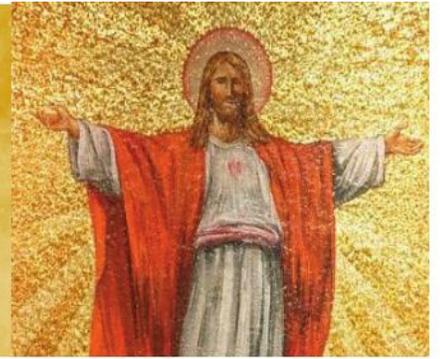


Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023
Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Take Up Your Cross

In a retreat talk given to priests, the late great Catholic bishop and TV host, Fulton Sheen, expressed his opinion on what he thought was the most serious phobia plaguing modern society: staurophobia. This is a Greek term meaning “fear of the cross.” The many crises afflicting the Church and the world, according to Bishop Sheen (speaking in the tumultuous 1960s), were the result of a fear-ridden flight from the cross of Jesus Christ, a reckless reluctance to look back to the salvific sacrifice on Calvary.

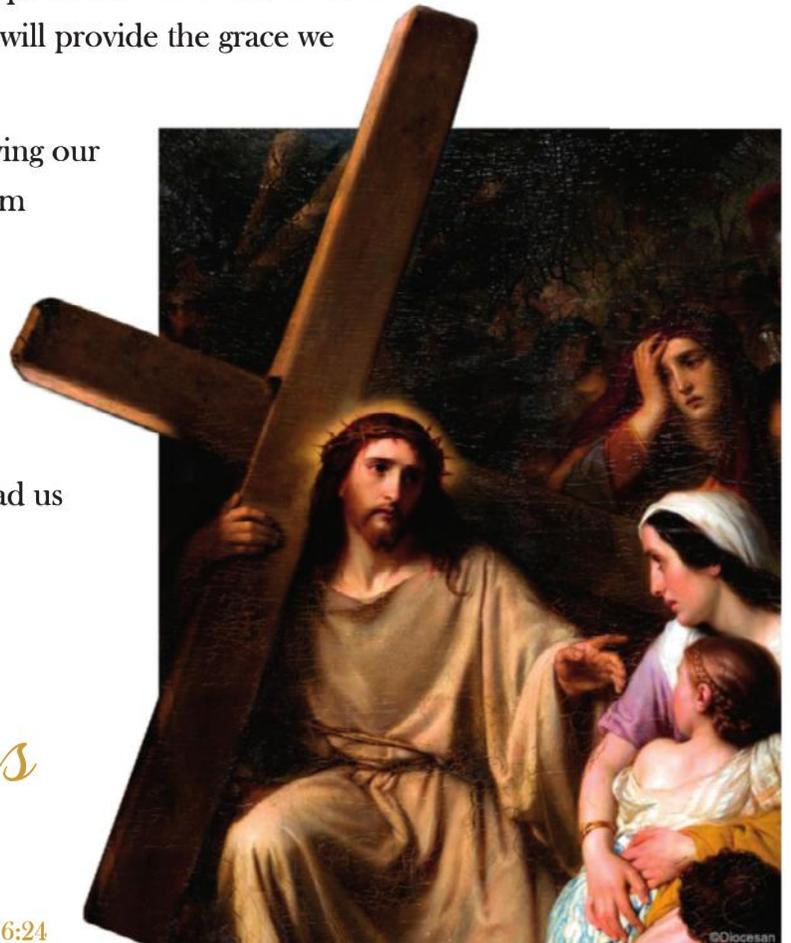
In today’s gospel, we see the hero from last week’s gospel, St. Peter, trying to shield Jesus from the shame and suffering of the cross. As a result, the Lord says to Peter, “get behind me, Satan!” What a stark contrast from last week’s interaction, in which Jesus calls Peter the Rock on which the Church would be built! The temptation to avoid the cross (suffering) is very human, and we all do it. Of course, suffering for its own sake is not virtuous. However, there are times when enduring a cross is unavoidable. It is in these situations that Christ invites us to accept God’s will for our lives in a strong yet serene manner, trusting that the Lord will provide the grace we need to persevere.

The alternative to denying ourselves and carrying our crosses is to numb ourselves with forms of escapism (diversions and distractions) and give up on those ordinary means of obtaining grace as Catholic Christians: prayer, good works, and the sacraments. For those who wish to follow Jesus, this is not an option. However, when we decide to take up our cross and follow him, the Lord will lead us to true freedom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Brad

*Take up your cross
and follow me.*

Matthew 16:24



Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 2

4:00 p.m. †Nancy Ann Hamilton

6:00 p.m. For our parishioners

Sunday, September 3

7:30 a.m. Ashley Clayton,
prayers for healing

9:30 a.m. †Piper Schmiedl

11:30 a.m. †Deceased members of the
Reed Family

Monday, September 4

8:00 a.m. †John M Rainiero

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 a.m. †Mary J. Costa

Wednesday, September 6

8:15 a.m. †John and Jerry Grasso

6 p.m. †For the recently departed

Thursday, September 7

8:00 a.m. †Kathleen M. Fudali

Friday, September 8

8:00 a.m. †Deceased members of the
Peterson family

Saturday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Maria Jose Rojas

4:00 p.m. For our parishioners

6:00 p.m. †Ivan Gomez

Sunday, September 10

7:30 a.m. Anita Bevacqua

9:30 a.m. †Rick Anderson

11:30 a.m. †George & Anita Rosato

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candles is for all those
affected by Hurricane Idalia.

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August 26-27

Offertory: \$9,378.00

Utility/Maintenance: \$1,021.00

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Other: \$1,399.22

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Disaster Relief for Maui Fire Victims

To show your support for victims of natural disasters, we invite you to contribute to the Diocese of St. Petersburg Disaster Relief Fund here: www.dosp.org/disaster-relief-fund.

Donations can also be sent by mail to:

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Diocese of St. Petersburg

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This fund helps those in desperate need because of natural disasters, including victims of the recent fires in Maui and Hurricane Idalia. By joining together, the people of our Diocese can make a difference in the hardest hit areas around the world. Please know, 100% of all donations will be directed to people affected by natural disasters as they occur. Please continue to pray for all affected by natural disasters, including the victims of the wildfires and of Hurricane Idalia.

Prayer for Disaster Relief

God of hope and mercy,
we lift up to you all victims of
natural disasters and those responding
with assistance and aid.

Protect all who are in any form of danger;
provide practical help to those in need;
strengthen the weary, console the grieving,
heal the suffering; and bless those
engaged in disaster relief efforts
with safety and courage.
Help all people of good will
respond with compassion
and generous hearts.

Amen

This Week at Sacred Heart

If you need information about a ministry listed, call the office. We'd be happy to get you connected to them!

Sunday, September 3rd, Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time:

- Readings: Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27
- KOC Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11am, Parish Center

Monday, September 4th:

- Labor Day, Church office closed

Tuesday, September 5th:

- Parish Bible study, 9:00-10:30am, Parish Center
We're continuing our study of the book of James.
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Spanish Ministry Meeting, Parish Center, 7-9pm
- Spanish Prayer Group, Retreat House, 7-9pm

Wednesday, September 6th:

- Bingo, Parish Center (doors open at 10am, first game at noon)
- Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-7:45pm
- Knights of Columbus and Columbiette Officer Meeting, Parish Center, 7-8pm

Thursday, September 7th:

- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House
- God's Housekeepers, Church, 1pm

Friday, September 8th:

- Adoration 8:30am to 5:45pm, Chapel
- Spanish Ministry Cleaners, Church, 6-7:30pm
- Men of St. Joseph, Retreat House, 7pm

Saturday, September 9th:

- Second Saturday of Service, Meet in front of Church, 9-11am
- Lector Training, Church, 9am

Sunday, September 10th, Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time:

- Readings: Ez 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20

This Week!

Save The Date! Nativity of Mary Celebration

On Friday, September 8th at 8:30am, the Legion of Mary will host a birthday party for the Blessed Mother on the feast day of The Nativity of Mary. Please join them for cake and fellowship in the Marian Room (room where the choir gathers behind the sanctuary) to celebrate this fantastic feast!



Save the Date!

For all current and prospective lectors, we will have a workshop and training session, **Sat., September 9, at 9:00 a.m.** in the church. Please contact Sherry at sacredheartlectors2@gmail.com for more information.



Mission Speaker: Fr. Kyle Bell Sept. 9 & 10



Next weekend, Sept. 9-10, we will welcome our Annual Missionary Co-Op, USF Catholic Campus Ministry! Fr. Kyle Bell, director of the Catholic Student Center, and a couple members of his campus ministry team, will be at our parish. They will be speaking to our community about their efforts to serve the Catholic students at USF. Please give Fr. Kyle and his team a warm Sacred Heart Family welcome and consider how you can support their mission.

CRHP Remembrance Mass, Sept. 10

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is having a Remembrance Mass on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the 11:30 Mass. We gather to honor and remember our beloved CRHP sisters who have passed away. Let us come together as a community to celebrate their lives and offer prayers for their eternal rest. Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated as we commemorate their contributions and memories. After the Mass, please join us for a time of fellowship over coffee in the Café in the church narthex.

Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am

Wed: 8:15am & 6pm

(Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm *(Spanish)* *(Rosary prayed in Spanish at 5:30pm)*

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am *(live-streamed)*, &

11:30am

(Rosary prayed at 7am)

Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm *(English)*

Saturdays: 5:15-5:45pm *(Spanish)*

(If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment)



Our Chapel is Open for Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am-5pm

Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

First Friday:

Exposition: 8:30am-6pm

Masses: 8am and 6pm

First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am (includes Adoration)

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

Livestreamed liturgies can be found at sacredheartpinellaspark.com (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).

Parish News



The Second Vatican Council

What was it? Why was it necessary? What do its documents actually teach? How do we apply its teaching faithfully today? Please join us on Tuesday evenings beginning September 12 at 6pm in the Parish Center for a study on these important Church documents. The study will be facilitated by Fr. Brad.

Second Chance for Servers!



Altar Server Training Makeup

All current and prospective Altar Servers who were unable to attend the training session in August are invited to attend a makeup session on Saturday, September 16 at 11am in the church. Please contact Mr. Chris at raleigh727@aol.com to register or to obtain more information about this important service for our church.

Eucharistic Revival

Discovering the Joy of the Eucharist



"What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ, and the chalice is the blood of Christ."
-*St. Augustine, Feast Day August 28*

"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church."
-*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1407*

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; . . . he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and . . . abides in me, and I in him"
-*John 6:51, 54, 56*



Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus, you make the world radiant with the splendor of your presence.

You embrace our humanity, so that we may share in your divinity.

You reveal yourself to us as the Living Bread that comes down from heaven.

Share your heavenly light with me, O Lord, so that I may see you in the Eucharist.

Fill me with awe and wonder for the gift of your Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Through the mystery of the Eucharist unite our hearts to yours, that we may be a sign of communion for the whole world, and may live with you forever.

Amen.

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A Bible verse for the Week:

“Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2

Wisdom from the Saints:



St. Teresa of Calcutta, also known as Mother Teresa, was canonized in 2016 by Pope Francis. Like St. Teresa, may we see Christ in all people, especially the poor and outcast, and serve Him throughout the day. “Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin Date	Submission Due Date	Email bulletin announcements to the Parish Office: shcc7809@gmail.com
Sept. 10	August 30	Submissions may be edited due to limited space. Refrain from sending pre-formatted PDF documents; when we shrink to fit into bulletin, words are often unreadable. Photos welcome; include your name. Submissions outside of parish may/may not be used.
Sept. 17	Sept. 6	
Sept. 24	Sept. 13	



Our Parish Prayer List

Elena Kelly, OFS

Patsy Piech

Helen Sullivan

Randy Wisdom

**Bold indicates new name added to prayer list.*

Please pray for the intentions of those listed.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of
thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray
for us sinners now, and at the hour
of death. Amen.



Pope Francis September Prayer Intention

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

The sick will be listed in the bulletin for eight weeks. Should the sick need prayers beyond eight weeks, you may write their name(s) in the Prayer Request Book in the narthex. Names will remain in this book until December 31st of the current year. If prayers are needed beyond December 31st, re-enter name(s) in the book the following year.

If you need to add a new name to the Prayer List in, please call the parish office 727-541-4447 or email shcc7809@gmail.com. Remember that we must have the person's permission before adding his/her name to the list.

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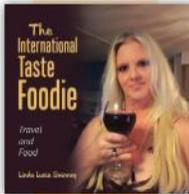
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