

**Our Christian Calling**

The First Reading is commonly known as the Confessions of Jeremiah. Jeremiah says he felt duped by the Lord; as if he were just being used by Him and that the Lord was not living up to His end of the bargain. So Jeremiah tries to stop preaching, but the message so burns within him that he keeps preaching. • The Responsorial is a lamentation of how much the psalmist needs the Lord's intervention. Where the Lord is, there life and hope are. Without the Lord, there is only death and despair. The psalmist expresses his gratitude and praises the Lord for all His goodness to him. He tells of the peace and satisfaction in his heart, like what one feels at a great banquet. • In the Second Reading, St. Paul is speaking to the Gentile-Christians, famous for their sexual immorality. He begs them to live chaste lives, to offer their bodies as a spiritual sacrifice. He pleads with them not to conform to the values of the day; timeless advice for Christians have always been called to be countercultural. • Today's Gospel immediately follows last week's passage in which Jesus bestows the keys of the kingdom upon St. Peter, and proclaims him to be the rock on which He will build the Church. Now however, Jesus begins to forecast His suffering and death. Peter's response is abhorrence. He wanted Jesus to be a conquering hero, a worldly king. This was not the divinely inspired response we heard in the prior passage, where Peter declared Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God. So here, Jesus rebukes Peter for his ungodly sentiment, declaring it to be from Satan. St. Peter did not yet understand the King on the cross, His death, the hour of His glory. Peter did not yet know that one day, he too would share his Master's glory, dying a similar death on a cross. *The Christian calling is one of glory wrought through suffering in union with Christ.*

**Prayer of the Week**

Lord God of power and might, nothing is good which is against your will and all is of value which comes from your hand. Place in our hearts a desire to please you and fill our minds with insight into love, so that every thought may grow in wisdom and all our efforts may be filled with your peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Faith First**

to sign his documents "Louis of Poissy," not, "Louis IX, King." His reason was that Poissy was the place of his baptism. He held it in higher regard than Rheims Cathedral, the site of his coronation. "It is...greater...to be a child of God than to be the ruler of a kingdom: this last I shall lose at death, but the other will be my passport to an everlasting destiny." • Baptism--the gateway to the life in the Spirit--gives us new life; Confirmation strengthens us to live Christ-like lives; and the Eucharist is the food of eternal life (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1212-1213).

**Morning Prayer Opportunity**

Would you like to begin your day by praying together with other parishioners? At 8:00 am, Monday through Friday, a group of parishioners gathers via Zoom to pray. Our time together involves praying aloud the Psalms, listening to a hymn, and sharing intentions for which we wish to pray. Morning Prayer lasts for about 25 minutes. Please send an email to Rita Spillane at ritaspillane@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

**Parish Website Resources**

We have posted on the Parish Website at <https://sacredheart.church/> some spiritual resources to nourish our faith and prayer life. There are a number of websites that celebrate Mass daily. • [EWTN](#) Eternal Word Television Network • [Catholic TV](#) • Salt and Light Media [Canadian Daily TV](#) on YouTube. Here are some helpful spiritual resources and some daily meditations on the Scripture readings of Mass: • St. Louis University has a fine website exploring the depths of Sunday readings. Explore historical, cultural context, thoughts from the early Church, Scripture in depth, and other areas of significant import. Find it at [liturgy.slu.edu](http://liturgy.slu.edu) • [Word on Fire](#) is Bishop Barron's website which is extremely popular. Bishop Barron explains the Sunday readings each week. The site has numerous videos, homilies, and other Catholic resources.

**Our Call**

The famous king and saint, Louis IX of France, knew that his life began when he was baptized. The saintly king used

**Back to School**

As we begin the school year at Sacred Heart Parish School we have enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know our students again. During the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>-August 21<sup>st</sup> the teachers and assistants met in small groups to pray, play and reacclimate to being a student. The week of August 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> looked a bit different since all on campus activities were halted by the California Department of Public Health. The teachers took a quick pivot and continued with week two plans of assessing students and continuing building community. On Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, parents and students came by school in scheduled small groups to pick up books and supplies to get ready for our full return to distance learning. Please pray for all parents, teachers, staff and students as we enter into the 2020-2021 school year with many unknowns! We are determined to make it great!

**Catholic Faith Formation Program**

Faith formation for children in grades first through seventh attending a non-Catholic school will begin on Tuesday, September 22. Classes will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 pm every Tuesday, alternating in the Parish Hall (1040 39th Street) and via Zoom. The program will also see another change/improvement, which will involve the parents more in the faith formation of their children. More information to come. • Registration information and forms are available either on the parish website at <https://sacredheart.church/> or by contacting Tila Madrigal at [tilamadrigal@gmail.com](mailto:tilamadrigal@gmail.com). • We understand that the current pandemic may have added a financial stress to some families. Please let us know if this is the case with your family. We do not want family finances to keep children from participating in the CFF program.

**Sacrament of Penance**

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the church

**Summer Catholic Series**

Check out the summer series *In All Things* produced by Canadian Catholic media Salt and Light. Short videos cover fresh and interesting stories like Community, Stepping Closer to God, Singleness, and God's Will versus your Will. Salt and Light reminds us that as Catholics, part of what we learn is to find the goodness of God in all things. God to <https://saltandlighttv.org/inallthings/>.

**Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement**

Next weekend, parishioners are invited to donate to the annual Diocesan collection for priest retirement. This is an opportunity to contribute to the priest retirement fund. Special envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Donations may be dropped off in the Parish Office mailbox, placed in the offertory baskets in front of the altar rail, or mailed to the Parish Office. Please be generous.

**Meetings & Events**

**Suspension of Indoor Public Mass**

On Monday July 13, Governor Newsom again ordered the closure of indoor church services in Sacramento County, as the rate of corona virus infections has increased dramatically in the past four weeks. Therefore, there will be no public Masses offered at Sacred Heart church until the closure order is lifted (again). The Church is open for private prayer Monday--Friday from 8:00 am to 9:30 am; Saturday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and Sunday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. • Please refer to the list below in this bulletin or on the parish website for Masses that can be watched on television or streamed online. • Continue to pray for the victims of the virus, their families, and the health workers charged with treating the sick.

**Parish Pen Pal Project**

Recently, the Parish Pastoral Council met using the online resource Zoom. At the meeting the Pastoral Council discussed the possibility of creating Parish Pen Pal for parishioners who have sheltered in place during this coronavirus pandemic. We have identified approximately 80 households who have had minimal contact with others. To help alleviate their lack of contacts the Council thought the Parish should invite other parishioners to correspond with this group. Many of these parishioners are elderly, but not all. We are looking for parishioners who are willing to consider being a Pen Pal with one of these parishioners. If you are interested, please contact Amy at the Parish Office (916-452-4136 ext. 2).

**Safety/Security Projects Update**

Last month the Parish initiated a number of projects to enhance parish safety and security. A new concrete walkway between the rectory and parish hall was poured for ADA access. A second handicapped parking

space was added, requiring the re-grading of a small portion of the parking lot. A bollard was installed in the parking area near the medical building's dumpster and a protective iron grill was placed around the hall's exterior water main. A new iron gate/fencing was installed at the parish hall main entrance. In the coming weeks new iron fencing will be added to existing fencing near the redwood tree along J Street as well as to enhancing existing fencing between the church/parish hall and the medical building next door. The final projects, of (1) re-opening the exterior church doors in the Pieta Chapel as an emergency exit only and (2) installing new exterior church/rectory lighting along 39th Street will follow. • Funding has come from the Parish Building Fund at a total cost of approximately \$365,000.

**Parish Building Fund**

The safety/security projects are funded by the Parish Building Fund. That fund was established initially by a bequest from a very generous parishioner who gave the Parish in his estate planning a duplex with the understanding that it would be sold. The proceeds would go 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 and many others who have donated 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.

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Due to the Coronavirus the annual collection to support the Christians and the holy sites in the Holy Land was postponed. The collection will be taken up on September 12-13. Information? [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

**In Our Prayers**

**In Memoriam**

Marie Schumacher • August 24, 2020

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

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Gene Sirois, Delia Chavez, Dick Grutzmacher, Rick Barbaria, Gene Yeager, Margarita Enriquez, Marjorie Green, Robert McAleese, Helena Enright, John Vostrez, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Richard Honey, Dale Wooldridge, Nancy McGarry, Patrick Valenzuela, Michael Fletcher, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, 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.

**Daily Mass Intentions**

August 30 - September 6

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Patricia Norris (+)
	10:00am	For the People of the Parish
	12:00pm	No Intention
<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Heinz & Karole Lueneberg (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	Jeanne Morris (+)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	Stefan Jankowski (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	Int...John F. Renard
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Int...Ernestine Lueneburg
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Helen Jankowski (+)
	5:30pm	Joe Gill (+)
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	10:00am	No Intention
	12:00pm	No Intention

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,

that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. cf. Ephesians 1:17-18