

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Consider...

- Some years ago, research found that new members of a church would stop attending within 6 months if they did not make some meaningful connection with other parishioners.
- When asked for their top 3 reasons to attend Mass, “a friendly atmosphere” is consistently on the list (along with meaningful homilies and good music).

Now consider what happens to the average person that walks into the average parish for the first time.

- They probably get greeted by an usher. That’s nice and it’s important, but it isn’t a meaningful interaction.
- Once they find a place to sit, no one around them speaks to them.
- At the passing of the peace a simple gesture or phrase is all that is exchanged.
- When they leave, the priest or another usher offers another simple greeting. Again this is important, but it isn’t a meaningful interaction.

For the past 4 years, we have had parishioners trying to change that. We call them “In-Pew Connectors.” A Connector is a parishioner who commits to knowing the dozen or so people who sit near them at Mass. We ask the Connectors to learn names and something about each person – to get to know them in a meaningful way. Once they do that, we also encourage them to introduce people to each other and connect them.

Every week I come into church & check out who is new to me in the area I sit. It makes my heart feel so good to meet parishioners I don't know to let them know we welcome them to be part of our "family" at Sacred Heart!



We found this picture of the 1986 dedication of our church. Wouldn't it be great to see our church full like this every week?"

This is not hard work. True, it is easier if you have an outgoing personality, but even small gestures help. A simple smile of welcome or moving into the pew so the new family can have the end may be the start of something more.

Our vision is to have enough Connectors at each Mass so that everyone, especially visitors who attend, would have a meaningful conversation with someone during their time in the church. Will you commit to getting to know the people who are sitting near you today at Mass? It may take a few months. Speed is not the issue. In time, you'll be able to spot the visitor – someone who doesn't normally sit in your area. Your conversation with them may be just the encouragement they need to make our parish their spiritual home.

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 14

8:00 a.m. †Rev. Edward Biedrzycki & Marcella

4:00 p.m. †John Campbell

6:00 p.m. †Armando Lujano Segura

Sunday, May 15

7:30 a.m. Valeriano & Rose Soriano

9:30 a.m. †Bill Colville's birthday

11:30 a.m. For our parishioners

Monday, May 16

8:00 a.m. †James Masterson

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 a.m. †Mary Karen O'Connell

Wednesday, May 18

8:15 a.m. †Ronald Getz

6:00 p.m. Gloria Stinzianni & †Rose Cervera

Thursday, May 19

8:00 a.m. †Angelina Sollars

Friday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Ryan Buck Jr.

Saturday, May 21

8:00 a.m. †Rocco Gallico

4:00 p.m. †David Quagliaroli Jr.

6:00 p.m. For our parishioners

Sunday, May 22

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

9:30 a.m. Mary Barbuti

11:30 a.m. †Tim Morrow

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Gloria Stinzianni

Stewardship Notes

May 2nd – 8th

Offertory:	\$10,415.00
Utility Fund:	\$1,059.00
Poor Box / His Heart Society:	\$289.00
Other:	<u>\$1,346.38*</u>
Total:	\$13,109.38
Attendance:	891

Other Income includes Rice Bowl Lenten gifts.

Today's gospel includes a familiar phrase, "Love one another." We are not perfect of course, but our parish lives this out in many ways. All our service groups (the Knights, Columbiettes, Legion of Mary, Men of St. Joseph, liturgical ministries, choirs, consolation ministry, landscapers, His Heat, Life Ministries, meals to Pinellas Hope, Prayer Shawl ministry, Vocations support, youth mentors, Faith Formation teachers, all our prayer groups, and individuals who do all sorts of service to others) live this out in tangible ways. They give of their time, talent, and often their treasure to love and serve others.

I'm encouraged by your service and stewardship!

Fr. Kevin

Oops!

Our giving envelope company somehow managed to print a combination of envelopes from this year and last year. So, you may see an old Annual Pastoral Appeal envelope included. Anything given in that offering will be sent to the diocese for the Catholic Ministry Appeal. The company offered their apology which we pass on to you.

Have you considered giving your weekly offering online?

That may sound intimidating to some, but it is a terrific way to be a good steward of your money. Online giving forces you to decide how much you are called to give, and it provides a simple way to making it happen. Go to sacredheartpinellaspark.com and click on the "giving" icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. You'll next see the main page of our online processing vendor (Our Sunday Visitor). You will find the page easy to navigate and it is easy to have your gift automatically given each week or month. As an added bonus, you will not have to fill out and remember envelopes!

The office would be happy to help you get this set up and explain more about the advantages for both you and the parish. Call us!

We have all sorts of things for your calendar

This Week!

Sunday, May 15th:

Youth Group tonight! Middle School, 4-5:30pm. High School, 6-8pm.

Tuesday, May 16th: Fr. Kevin's Bible study, 9-10:15am or 6-7:15pm in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, May 17th: Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm

Coming soon!

Sun. May 29th, **The Ascension of the Lord!**



"Blessed Are You Among Women"

Please join Our Legion of Mary for:

An evening with Our Lady through Scripture

And Tradition

Tuesday, May 31st at 7:15pm

Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall

Pinellas Park, FL

Please bring your Bible

For More Information contact Sherry 305 978-2757

And, you might be interested in this...

Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition

Most of us will never get to see the beautiful and inspiring frescos of the Sistine Chapel in person. This may be the next best thing. Running now until June 29, the exhibition showcases the awe and wonder of arguably one of mankind's greatest artistic achievements, while allowing its visitors to experience this art from an Up-Close, Life-Sized, and Never-Before-Seen perspective.

Open Wed-Sun, 10am to 6pm at 250 WestShore Plaza (in the former Sears store). Individual tickets start at \$18.50 for adults and \$14.30 for youth. Family and group discounts are available, as well as discounts for seniors, students, and military.



Proverb of the Week: Proverbs 10:9 "He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out."

Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am
Wed: 8:15am (*live-streamed*) & 6pm
(*Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm (*Spanish*)

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

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

Morning Devotions

Monday & Thursday 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 Mother 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).

Looking for a way to serve others?

Teach!

Children in grades K-8 will sign up this summer for classes that begin September 18th to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist (or assistant) for Faith Formation. Classes are offered Sunday mornings following our 9:30am Mass. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We can provide training, materials, and support. If interested or for more information, contact Lisa at sacredfaithformation@gmail.com or (727) 541-4447.



Ever thought of being a Deacon? Want to find out more?

The Office of the Diaconate will be hosting St. Stephen Gatherings for those interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate with plans to begin a new inquiry group in October of 2022. With Deacons and wives in attendance, this will be an evening of information, conversation, and refreshments. Contact the Diaconate Office, 727-341-6826 or diaconate@dosp.org to RSVP.

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 6:30-8pm at Cathedral of St. Jude Parish or Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6:30-8pm at St. Timothy Parish.

Could you be a Digital Usher?

A Digital Usher is the person who monitors our live-streamed Masses and posts helpful things in the chat. As people watch, it is helpful for them, for example, to have the scripture readings available. The Digital Usher also greets and occasionally answers questions. If you are familiar with social media and have a heart for those who cannot attend Mass in person, this may be the perfect ministry for you. Contact the office to discuss how you can help out.



Pope Francis

We have heard the passage from the Gospel of Luke (6:36-38) that inspired the motto of this extraordinary Holy Year: Merciful like the Father. The complete phrase reads: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (v. 36). It is not a catchphrase, but a life commitment. To understand this expression well, we can compare it with the parallel text from the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus says: “You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (5:48).

In the well-known Sermon on the Mount, which opens with the Beatitudes, the Lord teaches that perfection lies in love, the fulfillment of all the precepts of the Law. In this same perspective, St Luke specifies that perfection is merciful love: to be perfect means to be merciful. Is a person who is not merciful perfect? No! Is a person who is not merciful good? No! Goodness and perfection are rooted in mercy. Certainly, God is perfect. However, if we consider Him in this way, it becomes impossible for men to aim towards that absolute perfection. Instead, having Him before our eyes as merciful, allows us to better understand what constitutes his perfection, and this spurs us to be, as He is, full of love, compassion, mercy.

The Church can be nothing other than a sacrament of God’s mercy in the world, at every time and for all of mankind. Every Christian, therefore, is called to be a witness of mercy, and this happens along the path of holiness. Let us think of the many saints who became merciful because they allowed their hearts to be filled with divine mercy. They embodied the Lord’s love, pouring it into the multiple needs of a suffering humanity.

From the weekly Wednesday audience, delivered on September 21, 2016



A Few Announcements!



Register now for Faith Formation for the 2022/2023 School Year Children not attending Catholic School are invited to attend Faith Formation classes once a week during the school year to learn more about their Catholic Faith, Scripture, and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Volunteer teachers use materials approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to teach religion classes. Curriculum follows what the Diocese requires for each grade level. We support parents who are the first and most important teachers of the Faith! You can find the form on our website. Look under Religious Education and chose Faith Formation.

Wed. 8:15 livestream: For the last two years we have live-streamed the Wed. 8:15am Mass. We have decided to discontinue this after the May 25th Mass. We will continue to live-stream the Sunday 9:30am Mass.

Know a high school or college graduate? In a few weeks we’d like to honor this year’s graduates. We know of a few but don’t want to miss anyone. Please email the office (sacredfaithformation@gmail.com) with the name of the graduate and their school by May 15th. Thanks!



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Facebook: SacredHeart Parish
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Sun. 8:30am-12:45pm

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Call (727) 544-5445 for financial assistance

Sacred Heart School:

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SacredHeartPinellasPark.org

Sacraments?

Have you received the sacrament of confirmation?

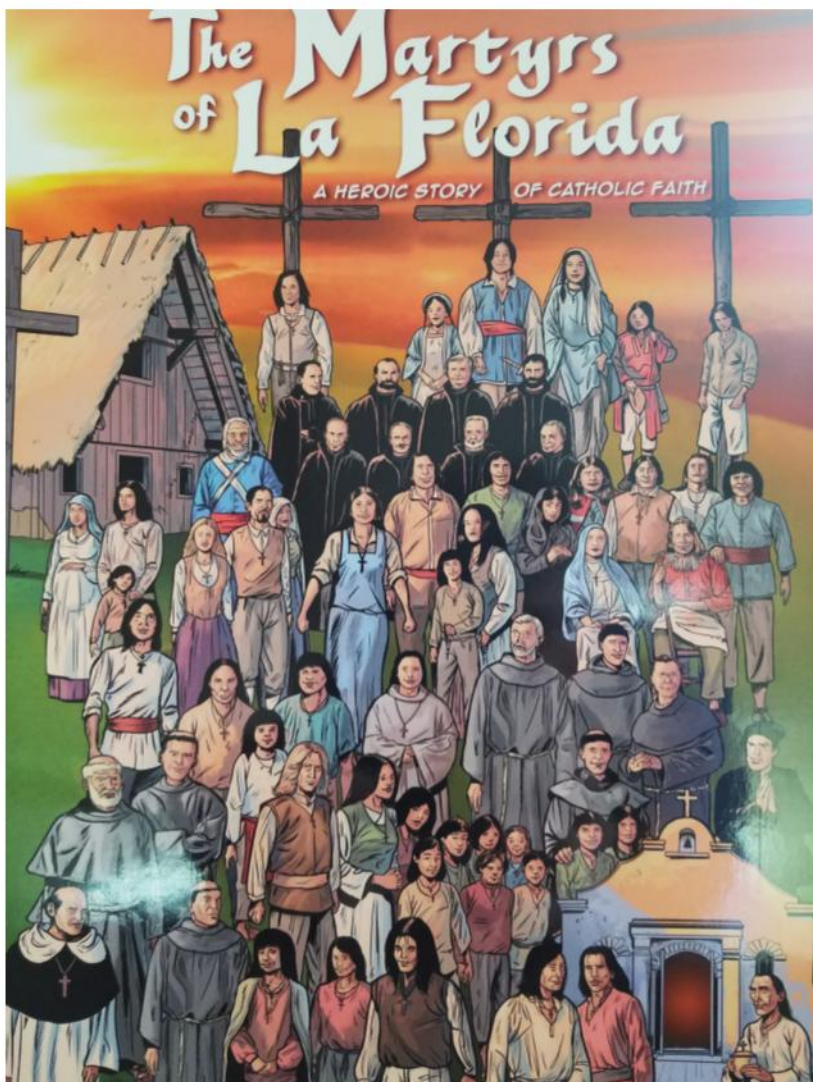
Perhaps you are one of those who, for some reason, “missed” your confirmation. It is not too late to receive this sacrament. Call the office and let us see what needs to be done. It may be easier than you think!

Not Catholic (yet)?

If you or someone you know would like to explore joining the Catholic Church, give us a call (727-541-447). We’ll set up a time to meet (virtually or in person) to talk about your situation and help you discern the next steps.



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Our Parish Prayer List

Sheryl Acunal
Genevieve Aziz
Rita Bahler
Mary Barbuti
Kenneth Barcomb
Darlene and Michael
Belanger
Anthony Belcastro
Audrey Bentley
Thomas Bourke
Ryan Buck Jr.
Nina Buzzzone-
England
Norman Callahan
Judy Cardone
Melina Carmen
Chase
Maryloo Carrico
Sean Casey
Paul & Gail Catalona
Bill Cauchon
Joseph I. Chase
David Ciofani
Mark Clements
Bonnie Crisafulli
Evelyn Curry
Tom & Irene Dence
Anne Fiamengo

Florence Garrido
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Jenny Holland
Amy Iketani
Janet Jacob
David Johnson
Liam & Jeanne
Kennedy
Dolores Kenney
Anna Kumari
Charlotte Laliberti
Marie LaPointe
Gail Larson
Evilia Lopez
Sharn Lundy
Sheila Lutz
Katie Malins
Connie Marmaro
Mary Masterson
Mary Mattingly
Mattie Mores
Carol Muka
Susan Nguyen
Jeff Odajewski
Diane O'Neill
Ann Orzel

Robert Ostrenga
Antoinette Passero
Neil Petrocci
Audrey Reale
Judy & Mark Rucker
Rafael Sanchez
Nylene Santos
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Frank Schaumann
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Lia & Fred Sinclair
Lloyd Sinclair
Maryanne Sirrianna
Renae Soale
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Sontheimer
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 frkevinyarnell@gmail.com



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