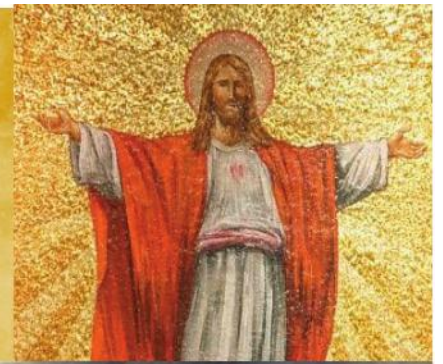


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



The Gift of Knowledge

In the first reading of Mass today, we hear the Lord speak to us through the prophet Isaiah: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.” What a humbling reality to grasp!

In life, each of us must grapple with the things that make no logical sense to us. We often think we know what is best for our lives, but in the final analysis, only God knows why circumstances happen the way they do. As we age and mature, both emotionally and spiritually, sometimes we are given natural insight into why certain events are permitted in God’s will for our lives, e.g., losing your job and then finding a much better one a few months later. However, there are times in which the permissive will of God remains a mystery to us.

It is in these times that we need to pray for the Holy Spirit’s gift of knowledge. This does not entail academic or intellectual knowledge, but the ability to look at all things in the light of eternity. Pope Francis said this about knowledge in one of his general audiences: “Through this spiritual gift, we are enabled to see every person, and the world around us, in the light of God’s loving plan.”

*“...through the light
of the Holy Spirit,
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As Isaiah reminds us, God’s ways are above and beyond ours, but through the light of the Holy Spirit, we can begin to recognize how the Lord is at work in every circumstance of our lives. Let us pray for this great gift of the Spirit, and accept that there are certain things in life that will not make sense to us on this side of heaven!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Brad

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 23

4:00 p.m. †George Rosato

6:00 p.m. †Ismael Cedenro Acosta

Sunday, September 24

7:30 a.m. For our parishioners

9:30 a.m. †Mario Affinito

11:30 a.m. †Zalnierunas Teofilia

Monday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Ian Rhine

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Sharon Kosmider

Wednesday, September 27

8:15 a.m. †Bob DeCosta

6 p.m. †For the recently departed
especially Ernesto Orog & Edgardo
Orog

Thursday, September 28

8:00 a.m. †Bill Wyant

Friday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Vincent Tambasco

Saturday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Lindeman

4:00 p.m. Bob Duckro

6:00 p.m. Brigido Torrealba

Sunday, October 1

7:30 a.m. †Letierly & Redman
Families

9:30 a.m. For our parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Marvin Zuhars

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candles burns
in honor of John & Clara Petrelis'
Anniversary

Our Stewardship

September 16-17

Offertory: \$9,411.00

Maintenance/Utility: \$1,186.00

His Heart: \$357.00

Other: \$6,213.43

USF Mission Co-op: \$1,180.00

Total: \$18,347.43

Attendance: 1,112

Catholic Ministry Appeal: THANK YOU!

Our parish is filled with caring, generous people who have embraced our new Catholic Ministry Appeal and the good that it brings to our parish and to our diocese. **Thank you to the 275 families who have made a sacrificial gift for a total paid of \$75,667.10 and helped us reach 84% of our parish financial goal of \$90,479.10!** Your generosity to the Catholic Ministry Appeal supports the mission of Jesus Christ, allowing us to bring God's love and mercy past our parish boundaries through ministries, programs and services provided by our local Church.

For those who have not yet made your pledge or gift, we ask for your participation and support. We want you to know that every gift of every size is needed, wanted and appreciated. Through our active participation in our parish and larger Church ministries and outreach, we bring the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Pledge envelopes are located on the table in the narthex for your convenience and can be mailed or delivered to our parish office. You can also give online by visiting givetoministry.dosp.org.

Baptisms

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation that leads to full membership in the Church. Our children's faith is a seed that must be nurtured by their parents. For more information on scheduling a Baptism, please visit our online link at www.osvhub.com/sacred-heart-pinellas-park/forms/baptismal-registration or call the parish office at (727) 541-4447.



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 24th, Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

- Readings: Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a

Monday, September 25th:

- Legion of Mary, 8:30am, Marian Room
- Junior Legion of Mary, 6pm, Parish Center

Tuesday, September 26th:

- 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 Prayer Group, Retreat House, 7pm

Wednesday, September 27th:

- Bingo, Parish Center (doors open at 10am, first game at noon)
- Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-7:45pm
- Santa Nino Prayer Group, 6:45pm, Chapel
- Life Ministries, 7pm, Parish Center

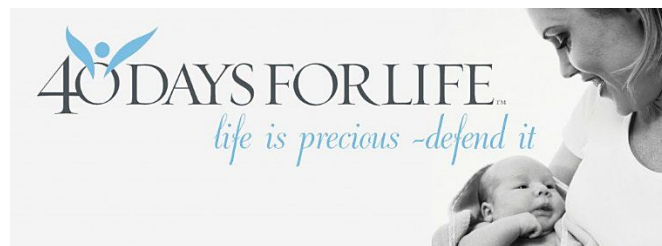
Thursday, September 28th:

- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House
- RCIA/RCIC Spanish, Marian Room, 6pm
- Emmaus, 7pm, Retreat House

Sunday, October 1st, Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

- Readings: Ez 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, 27a, Mt 21:28-32
- Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, Parish Center, 8:30-11:00am

Save the Date



40 Days for Life Fall Prayer Campaign

The Diocese of St. Petersburg's 40 Days for Life is having its fall campaign from September 27 to November 5 this year. This is a movement that promotes a peaceful and prayerful witness to the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. There will be members of our Life Ministry at a table in the narthex next weekend, September 23-24, with information and resources on how we can give joyful witness to the precious gift of life!

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Save the date for your pet!

The Feast of St. Francis is Wed., October 4. Due to Priests being away at their annual convocation, we will hold the pet blessing on Saturday, October 7. You're welcome to bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the church at 10:00am to have them blessed by the clergy. We'll be under the portico in front of the church.

Sacred Heart Spirit Night at Huey Magoo's!

Come Join Us for Food and Fun!

4590 Park Blvd., Suite 100, Pinellas Park on October 4th from 4:00-8:00 pm. Sacred Heart School will receive 20% back on every purchase that mentions "Sacred Heart" when ordering. For online orders, please put "SH" at the end of your name in the app and mention Sacred Heart at pickup (ex: Bill Smith - SH).



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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Formerly known as RCIA

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church and have been baptized in another tradition? -or- Are you a Catholic looking for a review of your faith? You might be interested in our short sessions program. Our team of facilitators will take you through the Catholic faith in about 10 weeks. Contact Lisa in the parish office at (727) 541-4447 or via email at sacredfaithformation@gmail.com for more information.



Sacred Heart Fall Festival is Just Around the Corner!

Our family friendly festival is just around corner; October 11 - 15th You can enjoy a wide variety of food along with free admission and live-entertainment on three stages. Invite your family and friends. Pres-sale ride tickets are available online at www.osvhub.com/sacred-heart-pinellas-park/forms/festival-online-ride-tickets2



Legion of Mary News

Congratulations to the Sacred Heart Legion of Mary praesidium, who accepted the promises of a new member this week. The ranks of devoted members continue to grow!

Please consider joining them for their Annual Rosary Rally on Sat., October 14 at Noon to pray the rosary at Taylor Funeral Home, located on Park Blvd. and 53rd St. in Pinellas Park.

Eucharistic Revival

Discovering the Joy of the Eucharist



Elisheba House invites you:
Retreat for Adults
OCTOBER 20-21, 2023
Trinity, FL



Eucharistic Healing Retreat – In June, Elisheba House sponsored a Eucharistic Healing Retreat for adults, which sold out quickly. Due to the event's popularity, a second retreat is being offered from **October 20-21, 2023**, at the Hampton Inn, in Trinity. Those interested may register by going to www.elishebahouse.com/retreats.html.

If you have questions, contact Ivonne Hernandez, at (813) 335-2163 or ivonne@elishebahouse.com.

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”--1 Corinthians 10:17

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”--Padre Pio



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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Grow in Faith

A Bible verse for the Week:

“Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is near.”—Isaiah 55:6

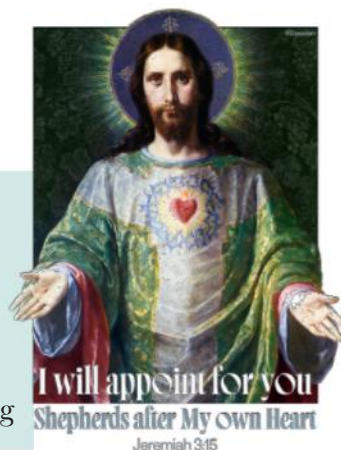
Congratulations!

This weekend, our former pastor,
Fr. Kevin Yarnell, will be installed by
Fr. Dermot Dunne, the Vicar Forane of
his Deanery as pastor at St. Anne's
Parish in Ruskin. Let us pray for the
St. Anne's community and for many
blessings upon Fr. Kevin's ministry!



Priesthood Sunday

Sunday, Sept 24, has been designated Priesthood Sunday by
Serra International. This day is set aside to gratefully reflect
upon, honor, and affirm the vital role priests play in the life
of the Church and in the lives of each of us. Think about it!
Priests are God's instruments through which we are Baptized
into the very Body of Christ, the Church, and through our
spiritual lives are nourished through the sacraments of
Eucharist and Reconciliation. Pray for your priests this day
and take a moment to thank them
personally for their dedicated service
as faithful other Christs in our lives



Vocations “Thou art Christ, the Son
of the living God.” Is God calling you
to serve His Son in the priesthood?
For more information contact:
Fr. Chuck in the Office of Vocations
727-345-3452 or spvocation@dosp.org

Bulletin Submissions

**Bulletin
Date**

Oct. 1

Oct. 8

Oct. 15

**Submission
Due Date**

Sept. 20

Sept. 27

Oct. 4

Email bulletin announcements to
the Parish Office: shcc7809@gmail.com

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
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outside of parish may/may not be used.



Our Parish Prayer List

Dee Charpentier

Clara Johnson

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.

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.



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.




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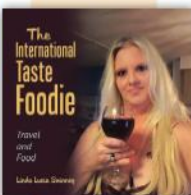
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