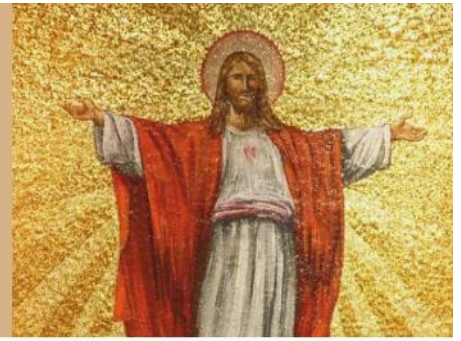


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus

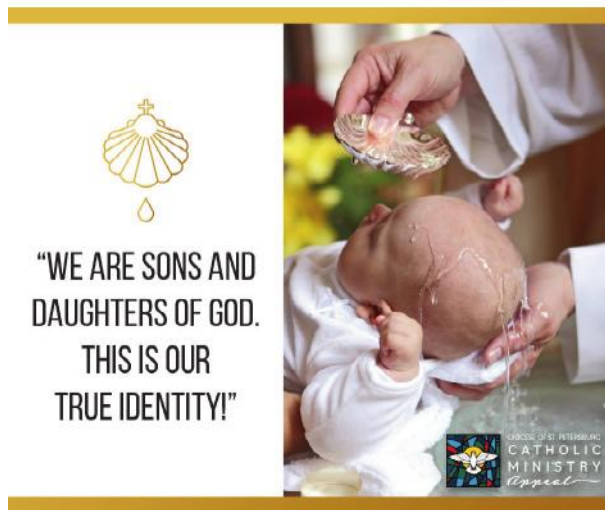


Some Great News and an Opportunity!

The Catholic Ministry Appeal has replaced APA (the Annual Pastoral Appeal). This may sound like a simple change of name, but it is much more than that. The new Catholic Ministry Appeal will be a powerful way to fund the ministries of our diocese. I hope you will join me in being a part of it!

Let's start with some background. Each parish has a congregation that gives money for the running of that parish. A diocese does not have this. How then do you fund the expenses of a diocese? The most common method in the US is some form of assessment. That is, the diocese asks each parish to pay an assessment (some call it a tax!). For 2021, Sacred Heart's assessment is \$113,158 and we have paid that with a combination of APA and our Spring Festival. That money, along with what is collected from all the other parishes funds the expenses of the diocese (salaries, utility bills, and other temporal things) and its many ministries. Roughly 4 million dollars is needed for the former and 7 million for the latter.

Beginning this year, the diocese will begin a different way to fund its work. It comes in three parts.



- Part 1 is a simple assessment to each parish. This money will primarily fund the bishop's office and some support staff at the chancellery. For Sacred Heart, this assessment will be right around \$1,000 per month. It will not be a strain on our budget, and we will be happy to help the diocese in this way.
- Part 2 is a terrific act of stewardship on the part of the diocese. They are setting aside about 40 million dollars in a trust fund and the money earned from the trust will be used to fund the administrative cost of the chancellery.
- Part 3 is the Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) and is how the diocese will fund its many charitable ministries. We are asking our parishioners to give to the CMA in the same way that they gave to APA. All these donations will go to fund the many terrific ministries of the diocese.

Our Catholic Ministry Appeal Goal for 2022 is \$85,897.56. All this money will fund the varied and successful ministries of the diocese – everything from Catholic Charities to seminarian formation to college campus ministries. The parish has given amounts like this in the past and so we are confident that we will meet our goal. We simply need our parishioners to give to the CMA in the same way that they gave to APA. And (here's some great news), if we go over our goal (which is likely), that extra money will allow the diocese to expand their ministries!

As in the past, the diocese will ask each of us for a gift. You should expect to receive a mailing from Bishop Parkes this week. I hope you will join me in making a gift for 2022 in the same amount as this past year. And, if you are able, perhaps you will consider a small increase knowing that that extra gift will strengthen the charitable works of the diocese.

Please feel free to speak to me if you have any questions about the new Catholic Ministry Appeal. I will be happy to explain things further.

In Christ, Fr. Kevin

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 8

8:00 a.m. †Helen Greenbaum & †Marge Gregorsky

4:00 p.m. †Anthony Balcastro

6:00 p.m. †Efron Castro

Sunday, January 9

7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for all God's blessings

9:30 a.m. For our parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Johnson Eileen

Monday, January 10

8:00 a.m. †James Masterson

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 a.m. †Bruce Kaleta

Wednesday, January 12

8:15 a.m. †Jeffrey Johnston

6:00 p.m. TBA

Thursday, January 13

8:00 a.m. †George Rosato

Friday, January 14

8:00 a.m. †John Paquette

Saturday, January 15

8:00 a.m. †Eric John Hodge

4:00 p.m. †Norman Nelson

6:00 p.m. For our parishioners

Sunday, January 16

7:30 a.m. †William Cronauer

9:30 a.m. †Jim Morrow

11:30 a.m. †Donna Maxlow

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Norman Nelson

Stewardship

December 25th-26th

Offertory: \$3,937.00

Christmas: \$20,573.50

Maintenance Fund: \$935.00

His Heart: \$352.00

Other: \$8,996.00*

Total: \$34,812.00

Mass Attendance 24th-25th: 1,289

Mass Attendance 26th: 583

January 1st-2nd

Offertory: \$12,946.50

Building Fund: \$1,111.00

His Heart: \$1,294.23

Other: \$3,363.98*

Solemnity of Mary: \$920.00

Total: \$19,635.71

Mass Attendance: 889

**Includes several end-of-year gifts toward replacing our church air conditioner.*

Here's some more terrific stewardship news!

So far, our parishioners have contributed \$20,050 to replace the east air conditioning unit! Thank you! And, we received \$78 from the Amazon Smile program bringing the total received to \$369.69. Thanks for being such great stewards of what God has entrusted to you!

Did you know?



Your tithes and offerings help us provide all sorts of ministries to our parishioners and the community. For example, your stewardship made it possible for Fr. Vijay and Fr. Kevin to answer 458 Emergency Calls to Northside Hospital, the Woodside Hospice Care Center, nursing homes, and private homes in 2021. We could not do this without your support.

Quick Takes

Of special importance this week

This Sunday, Jan. 9th, 8:30-11am, KOC Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training: Monday, Jan. 10th, 6pm in the church

New Lector Training: Thursday, Jan 13th, 6:30pm in the church

Note: If you have not signed up to be a new Lector or Eucharistic Minister and would like to be part of one of these important ministries, just let us know and plan on attending the training.

Men's Morning Out! A Bible Study for those men of the parish who are early risers.

The tentative start date is Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:30-6:30am in the Parish Hall. The group will study the book of Romans and will be led by Steve Douglas. Each session will include a video stream presentation followed by discussion. Handouts will be available to help with study. There is a cost for the study guide. Sign up by email sacredfaithformation@gmail.com.

Coming Soon!

Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 5-8pm, KOC Spaghetti Dinner

Tickets on sale after Mass next weekend (Jan. 14th and 15th)

Sunday, Jan. 23rd, Word of God Sunday (bring your Bible to Mass!)

Jan. 30th - Feb. 4th, Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, Feb. 12th, 11am-2pm, Parish Picnic sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, Feb. 26th, Suncoast Catholic Men's Conference

From Pope Francis



If I were to ask you today, “which of you knows the exact date of your baptism?” I do not think there would be too many hands raised.... Yet, it is the day on which we were saved, it is the day on which we became children of God. Now, those who do not know it should ask their godparents, their dad, their mom, an uncle, an aunt: “When was I baptized”? And that day should be remembered each year: it is the day on which we became children of God. Agreed? Will you all do this?

Pope Francis' weekly Wednesday audience, delivered on Sept. 8, 2021.

Proverb of the Week: Proverbs 2:21 For the upright will dwell in the land, the honest will remain in it.

Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

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

Tues: 6pm (*Spanish*)

Wed: 8:15am (*live-streamed*) & 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm (*Spanish*)

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am (*live-streamed*), & 11:30am

Confessions

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

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

Saturdays: 5:30-5:55pm (*Spanish*)

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

Morning Devotions

Monday & Friday at 9am (*live-streamed*):

Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.

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:

8:30-10am, 6pm-9pm, Mass 9pm

Exposition continuing until 8am Saturday

First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am (*includes Adoration*)

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

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

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

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"
(Mt. 25:40)

Grand Villa sent us a wonderful (large!) thank you card. It is on display in the narthex today.

And, thanks to the talents of our Prayer Shaw group, we provided hand made gifts to the residents at the Pinellas Care Center near us on 49th Ave. Here's how June McDonald, the groups coordinator described their efforts.



"I was able to make it to Pinellas Care Center for their Christmas Party and was able to take some pictures of those who received their gifts. The lady with the Christmas hat is Bobbie, the Activities Director at the Center. They were all thankful and very happy to receive their "Gifts of Love" from Sacred Heart. I was able to spend some time chatting with those who attended, including Vicky, who told me that she and her husband used to clean the Church at Sacred Heart when Fr. Anthony was with us."

Thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to this Ministry and for creating every stitch with a special prayer which has come to mean so much to so many!!

If you'd like to join the group, let us know. They have a new project in the works and will need your help!!



A Time of Prayer and Discernment

We want you to be a part of the world-wide Synod called by Pope Francis! In the second phase here at Sacred Heart we will be offering several opportunities for small groups to meet, reflect, and share. The session will begin with prayer and a short exercise where you will be guided to think back on your spiritual journey and how Sacred Heart has been a part of it. Next you'll have an opportunity to share your thoughts on these Synod questions:

1. Who is journeying with you in your spiritual life? Who doesn't have this accompaniment? Who appears to you to be alone on the journey?
2. Do you feel heard or listened to in the Church? What enables or hinders you in speaking up?
3. How is the Holy Spirit working through our parish to draw people to Christ? What opportunities have we missed?
4. How have your experiences with Catholics different from you in opinion, spirituality, or lifestyle aided you in your faith or challenged you in your faith?
5. How is the Holy Spirit drawing us all closer together in communion, participation, and mission? Where is the Holy Spirit leading the Church?

Here are the meeting dates and times. All sessions will take place in the Parish Hall. We are limiting each meeting to about 12 people.

Wed. Jan. 19th, 1pm

Fri. Jan. 21st, 6pm

Thurs. Jan. 27, 2pm

Mon. Jan. 31st, 6:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 3rd, 6pm

Thurs. Feb. 10th, 6:30pm (This is a special session intended for Catholics not currently active in the Church)

You can also attend larger gatherings at nearby parishes.

Fri., Feb. 4, 2022, 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

Tues., Feb. 8, 2022, 4-5:30pm at St. Matthew's

Thurs., Feb 10, 2022, 4-5:30pm at St. Justin Martyr



You can sign up by responding to a Flocknote message that will be sent out next Wednesday, Jan. 12th, or by emailing Fr. Kevin (frkevin@yarnell.com) be sure to include your name and which session you wish to attend.

Parish Office Hours are expanding

Beginning the week of January 16th, the office will be open from 8am to noon, Monday through Thursday. In addition, the staff will be available many afternoons for appointments.

Also, Fr. Kevin has changed his day off to Friday. As a result, the Friday morning devotions have shifted to Thursday.

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The Chris Stefanick Show

Each Monday at 7:00pm (ET), renowned Catholic evangelist Chris Stefanick and his guests welcome viewers to dive heart and soul into what it means to be a Catholic and live life to the full. Each half-hour episode streams live on formed.org allowing viewers to post their comments and questions.

Preparing for Next Week

Next week we read about the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. It was at this wedding that Jesus performed his first miracle. The text tells us that he performed this miracle so as to reveal his glory.

The line that jumps out to me most is, “His mother said to the servers, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” Mary’s entire life points to Jesus. It is her faith that moves her to live this way.

The reason why we admire and honor Mary is because she is a model of discipleship. From the beginning when the Angels appeared to her, she said “Yes” to God. And now at the time of Jesus’ first miracle, she is directing the servers to listen to Jesus. In other words, she is encouraging others to listen, be open, and say “Yes” to God just as she did to the Angels before Jesus was conceived in her womb.

Jesus is fully human and fully God. He is the perfect “human being.” I put human being in quotations because he is not like us. We can strive to be Christ like (an impossible thing to attain because we are only fully human and lacking the fully divine piece), and we can also look to Mary, the exemplar of discipleship.

We have devotion to Mary because she is the perfect example of discipleship, i.e., of what it means to be a follower of Christ. Some think that we go to Mary to get to Jesus and argue, why not just go straight to Jesus? But I argue, we do not go to Mary to get to Jesus, rather, we go to Mary to learn how to have faith like she did, how to conceive God within us, and how to be a perfect disciple of Jesus like she was.

-Riley Arnemann

Our Parish Prayer List

Sheryl Acunal
Genevieve Aziz
Constance Bader
Mary Barbuti
Kenneth Barcomb
Darlene and Michael Belanger
Anthony Belcastro
Thomas Bourke
Ryan Buck Jr.
Nina Buzzzone-England
Norman Callahan
Judy Cardone
Paul & Gail Catalona
Bill Cauchon
Joseph I. Chase
David Ciofani
Mark Clements
Bonnie Crisafulli

Tom & Irene Dence
Anne Fiamengo Florence
Garrido
Jan Gossett
James Guimond
Mary Haisch
Michael Hurguy
Jenny Holland
Amy Iketani
Janet Jacob
David Johnson
Liam & Jeanne Kennedy
Anna Kumari Charlotte
Laliberti Marie LaPointe
Gail Larson
Evilia Lopez
Sharn Lundy

Katie Malins Connie
Marmaro Mary
Masterson Mary
Mattingly Carol
Muka Susan Nguyen
Jeff Odajewski Frank
& Ann Orzel Robert
Ostrenga Antoinette
Passero Neil Petrocci
Audrey Reale
Judy & Mark Rucker
Nylene Santos Maria
Sauls
Frank Schaumann
Laura Scotto
Lia & Fred Sinclair

Lloyd Sinclair
Ryan Sinram
Maryanne & Dcn. David
Sirrianna
Renae Soale
Casey Staton
Helen Sullivan
Norman & Leonette St. Germain
Sherry Taylor
Josephine Underwood
***Bold indicates new name
added to prayer list.***

To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to fikevinyarnell@gmail.com



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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