

WEEK AT A GLANCE September 23 <sup>rd</sup> - October 1 <sup>st</sup>		
Sat.	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Mass – Sacred Heart
Sun.	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	Mass – St. Anne (Sacred Heart Parishioners)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Mass – Sacred Heart (Bob Ford†)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Formación de Fe de los niños
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Misa en Español
Mon.	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tue.	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Mass
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Rosary at Rosie DelaTorre's home
Wed.	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Mass (Ferdinand & Helen Eveslage†)
	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	Hospitality in the parish hall
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Children's Faith Formation Classes Grades 1 – 8
Thu.	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Mass (Richard & Marie Winning†)
Fri.	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Mass (Kenny & Marcia DeLay)
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Rosary at Oak River Rehab
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Grupo de Juevenes
Sat.	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Confessions
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Mass – Sacred Heart
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon.** Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
- Tue.** Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
- Wed.** Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6  
*(St. Vincent DePaul – Memorial)*
- Thu.** Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
- Fri.** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51  
*(Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels – Feast)*
- Sat.** Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a, Luke 9:43b-45  
*(St. Jerome - Memorial)*
- Sun.** Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Dixee Graham, John VanErt, Mary Rowe, Joe Fitzpatrick, Delaney Valles, Ross Clark, Melody Christenson, Mary Jarvis, David Jacobs, Regina Barker, Mary O'Keefe, Ann Whitmore, Jay Burns.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RICA) is the process by which adults undergo educational and spiritual preparation to help them determine whether they are being called to join the Roman Catholic faith community. This program includes the initiation sacraments of Baptism (for those not already baptized Christian), Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

If you are interested in the RCIA process, please call or stop by the parish office to register. **Classes will begin Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30–8:00pm.** Fr. Eric Flores will lead the class along with the RCIA team: Deacon Rich Valles, Ellen Gutierrez and Sandy Downing.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Collection Summary**

August 26/27:	\$4,466
September 2/3:	\$5,994
September 9/10:	\$4,151
September 16/17:	\$4,100

**For fiscal year 2017–2018**

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**  
**Total for 12 weeks: \$58,332 weekly Goal: \$5,385**  
 Average Weekly Collection: **\$4,861**

**Second Collection**

Our Second Collection **next weekend** is for our Maintenance and Improvement Fund. This collection helps keep our parish buildings and grounds in good working order and looking so good. Thank you for your generosity.

**MONTHLY SUNDAY BREAKFAST & BLOOD DRIVE**

Join us next **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall for our monthly Sunday Parish Breakfast, prepared by our Knights of Columbus. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Our Parish Nurse, Sandy Downing, will conduct blood pressure screenings. No appointment necessary.

BloodSource, one of our local blood banks will hold a **Blood Drive** in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus breakfast. Please prayerfully consider joining us for this very rewarding and worthwhile effort. It takes little time and helps to serve so many people in need. Appointments will be made (to help keep things flowing and avoid waiting) from 9:30 to 12:30. Please call Sandy Downing at 524-4092 to reserve your spot.

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**Question of the Week**

**For Children:** How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school, or parish?

**For Youth:** This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say “yes” to God?

**For Adults:** Using Jesus’ parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

**Liturgy of the Word**

While the first reading and Gospel focus on God’s great generosity and mercy toward us sinners, Saint Paul urges us to conduct ourselves “in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.” As we listen to these sacred scriptures proclaimed today, let us ponder how we may reflect God’s lavish love in our own lives.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Our Fall Bible Study series *Philippians: Life in Christ*, will begin on **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am and repeated on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Paul’s affection for the Christian community at Philippi is apparent from his opening words. The Philippians were not only Paul’s sons and daughters in the Faith, but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of this letter is Paul’s eloquent hymn of Christ’s total gift of self, the model for Paul’s life. With his words and the example of his life, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ, to live a life worthy of the Gospel, and, by God’s grace, to gain Christ.

In six sessions on three DVDs, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the *lectio divina* disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in *Philippians: Life in Christ*.

**HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF**

In the wake of two devastating hurricanes in just two weeks, the Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released the following statement:

“With lives and livelihoods still at risk in Texas, Florida, the Virgin Islands and throughout the Caribbean, we pray for the safety and care of human life in the wake of two catastrophic hurricanes. The massive scale of the dual disasters and the effect it has on communities, families and individuals cannot be fully comprehended or adequately addressed in the immediate aftermath of the storms.

At this time of initial recovery, we mourn the loss of life, homes and other property, and the harm to the natural environment, and we pray for all those affected and in need of assistance. We also pray for the safety of, and in thanksgiving for, the first responders who are risking their lives at this very moment in care for their neighbors, especially those who are elderly, sick, homeless, or otherwise already in need of special assistance.

We share Pope Francis’ trust that the Catholic faithful here in the United States will respond to the needs presented by these disasters with a ‘vast outpouring of solidarity and mutual aid in the best traditions of the nation.’ We encourage the faithful to respond generously with prayers, financial support, and for those who have the opportunity, the volunteering of time and talents in support of those in need.”

*The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all parishes in the United States to **take up a special collection this weekend for Hurricane Relief.** All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services.*

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

The Fall 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil begins on September 27<sup>th</sup> and runs through November 5<sup>th</sup> in hundreds of cities around the world. Christians will pray and offer assistance on the sidewalk, Monday–Friday. This life-saving, peaceful, prayerful ministry is endorsed by Bishop Soto, who encourages all Catholics to participate. By God’s grace over 13,300 women worldwide have changed their minds, choosing LIFE for their children rather than abortion. For information on the Prayer Vigil, visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

**LET US PRAY**

**Let Us Pray: Introduction to Liturgy, Worship & Prayer** starts Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7pm at the Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento. This 6-part class will cover the basic teachings of the Church regarding Catholic worship, liturgy, music and prayer. The course will draw from Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Vatican II and other sources. To register, please reply via email: [jcavanagh@scd.org](mailto:jcavanagh@scd.org) or call 916-733-0221. Cost: \$20.

**ANNUAL FALL GREAT SALE**

Our Annual Fall Great Sale is next weekend, **September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your items that are **in good, working condition**, to the parish hall beginning **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. We also pick up larger items!

Also, **please set aside some time to volunteer at the sale.** We are especially in need of men to help with pick ups and with unloading vehicles.

To help get the word out about the upcoming sale, we ask everyone to take the flyer in this week’s bulletin and give it to a family member, friend or have it posted in a local business.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE MIRACLE OF FATIMA**

As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 6<sup>th</sup> Apparition and the Commemoration of the Miracle of Fátima, we are graced in this month of September with three Marian Feasts: The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8<sup>th</sup>; the Holy Name of Mary, September 12<sup>th</sup>; the 5<sup>th</sup> Apparition of Our Lady of Fátima, September 13<sup>th</sup>; and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Included in the midst of these feasts is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Quite a month to help us to prepare for the special month of October.

**Upcoming events in October:**

- October 7<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>:** Celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima at St. Elizabeth Church, 1817 12th Street, Sacramento. October 7<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 5pm with a Candlelight Procession; October 8<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 10am with Procession.
- October 13<sup>th</sup>:** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 6<sup>th</sup> Apparition & the Miracle of the Sun.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>:** Christ the King Retreat Center – Diocesan Pilgrimage Site. Outdoor Mass at 1:30pm with Rosary Procession and Benediction.

**SACRED HEART FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Our English Faith Formation program, for children in 1st–8<sup>th</sup> grades, will begin this **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Classes are held from 6:00–7:30pm in the Parish Center. Registrations for this year are still being accepted. For more information, please call the parish office at 365-8573.

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

In honor of St. Francis, Sacred Heart Parish will have the Blessing for All Animals on **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**, on the plaza in front of the church. Bring your pets or a picture of your pet for a special St. Francis blessing.