

Planting Seeds of God's Kingdom

The First Reading speaks about God who rewards us for the good deeds we do for others in His name. Sometimes that reward comes now in this life; other times we are rewarded in the afterlife. Ultimately, the greatest reward is the chance to express our love and generosity. In this reading, a woman is very gracious to a man she recognized as a man of God. She never asked any favor of God or this prophet of His. In her offering of simple hospitality, she served the Lord. When the prophet inquired about her needs and discovered she had no children, he interceded for her on that unspoken need. Her faith and decency were rewarded. ● The Responsorial psalm is an act of trust in God's providence. It is a recognition that in Him alone we find our fulfillment, and apart from Him, we will never find peace. In totally trusting God, we become dedicated to serving Him and neighbor. We find our meaning for existence in this commitment. ● In the Second Reading we see two sides of choosing Jesus. The "positive" is placing our hope and trust in God; the "negative" is ending our trust in worldly things. We are to die to the world that cannot bring us the peace and joy we seek. In dying to our slavery to passion and sin, we say no to the things that keep us from what is truly important. We do this at Baptism and daily in all our decisions. This gives us the freedom to choose God and to totally place our hearts in Him. ● Today's Gospel combines the two themes in today's readings. In the First Reading we see that there is a price to pay in following Jesus, from sacrificing our comforts to sacrificing our view of reality. The second theme is God's reward for those who faithfully, lovingly serve Him. We will not all be missionaries, heroes or martyrs, but we can all be supportive of those in active ministry. We must never undervalue the importance of the small things done with great faith and love. They may not appear to be earthshaking, but we are quietly planting the seeds of God's kingdom.

Prayer of the Week

Let us pray. ● Father in heaven, the light of Jesus has scattered the darkness of hatred and sin. Called to that light we ask for your guidance. Form our lives in your truth, our

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hearts in your love. 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.

The Parish Website

We hope that you have begun to establish the habit of visiting <http://www.sacredheart.church>, the Parish website frequently. If not, there is always time to do that now! We especially encourage you to visit the FAQ tab on the Home page and look at the number of rich resources to be found on the Corona Virus page. Ironically the new restrictions to limit social contact and to shelter at home have spurred the Parish to list many resources to enrich your faith and prayer life. A blessing in disguise. The website will take you directly to spiritual and prayerful resources, books, pamphlets, prayers, novenas, and monthly Mass and prayer books. ● How do I read and meditate on Sacred Scripture? Go to the website for directions on where to find guides. ● Open Wide Our Hearts. There are links to videos, publications and articles that address current affairs. ● Coming Back to Mass. You will find helpful guidelines for what we need to do when we return to Mass. You can find the link to sign up to come to Mass. There are instructions on how we receive Communion while still respecting social distancing. ● We hope you have found the website to be useful during this pandemic and you will continue to use as we go forward.

The Church and the Kingdom of God

God's kingdom or reign, God's saving activity in human history which draws all people to the Triune God, is different from the Church. The Church includes only baptized members. Thus, the Kingdom of God is broader than the Church. The Kingdom of God extends to all people who are saved, from the time of Adam to the end of the world. But there is an intimate connection between the Church and the Kingdom of God. That connection is, simply, that the Church is Christ's reign already present in mystery (Vatican II, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 3). It is the seed and initial budding forth of the Kingdom of God here on earth..

In Our Prayers

Daily Mass Intentions

June 28- July 5

Sun	8:00am	Connie Catolico (+)
	10:00am	Pamela DeRose (+)
	12:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon	8:00am	Gene Vittori (+)
Tue	8:00am	Ramon Posadas (+)
Wed	8:00am	Connie Catolico (+)
Thu	8:00am	Chris Heintz (+)
Fri	8:00am	Patricia Norris (+)
	12:00pm	No intention requested
Sat	9:00am	Janice Spillane (+)
	5:30pm	SH Sch. Found. Mem & Rem
Sun	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	10:00am	Mary Flynn (+)
	12:00pm	No intention requested

In Memoriam

John P. O'Neill, Sr. • June 19, 2020
Father Paul J. Schloeder • June 19, 2020
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please Pray for the Sick

Anne-Louise Radimsky, Dick Grutzmacher, Rick Barbara, Gene Yeager, Adria Laubacher, Margarita Enriquez, Marjorie Green, Robert McAleese, Helena Enright, John Vostrez, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Richard Honey, Dale Wooldridge, Donald Anderson, Nancy McGarry, Patrick Valenzuela, Michael Fletcher, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Marie Schumacher, 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.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him

Calling the Homebound

As we all know, many parishioners are still sheltering in place and are not able to attend Mass. If you would like to receive a telephone call from a parishioner, to check up on you or just to chat, please call the Parish Office. Moreover, many stay-at-home parishioners do not have computers or the computer skills to read our bulletin online and won't hear of this offer. If you know of anyone in the parish who might benefit from a telephone call, please let the office know and they will be contacted.

How We Got Here

The Parish is extraordinarily blessed to have as parishioners so many people who have worked so long and hard to get the church ready for reopening. You see some of them at Mass--greeters, ushers, door monitors, sanitizer aides, pew wipers--along with the Eucharistic Ministers, and the Lectors. But these people are just the visible part of an entire army of volunteers. Many, many people have contributed their labors for the reopening: writing instructions for volunteers, running the sign-up program for Mass attendance, ordering supplies, helping with cleaning the entire church, helping with signage and pew marking to name a few of their jobs. As a parish, we may never know the names of all the volunteers, but we can all be grateful that their love of God, the Church, and our parish brought them to us so we could reopen. Thank you and bless you all for giving of your time and talent.

Volunteers Needed

To protect parishioners from the coronavirus, the parish has adopted a number of safety measures. Many of those measures use volunteers. We have a need for ushers, greeters, sanitizer aides, and pew cleaners. None of these tasks require a special trip to church or a chunk of your time (For example, wiping down the pews after Mass takes approximately 15 minutes, depending upon how many pews were occupied. Every occupied pew, even if only one person sits in it, must be cleaned.). If you can, please volunteer for one of these positions in order to keep things running smoothly and safely during these difficult times. Call or email the Parish Office (916-452-4136 x2 or <https://sacredheart.church>).

Sacred Heart School Graduation

Congratulations to the class of 2020, whose graduation ceremony will be on Thursday, July 9, at 4:00 pm in the church. Each student will be permitted two guests so that we can meet all healthy and safety guidelines for gathering in large groups. ● We are proud of our graduating class and could not let summer go by without a celebration.

Meetings & Events

Change in Weekday Mass Schedule

After three weeks, it is apparent that the noon Mass on Monday through Friday does not have enough attendance to justify the volunteer efforts needed for every Mass. Therefore, the noon Mass Monday - Friday will be discontinued with the sole exception of the noon Mass on the First Friday of every month. That means no noon Mass this coming week on Monday - Thursday, but there will be a noon Mass of First Friday, July 3.

Sign up for Coming to Mass

Bishop Soto has asked each Parish to put in place a mechanism for contacting people who may have been exposed to Covid-19. In the unfortunate event that a parishioner comes down with the coronavirus there needs to be a way to 'contact trace' others who may have been exposed. For this reason and because seating restriction limit us to 90 persons per Mass, we are all asked, if possible, to sign up online each for weekday and weekend Masses via the Parish Website. On the Parish Home Page, just below "Resuming Public Mass," you will see Signup Sheets click here. (There are 70 slots for each Mass. At each Mass there will be 20 slots available for parishioners to just "walk up" to Mass.) Remember, **only 90 people per Mass!**

Staying Home During the Pandemic

Bishop Soto's Dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass, issued March 17, is still in full effect. That means that, even though Masses have now resumed in parishes, you are NOT required to attend, regardless of your age or health. Those who are sick, or are vulnerable due to age or infirmity, should definitely stay home, rather than risk their health by attending Mass in person. If anyone is healthy but simply uncomfortable around crowds, just stay home. ● Check the Parish website for the parish bulletin or call the Parish Office and we will happy to mail it to you.

Safety/Security Projects

Before the suspension of the public celebration of Mass due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Parish Safety Committee studied the recommendations of the parish vulnerability assessment report conducted last year by the Central California Intelligence Center Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit. Our Safety Committee recommended that the Parish undertake three safety projects: (1) re-open the exterior church doors in the Pieta Chapel as an emergency exit only. The project requires a complete

reconfiguration of the chapel interior and exterior improvements. (2) Install new iron fencing/gates between the church/parish hall and the medical building next door; replace parish hall exterior doors; pour a new concrete walkway for ADA access; and extend the fencing and gate to close off the main hall entrance. (3) Install new exterior church/rectory lighting along 39th Street. The Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council are in agreement that we should proceed with the projects. ● Funding will come from the Parish Building Fund at a total cost of approximately \$365,000. Jackson Construction has been hired to provide project supervision.

Parish Building Fund

The improvement projects are funded by the Parish Building Fund. That fund was established initially by a bequest from a very generous parishioner left the Parish a duplex with the understanding that it would be sold with sale proceeds going to establish the parish building fund. Subsequently, another parishioner, who asked to remain anonymous, has contributed very generously to the Fund. We are extremely grateful to these individuals, as well to all other donors to the Fund. Donations are donor-restricted and can only be used for church/parish hall/rectory projects. Please consider making a donation to the Building Fund. Our goal is to begin rebuilding the Fund.

who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.....1 Peter 2:9