

**God's Love Strengthens Us To Believe**

In these last weeks of November, we approach the end of the Liturgical Year in the Church calendar. The focus shifts to the last things e.g., the end of time, resurrection from the dead, etc. Today's theme is the resurrection. • In the First Reading we see the example of the Maccabees family, one that led the rebellion against the Greek tyranny of the Jews. The Greek emperor of Syria ordered all people give up their religious practices to adopt Greek ways. This Jewish family (for whom this book is named) was heroic in standing up to death for their faith, for they knew they would be rewarded in the next life; they were martyrs for their *faith in the resurrection*. • In the Responsorial we find the psalmist calling on the Lord to deliver him from his enemies. It is an expression of certitude that God will intercede for him. God stands by the just and punishes evildoers, though we may not live to see their punishment. • The Second Reading admonishes us to keep growing in the Faith. Beyond knowing our Faith, we are called to live it. Few of us will be called to witness as martyrs, but we can all give witness daily in life's ordinary events. By God's grace we do this, even if we are not immediately delivered from the wicked who do not have faith. • The Sadducees, a religious group in Israel that did not accept the idea of resurrection as the Pharisees did, try to trap Jesus with their story in today's Gospel. They speak of the woman (with the seven husbands) as if she were a piece of property, asking Jesus who would own her in Heaven. Jesus explains that Heaven is not like that, we do not belong to one another, love is not exclusive. In Heaven we love all without limit, for we love with God's love. Jesus uses a rabbinic argument to challenge the Sadducees' anti-resurrection thinking by explaining that God is the God of the living, not of the dead.

**Prayer of the Week**

Almighty Father, strong is your justice and great is your mercy. Protect us in the burdens and challenges of life. Shield our minds from the distortion of pride and enfold our desire with the beauty of truth. Help us

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to become more aware of your loving design so that we may more willingly give our lives in service to all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Ministry Sunday**

Would you like to volunteer for a parish ministry? Pick up a Ministry booklet in the church vestibule after Mass today. Take it home, read it over, and sign up next weekend for one of the ministries. • The Parish is setting up a new ministry to deal with our responses to medical emergencies that sometimes occur during Mass. Parishioners who are medical professionals (nurses, doctors, EMTs, or paramedics) will be asked to oversee the incident (not necessarily to render medical care) and advise whether an ambulance is needed. If you are willing to be a responder and have the appropriate training, please give your name to the Parish Office so we can establish a master list.

**MOMS - Ministry of Mothers Sharing**

Inviting all Moms to join us for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. Open to all mothers in the parish--new mothers to grandmothers--no prior MOMS participation required. Please join us from 7:00--8:30 pm in St. Anthony Hall located on the parish school campus, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting November 20. Questions? Email Sarah at moms.sacredheart@gmail.com • Looking forward to our time together in celebration and support of the vocation of motherhood!

*Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way. Psalm 139*

**Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast**

Next Sunday, November 17, the 9:30 am Mass will be a Family Mass. In addition, the School will have a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in the school cafeteria. Please join us there, after the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses that morning, for fluffy pancakes, home fried potatoes and our "special recipe" eggs benedict. All proceeds will go toward sports programs that benefit the students at Sacred Heart Parish School. Cost: adults \$8, seniors \$7, and children \$6. We hope to see you there for great food and fellowship.

**In Our Prayers**

**Daily Mass Intentions**

November 10 - November 17

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Vivian Buletti (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Int...John Gisla, M.D.
<b>Mon</b>	9:00am	Anthony & Ada Myczek (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	Joan T. Koster (+)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	All Souls (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	Aaron Sanchez (+)
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Anna & Anthony Tresco (+)
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Pereira Family Members (+)
	5:30pm	Kang Simon Lee (+)
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Don & Anita Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Efren Santiago Andres (+)

**In Memoriam**

Let us pray for all those who have died and are in need of prayer. May they enjoy light, happiness and peace.

**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, 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.

**Meetings & Events**

**Veterans Day**

Monday, November 11 is Veterans Day, a national holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and not at 8:00 am.

**"Second Sunday" Social - This Sunday!**

Join us for the "Second Sunday" Social from 12(noon) to 1:30 pm this 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!

**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 the school website ([www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com)) or in the school office. • Questions? Please call the school office at 916-456-1576.

**Rose Window Update**

ARG-Conservation Services of San Francisco has completed the terra cotta stained-glass window frame repair work. There were seven areas in need of repair due to cracks or small missing pieces of terra cotta. While cleaning the frame, the conservationists noticed some cracks in the stained glass window. They made a temporary fix until the stained-glass specialists are able to come and repair/re-lead the entire rose window. • The Church Building Fund covered the repair costs, 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. We will need to replenish the Fund 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.

**Mercy General Hospital Guild**

**Christmas Luncheon and Boutique**

This annual event will take place on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Dante Club located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. 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.

**Youth Group Update**

On November 13, the Youth Group will be hosting a "Charity Cornhole Tournament." 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. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the group will meet only once in November. The group's next meeting will be a Christmas Party held on December 11. • 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 Hall on the parish school campus from 6:30-7:30 pm. • Questions? Please contact Mr. Sunderman at psunderman@sacredheartschool.net

**Pray for Vocations**

Please join us each day this week in praying especially for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Lord Jesus,  
we ask you to send more servants to your people.  
Choose from our parishes,  
from our homes,  
from our schools and colleges,  
an abundant harvest of apostles  
for your Kingdom: priests, sisters, brothers,  
deacons and lay ministers.  
We pray that those you call  
may never lose awareness of the dignity  
and need of their vocation.  
O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,  
teach to all those the Master calls  
to say a joyful "yes"  
as you did at the Annunciation.  
Amen.

**Altar Society News**

The Altar Society's next meeting will be on Friday, November 15 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. All members are invited.

**Parish Safety Committee**

The Parish has undergone a vulnerability assessment of the church, parish hall, and rectory, conducted by an independent consultant. The Safety Committee has reviewed the assessment report, and is in the process of implementing many of its recommendations. • The Committee is also in the process of developing safety protocols to respond to medical events and disruptive person events. • Watch the bulletin for periodic updates.

**Archdiocese for Military Services Collection Today!**

Today, we are asked to give our financial support to the pastoral care of families and friends who have served this nation with distinction. This special collection will provide the Gospel, the sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States armed forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. Special envelopes are available in the church vestibule. • Please be generous.

**"Grab a Bag, Fill a Bag" Thank You!**

Your generous response to the "Grab a Bag, Fill a Bag" campaign is very much appreciated. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Sacred Heart and St Mary's Parishes will be making Thanksgiving food baskets for families who have been served this past year. Food donations will also be provided for the families of Cristo Rey High School and for the students at Sac State that visit the Catholic Newman Center. • The Parish would also like to thank Trader Joe's on Folsom Blvd. for donating the bags and the 8th graders of Sacred Heart Parish School for tying a ribbon on each bag.

**Sacred Heart Holiday Home Tour**

Save the date...Friday, December 6, Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8. Home Tour tickets are now on sale. • Questions? Contact the School at 916-456-1576.