

**Faith, Trust & Patient Waiting**

In the First Reading, the Prophet Habakkuk helps us see that it is not always easy to trust God's Providence, especially when things are not going well, and we are surrounded by violence and confusion. It is precisely then, he tells us, that we must trust and be hopeful, because we do not fully know or understand God's plan. God's justice will intervene, but His ways are not ours, so it will happen in His time. Faith means that we trust in His ways and wait for His time. • The Responsorial continues the theme of trust in God. He delivered us in the past and will intervene again when we need Him the most. We are reminded to be grateful for all God has done and will do for us. We are asked to recall the consequences the Israelites suffered when they rebelled, instead of trusting God who had so miraculously delivered, protected and cared for them. • The need for faith and trust in God is part of today's Gospel theme. Our Lord gives the example of how powerful real faith can be with the story of the mustard seed (at the time thought to be the smallest seed). The second part of the Gospel looks at Faith in action. In our total dedication to God we sometimes feel God owes us, forgetting that the reward for *fidelity to God* is not luck or success or health, but *its own reward*. The reward for serving God is to actively serve Him by giving of ourselves to others (i.e., God and neighbor). This is His greatest gift to us, our ability to give to others. This giving is how we become most like God, who sacrificed His very life for us.

**Prayer of the Week**

Let us pray for the peace of the kingdom which we have been promised. • Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your unbounded mercy you have revealed the beauty of your power through your constant forgiveness of our sins. May the power of this love be in our hearts to bring your pardon and your kingdom to all we meet. 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 is...**

one of the three theological virtues. Faith refers to:

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(1) personal knowledge of God; (2) assent of the mind to truths God has revealed, made with the help of his grace and on the authority and trustworthiness of his revealing them; (3) the truths themselves (the content of faith); and (4) the lived witness of a Christian life (living faith).

**Where Do We Get Faith?**

Faith, like revelation, is a free gift of God. Through the action of the Holy Spirit, the gift of faith enables us to submit our wills and intellects to God. Faith is also a virtue that attracts us to God the Father. It binds us to God in a love relationship, giving us conviction, commitment, and trust with regard to realities that we can neither see nor clearly prove. • Faith enables us to accept Jesus as Lord. It equips us to live his life of loving service in the Catholic faith community. It empowers us to believe the truths God has revealed because God revealed them. • And faith in Jesus enables us to share in the life of the Holy Spirit who reveals to us who Jesus is. Thus Christian faith proclaims belief in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. • Although faith is a gift from God by which the Holy Spirit empowers us to live and believe divine revelation, our response is only human if it is free. Thus, no one can be forced to embrace faith against his or her will. Faith involves a *free* human act where our minds and our hearts cooperate with divine grace. • Catholics recognize that faith is an act of the Church. Faith comes before the faith of an individual, gives life to, and supports and nourishes God's gift of faith to each one of us.

**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**

**Daily Mass Intentions  
October 6 - October 13**

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	9:30am	Catherine Bergmann (+)
	11:00am	Maria Gonzalez (+)
<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Joshua Wingert (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	John Silveira (+)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	Jack R. McIntyre (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	Helen & Stefan Jankowski (+)
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Alberta Manning (+)
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Tony Chavez (+)
	5:30pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Kang Simon Lee (+)
	9:30am	Int... Abby Madrigal
	11:00am	Pierre-Henri Guichard (+)

**In Memoriam**

Susan Finnegan • September 28, 2019  
Maxine Smrekar • September 30, 2019

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

**Please Pray for the Sick**

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 Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henricksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

**Award for Deacon Sergio**

On October 1, Deacon Sergio Diaz was given the St. Thomas More Award by the Diocese as a member of the legal profession within the diocese who has shown integrity in the practice of law, leadership in the community, and faithfulness to gospel values in his personal and professional life. In addition to working in prison ministry, Deacon Sergio has provided legal help to immigrants, helped those affected by domestic violence and human trafficking, and worked with juveniles in the state youth authority. • Congratulations to Deacon Sergio.

**"Second Sunday" Social - Next Sunday!**

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. Bring a friend or make a new one. We hope to see you there!

**Youth Group Update**

The Sacred Heart Youth Group had a great month of September. Approximately 25 members attended the first meeting, participating in several fun activities designed to get to know one another. At our second meeting, the group shared suggestions for future meetings and competed in an epic "Paper Airplane Building Contest". • On Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, the group will be hosting its annual "Game Night". This yearly event is a member favorite, where students compete in various board games and video games. The meeting on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the groups annual Halloween/All Saints Party. We will be holding a "Cheesy Homemade Costume Contest", so come dressed in costume. You might win prize. If you attend either of the October meetings, please consider bringing an unopened bag of Halloween candy, which will be donated to servicemen and servicewomen serving overseas. • Finally, please save the date for our "Thanksgiving Charity Cornhole Tournament" which will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The suggested donation of \$10 per player will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help feed the hungry during the holiday season. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. • If you are a student in grades 8 through 12, please consider joining us for our next meeting. • If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sunderman at psunderman@sacredheartschool.net.

**Rose Window Update**

Two weeks ago, the parish selected ARG-Conservation Services of San Francisco as the preservation/contractor to restore the stained-glass window over the church's main entrance. The terra cotta frame, dating from the opening of the church in 1931, is especially in need of repair. The church entrance will remain usable during the project. The project is paid for through the Church Building Fund, which has this year alone also paid for the church's new boiler (cost: \$161,000) and the repair of the rectory tile roof (cost: \$73,000). The Church Building Fund was initially funded by the Parish share from the Diocesan ONE campaign, and by the sale of a duplex generously donated by a parishioner. These projects have depleted much of the Fund, and we as a Parish will need to replenish it for future projects. • You are encouraged to consider making a special donation to the Fund. Please write in the "Memo" field *Church Building Fund*. • Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**Meetings & Events**

**Accepting Applications for 2020-21**

Sacred Heart Parish School is now accepting applications for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten for next school year. Students in TK must be 4 years old by September 1, 2020. Kindergartners must be 5 by September 1, 2020. Applications may be found online at our website ([www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com)) or in the school office. • Questions? Please call the school office, 916-456-1576.

**Seniors News**

Seniors, our next dinner will be at THAI, 4701 H St.. We will meet there after 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, October 19. • If you are interested in joining us, please email Nancy Reid at reidnancy@aol.com or call 916-922-3830 by Thursday, October 17.

**Parish Study Group**

We are discussing *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith* by Bishop Robert Barron. The assignment for Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> is Chapter 3, Pages 61-87. We meet from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Newcomers are always welcome. • For more information, please call Mary Anne Smith at 530-676-7874.

*October is Respect Life month.*

**Parish Safety Committee**

We have established a Safety Committee to identify security issues in and around the Church, Parish Hall, and Rectory. The committee has two workgroups: Medical Response and Disruptive Person. Over the summer each group has been meeting to identify risks and propose some response strategies. The Parish has undergone a vulnerability assessment of all the buildings, conducted by an independent consultant. We are awaiting the final report. • Watch the bulletin for periodic reports.

**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. (Parents fingerprinted at the Parish School *must* be re-fingerprinted for the Parish.)

**Mercy General Guild**

**Christmas Luncheon and Boutique**

This annual event will take place on Thursday November 21, 2019 at the Dante Club 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, 916-424-2628. Join us at 10:30 am to purchase various gifts: lighted boxes, bottles, vases, jams, jellies, dips, various spices, and olive oils. There will also be children clothes and toys, adult apparel, purses and wallets, stationary, and aprons and linen gifts. • Lunch will begin at 12:00 noon. There will be two menus from which to choose; advanced notice is required. A raffle with a grand prize of \$300 and other donated gifts will cap the event. To donate and receive 12 tickets for \$10.00 please call the Mercy Guild House at 916-731-7189.