

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2022

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Some Food for Thought

A friend once defined wealth as the ability to do the things you want to do and the ability to not do the things you don't want to do. I always found the second part particularly insightful. We tend to think of wealth only in terms of what it can get us but resources can be employed in this other way to great effect. For example, one doesn't have to be particularly well off to own a recreational boat and a swimming pool, but wealth allows for someone else to take care of these things likely adding to their enjoyment. Put another way, wealth allows for a greater number of choices. A wealthy person can choose to take care of the lawn or pay someone else to do it. A poorer person may only have the option of doing it themselves even if it is a disliked task.

A few years ago, I read several articles on the Church's call to minister to and with the poor. One, "A Vow of Poverty" by Sandra M. Schneider, IHM included a small part about choices. "The real differences between the truly poor and people who choose a poor lifestyle is precisely that the latter choose it, and they can unchoose it if things become too difficult. Even if they never do, the fact that they can assuage the violent determinism that constitutes real poverty."* Poverty then can be defined as a situation in which there are few, if any, options.

This seems to me to be a better definition than some dollar amount no matter how well calculated. An impoverished person is simply one who is stuck. They lack the means – money, resources, or power – to effect any change in their situation. This is especially helpful when we bring our "American Dream / Work Ethic" to bear on the poor. Do we not almost instinctively think that they are poor due to lack of effort or as the result of prior choices? Clearly, all they need to do is begin working hard and all will be well!

In point of fact, no hard work can improve a situation that lacks options. How many homeless people really choose each day to forgo getting a job? Are not many – if not most – unable to hold a normal job? Or what single mother working a minimum wage job has the option to live other than paycheck to paycheck and so perpetually be just one major expense from disaster?

More broadly, if poverty is thought of in terms of available choices, then it is possible to see how someone with money may, in fact, be impoverished. Take, for example, a person caught up in an addiction. They effectively don't have a real option to forgo the next drink or high and so they are in poverty or, as the Bible terms it, in slavery – though clearly slavery is a situation without options.

Thinking in terms of options can also give us a way to feel some solidarity with the poor. I've been fortunate over the years to have had many options, even when my income fell well below the poverty line. But as Sr. Schneider observes in her article there are times when I do lack options. "We cannot lengthen our day and if someone consumes time we had allotted for other purposes there is no reclaiming it. We cannot do anything about weather that keeps us from getting where we need to go. We cannot keep from getting the flu and losing a week of work at a critical juncture in an important project... When our options evaporate we experience solidarity with the poor... the real solidarity of fellow-sufferers in a world we do not control and cannot change."

I suspect there's a lot more in this concept of seeing poverty as a lack of choice. Perhaps you'll give this some thought.

Fr. Kevin

** The article can be found in the Fall 2014 C21 Resources magazine, published by Boston College. According to the article credits, the piece is excerpted from New Wineskins: Re-imaging Religious Life Today. Paulist Press. 1986.*

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 2

8:00 a.m. †Sandy Girard

4:00 p.m. †Russel Jones

6:00 p.m. For our Spanish community

Sunday, July 3

7:30 a.m. †William Santiago

9:30 a.m. †Edward Mayak

11:30 a.m. For our parishioners

Monday, July 4

8:00 a.m. †Joseph Salerno

Tuesday, July 5

8:00 a.m. †Mrs. White

Wednesday, July 6

8:15 a.m. †Carol Crisci

6:00 p.m. †Dcn. Dave Sirrianna

Thursday, July 7

8:00 a.m. †Rosendo Sanchez

Friday, July 8

8:00 a.m. †Edward McDonald

Saturday, July 9

8:00 a.m. Angeleena Waaland

4:00 p.m. Rosemary Fumea

6:00 p.m. †Jeannine Anderson

Sunday, July 10

7:30 a.m. †Albert Chabot

9:30 a.m. †Ken Curr

11:30 a.m. †Janet Spandet Keith

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Jim Long

Stewardship Notes

June 25th-26th

Offertory: \$8,610.00

Poor Box / His Heart: \$449.00

Peter's Pence Day: \$1,590.00

Other: \$1,005.89*

Total: \$11,904.89

Attendance: 867

Other offertory note: includes a wonderful donation of \$350 from the Columbiettes to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for our God's Housekeepers Ministry. Thanks!

On page 5 of the bulletin, you can read about a last-minute summer project at the school and the wonderful volunteers that helped us last Saturday. We'll end up spending about \$5,000 on this much needed improvement and, without your faithful stewardship, it would not have happened. The success of our festivals (the time and talents of many) and your weekly offerings (treasure) have allowed us to take advantage of this opportunity. I am thankful that we are able to make these improvements to the school building which, in turn, helps the school in its mission to provide a quality, Catholic education to those who want it.

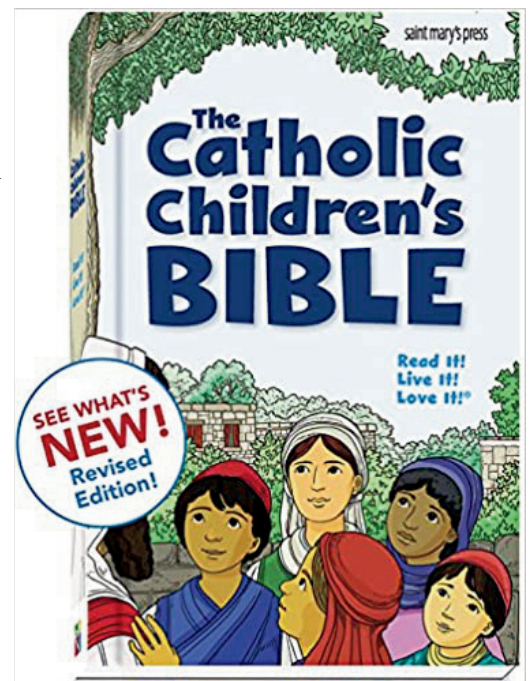
-Fr. Kevin

(P.S. Know someone who is looking for a good VPK – 8th grade school? Have them check out Sacred Heart! State sponsored scholarships will cover most of the tuition!)

A Request

Our 3rd and 4th Faith Formation teachers would like to have a set of Children's Bibles for their classroom next year. They are \$35 each and we'd like to have 15. Please understand that the parish is able to and will happily buy these Bibles. However, I know that some of our parishioners find opportunities like this to be especially meaningful and enjoy supporting them. We would be happy to place a bookplate inside the cover to dedicate the Bible in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the office if you'd like to help.

Fr. Kevin



Here's our calendar for the week

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

Sunday, July 3rd:

Combined Youth Group meeting (Middle and High School), 5-7pm.

Monday, July 4th:

Happy Independence Day!

Tuesday, July 5th:

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

His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am

Wednesday, July 6th:

Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm

Thursday, July 7th:

His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House

Friday, July 8th:

Men of St. Joseph, 7pm, Retreat House

Saturday, July 9th:

Second Saturday of Service

Sunday, July 10th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Meet Fr. Brad at the FREE Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses.

Coming soon!

Our Life Ministry Group is looking for new members. Join them Monday, July 11th, 7pm in the Retreat House. Remember that this group focuses on a variety of Life issues including mental health, human trafficking, and supporting women in crisis pregnancy situations.

Many years ago, the Father Lopez Council of the Knights of Columbus created a small prayer space by the Parish Hall dedicated to the unborn. We are grateful for the Life Ministry Group for refurbishing the area. The picture shows the new marker.



Welcome!

We are so pleased to welcome Fr. Brad this week. We hope you get the chance to say hello to him after Mass. You can also have the chance to **Meet Fr. Brad** at the **FREE** Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses **next Sunday**.

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)

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).

Many, Many,

Huge Heart Filled with Gratitude!!

Dear loving Father Kevin, wonderful staff, and faithful parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart!

Mere words cannot adequately express my sincere gratitude for all the wonderful blessings I received from all of you last week and the 40 beautiful months I have been with you.

There were many "goodbye" dinner invitations, beautiful cards, and thoughtful gifts. Among them, a beautiful chalice, handmade canopy for processions, two made to measure copes with humeral veil and of course, all your generous monetary donations which will come in handy when I visit my family which will hopefully be soon. I was overwhelmed by your outpouring of love for me!!!



It has been a joy as well as a privilege to have served you. I have made many friends here and I carry all of you in my heart.

Since I am unable to thank all of you personally, I have asked Fr. Kevin to publish this note of thanks. I request that you keep praying for me, your humble servant, especially for the status of my long-awaited green card. You will all be informed when it arrives, I can assure you! It should be soon!

I huge "thank-you" to all of you from the bottom of my heart!

In Mary,

Fr. Vijay Polamarasetty.

Many, Thanks!

Last Sunday

We are so grateful for those who were able to contribute to last week's **Peter's Pence Collection** which benefits the work of the Holy Father. Thanks to you we will be sending \$1,590 to the diocese to be forwarded to the Vatican. -Fr. Kevin

Last Friday

How wonderful to see some many of you last Friday as we celebrated our parish feast day and met to say goodbye to Fr. Vijay. We are indebted to the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes for hosting the reception. We are particularly grateful to **Angry Pepper Waterside Smokeshack and Grill** and our parishioners **Nick and Jamie Wille** who provided the meat, rolls and coleslaw.



Last Saturday

When first constructed, the school classroom doors opened to the outside and a planter area allowed for some lovely flowers and landscaping. When the two buildings were roofed together, those planters lost their usefulness and looked a bit odd. We decided this summer to pour cement into these areas to make a wider, more useful hallway space. The contractor offered us an excellent price for the cement but asked an additional \$4,000 to remove the mulch and dirt.

We are beyond-words-thankful for **fourteen wonderful, hardworking, volunteers** who showed up Saturday morning to save us this extra expense. And they did more than just dig and remove the dirt. Check out these examples of good stewardship!

- The dirt allowed us to add more fill to the picnic area to prevent the pooling of water during heavy rains.
- The mulch was collected separately and will be reused around the church property.
- Most of the planters at one time had been filled with "river rock." The group was able to separate much of this rock from the dirt and we'll be able to reuse them as well. (They pulled several hundred dollars' worth of rock from that dirt!)
- The group re-mulched a bed and filled in a dirt walkway on the east side of the church.
- And, we saved the \$4,000!

Not bad for 4 hours of work!

Before

Working

After



Pope Francis on the Word of God



Brothers and sisters: let us ask ourselves: do we bear within our hearts this liberating image of God, the God of closeness, compassion and tenderness, or do we think of him as a merciless judge, an accountant who keeps a record of every moment of our lives? Is ours a faith that generates hope and joy, or, among us, a faith still weighed down by fear, a fearful faith? What is the face of God that we proclaim in the Church? The Saviour who liberates and heals, or the Terrifying God who burdens us with feelings of guilt? In order to convert us to the true God, Jesus shows us where to start: from his word. That word, by telling us the story of God's love for us, liberates us from the fears and preconceptions about him that stifle the joy of faith. That word overthrows false idols, unmask our projections, destroys our all too human images of God and brings us back to see his true face, his mercy. The word of God nurtures and renews faith: let us put it back at the centre of our prayer and our spiritual life! Let us put at the centre the word that reveals to us what God is like. The word that draws us close to God.

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Sunday of the Word of God Homily, January 23, 2022. You can read the rest (it's terrific!) at vatican.va. Click on Homilies, and choose the one for the Sunday of the Word of God..



Bible Verse of the Week:

1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing."

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Norma Callahan
Judy Cardone
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Maryloo Carrico
Sean Casey
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Mark Clements
Bonnie Crisafulli
Evelyn Curry
Tom & Irene Dence
Anne Fiamengo

Florence Garrido
Jan Gossett
James Guimond
Mary Haisch
Jenny Holland
Jean & Gary Hossman
Amy Iketani
Janet Jacob
David Johnson
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Liam & Jeanne Kennedy
Dolores Kenney
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Marie LaPointe
Gail Larson
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Nylene Santos
Maria Sauls
Frank Schaumann
Laura Scotto
Lia & Fred Sinclair
Lloyd Sinclair
Maryanne Sirrianna
Renae Soale
Fred & George Sontheimer
Casey Staton
Helen Sullivan
Norman & Leonette
St. Germain
Sherry Taylor
Josephine Underwood
Gloria Unger

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 frkevinarnell@gmail.com

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month of July

Elderly



We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.




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