being funded by the Church Building Fund. The fund was established from the Parish's share of the diocesan ONE Campaign and the sale of a duplex generously donated by a parishioner with the funds restricted to the Building Fund. Parishioners are encouraged to consider making a special donation to the Building Fund.

Mass of Remembrance for Bishop Francis Quinn

As you know, Bishop Quinn passed into eternal life on March 21, 2019. He lived for the last ten years at Mercy McMahon Terrace, and occasionally concelebrated Mass with us. The Parish Pastoral Council is dedicating today's 11:00 am Mass to the memory of this generous, gentle, loving Bishop in gratitude for his presence among us. Please join us today at the 11:00 am Mass and at the "Second Sunday" Social following the Mass in the Parish Hall. This date was chosen because it is the nearest Sunday to the Bishop's birthday, September 11. Come celebrate a priestly life and ministry well lived for God and others.

Children's Church: Needs Your Help!

Children's Church needs volunteers to continue! This program provides nursery care for infants six to 36th months and a Sunday School Program for pre-school thru first grade children during the 9:30 am Mass. ● If you are interested in helping periodically with the sessions, please contact Christie Montelongo at 916-455-5949. (You do not need to have a child in the program to volunteer. However, all volunteers in Children's Church must be fingerprinted and have completed the Diocese Online Safe Haven program.)

Diocesan Priests Retirement Collection: TODAY!

The Priests Retirement Collection is our annual opportunity to contribute financially to the care in retirement of those who have spent their lives caring for the spiritual and sacramental needs of people throughout the 20 counties of the Diocese. ● If you are not prepared this weekend, there are envelopes in the vestibule for you to take home and return next weekend. Please place your gift envelope or check, payable to Sacred Heart Church, in the regular offertory collection. Thank you for your support of our parish priests.

Parish School on Facebook and Instagram

We would love to share all the ways we are helping our students at Sacred Heart Parish School grow in mind, body, and spirit. If you would like to stay up-to-date on all the wonderful things happening at the Parish School, be sure to follow us on social media! ● On Facebook and Instagram, search for **sacredheartsac**. You may find our profile with our school logo and click "Like" on Facebook or "Follow" on Instagram.