

**The Blessings of True Love**

Today's Gospel speaks of the two great commandments: loving God with all one's heart, soul, and strength, and the second, loving one's neighbor as one's self. • So in today's First Reading, Moses lays the groundwork for the kind of love Jesus talks about in today's Gospel. He tells them that their life will be better, longer, and more prosperous, if they observe God's commands. These commands explain how to love God: with all one's heart, soul, and strength. • Today's Responsorial, Psalm 18, is a hymn of praise to God who delivers us from our enemies. It echoes today's theme of how we should love God with all our being. This kind of love, like today's psalm, is *an act of trust*. Trust is not an easy thing to have, especially when we have been hurt by so many things during our life. We are reminded that God's love is the only love that will never go away or make mistakes. • In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that Jesus is the perfect priest, the best intercessor between us and God because He is God; therefore, He has no need to offer sacrifice for Himself, since He is the sinless one. His sacrifice is the perfect atonement for our sin. This is good to remember, especially in this month of November when we pray for our deceased loved ones. We offer Mass for

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them, the perfect prayer to the perfect Intercessor. • In today's Gospel, Jesus is helping us love, by directing our focus first on God and then on our neighbor. The two great commandments are the key. We love our neighbor most excellently by loving God with all our might. This is how to keep our love in balance. Loving our neighbor as ourselves is more valuable than any sacrifice or offering, for often this love of neighbor is itself an offering, a sacrifice. True love is self-sacrificial. May we have the grace to live this kind of love and thereby bring God's blessings to our world.

**Communion of Saints**  
Jesus calls each of his disciples to be a saint, that is, to be holy. A saint is a good person. Saints are people who always choose the better of two courses open to them. Saints are Christian models of holiness. To believe in Christian heroes and to learn from their lives can inspire us to do heroic deeds of service ourselves on our own journey to holiness. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 828 & 957) • Devotion to the saints is a traditional means to holiness. We venerate, that is, honor these men and women. We do not pray to the saints as though they were God. Rather, we petition them to intercede for us with our heavenly Father. They are living a deep, personal, and loving relationship with God; they have proven their friendship by the extraordinary goodness of their lives while on earth. We pray to the saints to befriend us, too, especially those to whom we feel particularly close. We ask these personal heroes to take our petitions to the Father on our behalf. We also ask them to inspire us by the example of their lives. They were flesh-and-blood people who rose to the challenge of the Christian life. They can be a great source of inspiration and can provide us with an example of single-hearted commitment to God's kingdom. Erasmus made a telling observation when he said: "No devotion to the saints is more acceptable and proper than if you strive to express their virtue." (CCC nos. 955-957)

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**All Saints Day**

This year, since All Saints Day, November 1, falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 12 noon.

**Prayer of the Week**

Father in heaven, God of power and Lord of mercy, from whose fullness we have received, direct our steps in our everyday efforts. May the changing moods of the human heart and the limits which our failings impose on hope never blind us to you, source of every good. Faith

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**In Our Prayers**

**Daily Mass Intentions  
October 31 -- November 7**

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Jane Garofalo (+)
	9:30am	Int...Shirley Bond
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish
<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Int...Ramon Castillon
	12(noon)	Antonia "Toni" Jaime (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	All Souls
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<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	Emily & John Farry (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	Hazel Lambating (+)
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Deceased Dwyer Family Members
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Al Smith (+)
	5:30pm	SHS Found. Mem. & Rem.
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	9:30am	Robert "Bob" Slakey (+)
	11:00am	Int...Bill Blucher

**In Memoriam**

**Antonia "Toni" Jaime • October 21, 2021**

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**

Tom Slakey, Bill Blucher, John O'Connor, Pam Milchrist, Valerie Hoag, Hope Harrington, Diane Peters, Michael Kelly, Brian McKenna, Patrick Valenzuela, Dick Grutzmacher, Rick Barbaria, Margarita Enriquez, Robert McAleese, Helena Enright, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Dale Wooldridge, Nancy McGarry, 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.

**Meetings & Events**

**Please Remember**

Since we do not have security around the church, please, for your child protection and safety, always accompany him/her to the restrooms located in the church vestibule. We are located on a busy corner with increasing foot traffic.

**Now Accepting Applications: 2021-2022 School Year**

Sacred Heart Parish School is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Families who wish for their student to join us in TK (Transitional Kindergarten) must be 4 years old by September 1, 2022. Students who are applying for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022. This policy holds true throughout the grades at Sacred Heart: students must be age appropriate for each grade. Applications are available on the school website at: [www.sacredheartschool.net](http://www.sacredheartschool.net). • If you have questions please feel free to call the school office at 916-456-1576.

**Happy Halloween**

Students at Sacred Heart Parish School celebrated Halloween with spooky costumes and a parade outside. The TK, K, 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade enjoyed a homemade pumpkin patch in the gymnasium with games, treats and a pumpkin to take home. Thanks to everyone who made these exciting events possible!

**Science Camp Comes to Sacred Heart**

Traditionally the 6<sup>th</sup> grade spends a week at Sly Park Environmental Camp. It is a highlight every year. This year (and last) Sly Park has not been allowed to open. But, good news: they are coming to us. Both the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy a week of "camp" right here at school. There will be hikes, environmental awareness activities, arts and crafts and a camp fire night complete with a sing along. All of these activities will be designed with COVID safety in mind! Thanks for a creative solution teachers and Sly Park!

**It's Not Too Late!**

Enrollments are still being accepted to the Children's Faith Formation classes (for public school children grades 1-8). For information about CFF, call Tila Madrigal at (916) 947-2683.

*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Covid Protocol Reminders**

You are asked to use a mask when entering the church, removing it only to consume the Host after receiving Holy Communion. You are also strongly urged by Pope Francis and Bishop Soto to get vaccinated, if not for yourself, then for those you love and those you encounter. The Vatican has said that there is no theological objection to the vaccines.

**Food Collection this Weekend**

This weekend, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting non-perishable food items for our food pantry and the students that visit the Catholic Newman Center at Sac State. A bag filled with non-perishable, unexpired food may be left inside the altar rail. • Forgot this weekend, not to worry! The Winter Food Drive is coming in November with details in the Bulletin next week. • Questions, call Emilia at 916-927-1667. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

**First Quarter**

**Parish Financial Report**

The Parish Finance Council has prepared a financial report covering the period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. A copy of the report is available in the church vestibule or parishioners to pick up and review. Finance Council members are: Frank Werry (chair), Maura Twomey, Jim Granucci, Amy Petersen, and Dick Maly. • We have 138 households making their church contribution by auto pay out of approximately 1,000 households. We encourage parishioners to consider using auto pay. For more information, please contact the parish office.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Do not forget next Sunday November 7 to reset your clocks back one hour as that day ends Daylight Saving Time for this year.

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

**16th Synod of Bishops**

This Synod of Bishops is scheduled to be convened by Pope Francis in October 2023. In preparation for the Synod, the Pope has invited Catholics worldwide to participate in a consultative process to help shape the synod's agenda. Each diocese has been asked to initiate a consultative phase to begin the process of looking at grassroots issues. Following the diocesan phase, a national phase will begin. This is the largest consultative process ever undertaken by the Church. We should ask ourselves and each other how this synodal way of journeying together, which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allows the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her. What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? These issues will guide our diocese in reaching agreement on its prioritized list that will be submitted to Rome.