

To Live Faithfully in the Present

This Sunday's readings focus on the end of the world. • The First Reading speaks of the Day of Judgment (*the Day of the Lord*), which is forecast to come upon the earth; a day when God punishes evildoers and rewards the faithful. This is to be the day God establishes a reign of justice in the world. • The Responsorial Psalm emphasizes that since God is king. It is only logical that He will come to establish His reign, where He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity. • While the First Reading and the Gospel emphasize the end of the world being at hand, the Second Reading tries to help us strike a balance for daily life. We should not stop working, be lazy or become busybodies or presume upon the generosity of others, but live quiet, gentle lives as a good example to any observer. St. Paul himself tries to set this example by not depending on the generosity of those to whom he preaches, but always earning his own living, never burdening others. • Today's Gospel presents a teaching about the end of the world. Jesus warns that many things (wars, insurrections, etc.) would occur before the end, but those things would not signal the end. Jesus tells His disciples to trust God to deliver them in all their difficulties. This does not mean that they would be spared from suffering, but that even if they were martyred, God would always hold them in His heart. While their earthly lives might not be secure, their lives in the world to come would be.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
-- Psalm 98

Prayer of the Week

Father in heaven, ever-living source of all this is good, from the beginning of time you promised man salvation through the future coming of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to drink of his truth and expand our hearts with the joy of his promises, so that we may serve you in faith and in love and know for ever the joy of your presence. 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

Meaning of "Parousia"

The second coming of Christ, which will usher in the full establishment of God's reign on earth as it is in heaven.

Second Coming of Christ

The second to last verse in the Bible, Revelation 22:20, reads "Come, Lord Jesus." This expectant plea responds to Jesus' promise: "I am coming soon." All Christians look forward to the time of the Lord's return when God's justice will triumph over all the injustices committed by God's creatures, a time when God's love will triumph over death. The Church teaches that human history will come to a close at some time in the future. Jesus will come again at the Parousia, a word which means "presence" or "arrival." When this takes place, everyone who ever lived will recognize Jesus as Lord of all. Christians do not fear this day. • The liturgical season of *Advent* (which means "coming") both prepares us for the second coming of Christ and reminds us of the birth of the Christ-child. The Christmas season celebrates the Lord who came to us. These Church seasons remind us how Jesus is with us now. But they also remind us that even today we are in Advent, awaiting Christ's return at the end of time. • At the Eucharist, we proclaim that Christ has died, he is risen, and he will come again. Like Advent and Christmas, the Eucharist reminds us to look forward to the time when the Lord will come in all his glory. At that time, the entire universe will recognize him. • Only the Father knows the exact hour of the Son's return. Thus, we must always be ready, converting from our sins, and living Christ-like lives right now. • Christ's second coming will mark the time when God's reign will be fully established on earth. God will renew and transform the entire universe. God's plan to bring all under Christ will be realized. The human unity God willed for us will come about. The new community formed in Christ will be free of sin and self-love. It will enjoy the "beatific vision" (that is, seeing God face to face) and a blissful union with God marked by happiness, peace, and mutual communion. • We have a foretaste of this time now because Jesus inaugurated God's reign in our midst.

In Our Prayers

Daily Mass Intentions

November 17 - November 24

Sun	8:00am	Don & Anita Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Efren Santiago Andres (+)
Mon	8:00am	Herbert Joseph Kerins (+)
Tue	8:00am	Altar Society Members (+)
Wed	8:00am	All Souls (+)
Thu	8:00am	Int...Marin Terzic
Fri	8:00am	Katheryne Walton (+)
Sat	9:00am	Richard Mintz (+)
	5:30pm	Patricia Keller (+)
Sun	8:00am	Mary Kelly (+)
	9:30am	Terry Andrews (+)
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish

In Memoriam

Valerie Garaventa • October 29, 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

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 Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

Meetings & Events

Ministry Sunday

Would you like to volunteer for a parish ministry? If you did not pick up a Ministry booklet last weekend, booklet are available in the church vestibule. With the booklet is a blue form to complete, naming the ministry you are interested in joining. Please return the form by placing it in the collection basket or in the rectory mail slot. We are particularly looking for adult volunteers for Children's Church and Wedding Coordinators.

New Ministry -- Medical Response Ministry

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, physicians, EMTs, or paramedics) would be asked to respond to the incident (to provide assistance and first aid) and advise whether an ambulance or 911 is needed. A medical responder will be assisted by a monitor who will provide support services, e.g. meeting emergency personnel in the vestibule, bringing a first aid kit to the medical responder. • If you are interested in learning more about being a medical responder or a monitor, please give your name and contact information to the Parish Office (916-452-4136 Ext. 2) so we can follow up with you. We will be creating a list of medical responders and monitors who have agreed to respond if present when an incident occurs during a weekend Mass.

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, as are the popular, personalized lawn signs. • Questions? Contact the School at 916-456-1576.

Campaign for Human Development Collection

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. • Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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 • We look forward to celebrating and supporting our vocation of motherhood!

Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast

This 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.

Parish Study Group

We are discussing *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith* by Bishop Robert Barron. The assignment for Tuesday, November 19 is Chapter 6, Pages 143-171. 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.

Knights of Columbus -- Membership Drive

Men, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic men's fraternal organization, whose principle focus is on charity, unity, and fraternity with service to the Church and to our community. A sign-up table will be in the church vestibule after all Masses next weekend (November 23-24). • You may also contact Bob Willett at 916-485-7939 or Al Fernandez at 916-812-2050.

Accepting Applications for 2020-2021

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.sacredheartsschool.com) or in the school office. • Questions? Please call the school office at 916-456-1576.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

On Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be at 9:00 am. J Street and some other side streets will be closed for the "Run to Feed the Hungry," so plan your route accordingly. To share your family's bounty, consider making a Thanksgiving monetary gift at the Offertory, as the parish has already collected food that will have been distributed to families. Any money received will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to be used for Christmas needs.

"Grab a Bag, Fill a Bag" a Success!

As Christians we are asked to feed the poor and help those who are in need. Your response to the "Grab a Bag Fill a Bag" campaign will allow many families and individuals to have bountiful Thanksgiving. Your generosity is very much appreciated by all. 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 that live in the two parish area. 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 also thanks 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. "Let our lives be full of both thanks and giving."

Mercy 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 General Guild House at 916-731-7189.