Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2022 Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It has been just over one month since the start of my assignment here at Sacred Heart. I am getting oriented with the various ministries and becoming acquainted with different individuals, families, and groups within the parish. It can be a bit overwhelming trying to absorb all this new information, so please forgive me if I am unable to recall your name!

I am impressed by many of this community's virtues, including its diversity, hospitality, and charity. Perhaps what I find most inspiring about Sacred Heart's character, though, is the faith exemplified by its parishioners. This lively faith is evident in the prayer and devotion I observe from multiple parishioners, as well as the active participation in the Mass, including very vibrant and vocal responses for the verbal parts of the congregation. This does my priestly heart good!

In the eleventh chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews, faith is defined as "the realization of what is hoped for, and evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Faith is a gift from God, one of the three theological virtues. While we cannot conjure up this virtue in our souls by our own willpower, we can dispose ourselves to receive it.

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One way we can cultivate faith is by calling to mind the many instances in which God has fulfilled His promises throughout the course of history. In Hebrews, the author reminds us that Abraham ventured out into the unknown at God's command, and as a result, his descendants became "as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as sands on the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). This is intended to evoke a deeper faith within us and invite us to consider the ways in which God has provided for us in our own lives, and how sometimes, we need to be brave in trusting God's plan.

The actor John Wayne once said that "courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway!" Putting our faith into action can feel like a similar experience. However, the more we "saddle up" and trust that what is hoped for will be realized, the stronger our faith becomes. May we all continue, with God's grace, to grow in this beautiful virtue.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Brad

P.S.—A couple weeks ago I recited a poem from an unknown source in my homily, and several people requested a copy, so here you are! It is entitled A Prayer of Petition:

"I asked for health so that I might do great things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need for God. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed."

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 13

8:00 a.m. †Joseph Affinito

4:00 p.m. **†**William Lange

6:00 p.m. For our parishioners

Sunday, August 14

7:30 a.m. †Rosa Jopillo

9:30 a.m. †Joanne Warren

11:30 a.m. **†**Tim Morrow

Monday, August 15

8:00 a.m. †Edward & Ida Abraham

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 a.m. †Edward & Michael Abraham

Wednesday, August 17

8:15 a.m. Timothy & Teresa O'Neill

6:00 p.m. **†J**onathan Webster

Thursday, August 18

8:00 a.m. †Rosemary & Eugene O'Neill

Friday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Police & firefighters

Saturday, August 20

8:00 a.m. **†**Tod Kosmider

4:00 p.m. Violet Kulbabinski

6:00 p.m. **†**Vidal, Pauline, Theresa

Sunday, August 21

7:30 a.m. **†**Catherine Lamond

9:30 a.m. **†**Alberta Enriquez

11:30 a.m. For our parishioners

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns in celebration of Joy Bradley's birthday

A Few Stewardship Notes

August 6th-7th

Offertory: \$10,724.00

Poor Box / His Heart: \$184.00

Education Fund: \$976.00

Other: \$7,763.94* Total: \$19,647.94 Attendance: 885

*Other offertory note: Includes advance Fall Festival Income (Yes, it is almost that time!)

Let's be good stewards of our phones, tablets, and computers



The family home should be a safe haven, but the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world.

Next weekend, August 20-21, 2022, we will observe Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that caring adults can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please visit http://www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn.

Attention Women!

Do you need a mammogram, but don't know where or how to get it done?

We can help!

Mammogram Education and Empowerment Event Saturday, August 27, 2022 10am – 2pm, in the Parish Hall

Sponsored by Faith Community Nurses of St. Anthony's Hospital

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, August 14th:

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

Monday, August 15th:

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary! This not a Holy Day of obligation this year. We will celebrate our Mass at 8:15am in the main church. Our school children will be present.

Legion of Mary, 8:30am, Marian Room

Parish Council meeting, 6pm, Parish Office

Tuesday, August 16th:

Fr. Kevin's Bible study, 9-10:15am and 6-7:15pm

We are just starting 1 Corinthians! Find out more on page 5

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

Wednesday, August 17th:

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

Knights of Columbus general meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall

Thursday, August 18th:

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House

Sacred Heart School "Home and School" Parent meeting, 6pm, Parish Hall

Sunday, August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117; Hebrews 12:5-13; Luke 13:22-30

Safe Haven Sunday (see page 2)

The Blood Mobile will be here! 8-11am. Reserve your spot at

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1229208

Coming sooner than you think!

Aug. 27th, St. Joseph Community Nursing mammogram pre-screening even, 8am-3pm in the parish hall.

Sept. 11th, first Confirmation Session (for 8th graders seeking the sacrament)

Sept. 18th, first session of our Faith Formation classes (1st through 7th grade)

Sept. 26th, first meeting of the Junior Legion of Mary

Oct. 12th - 16th: Our Fall Festival! This will be Sacred Heart's 50th Fall Festival!!!!!!

St. Basil the Great on boasting

"The wise man must not boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man of his strength, nor the rich man of his riches." What then is the right kind of boasting? What is the source of man's greatness? Scripture says: "The man who boasts must boast of this, that he knows and understands that I am the Lord." Here is man's greatness, here is man's glory and majesty: to know in truth what is great, to hold fast to it, and to seek glory from the Lord of glory. The Apostle tells us: "The man who boasts must boast of the Lord." He has just said: "Christ was appointed by God to be our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption, so that, as it is written, a man who boasts must boast of the Lord."

George T. Montague, First Corinthians, Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2011), 52.



Bible Verse of the Week: Corinthians 1:31 "...just as it is written, 'Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

<u>Saturday Vigil</u> 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).

Faith Formation, First Communion, and Confirmation are starting soon! (A quick guide for parents)

First Communion

Our diocese requires two years of preparation for this sacrament. So, if your child is entering the second grade AND participated in Faith Formation or attend Sacred Heart school last year, you'll want to register them for this sacrament. You can find the form on our website. Look under Parish Info and chose Parish Forms. Look for the First Communion Registration form under Sacraments.

Confirmation

Here too, our diocese requires two years of preparation for this sacrament. So, if your teen is entering the eighth grade AND participated in Faith Formation or attend Sacred Heart school last year, you'll want to register them for this sacrament. Confirmation classes are part of the Middle School Youth Program which will meet Sundays from 4-5:30pm, in the Parish Hall. The first meeting will be September 11th. Both teen and a parent/guardian must attend. You can register at that time.

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.

Introducing the Junior Legion of Mary!

As another option for our children and teens ages 8-17, we are pleased to begin a Junior Legion of Mary group that will meet on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall beginning September 26.

The Legion of Mary is a society of over 3 million Catholic Iay persons whose ministry, guided by the Holy Spirit, performs apostolic work to give Christ to the world through the love of Mary. The main purpose of the Junior Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members and preparation of its members to enter the Senior Legion. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. They also dedicate one hour of works each week in pairs and under the guidance of their Spiritual Director. Look for more information next week.

The National Eucharistic Revival For your reflection



The National Eucharistic Revival is a 3-year effort to increase understanding and devotion to our Lord's presence in the Eucharist. While the parish-level phase will begin next year, each of us can begin this journey of discernment and encounter through personal reflection. This series of articles is one way to do that.

Respect for the Eucharist, part 1

Since we believe Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, it makes sense that we would want to be respectful to the sacrament. If Jesus walked bodily into our church at the start of a Mass, would we not go out of our way to acknowledge him and offer him reverence? Of course! And so, it is important for us to consider how we can show this same respect to the Eucharist. Let's start with what is done by the parish.

You may notice that the altar servers place small cloths over the large altar cloth when preparing the altar during the offertory hymn. Why do we need a cloth on top of another cloth? Or you may wonder why we take extra time after distributing Holy Communion to rinse out the vessels that held the consecrated hosts.

The answer is the same for both — crumbs! The breaking of the larger host the priest uses, and the handling of the other hosts inevitably leave small particles in the vessels and sometimes on the cloths. Remember, we believe that the hosts have been transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Specifically, we believe that every part of those hosts are now our Lord. So, out of respect for the Eucharist — for Jesus — we treat those particles in the most reverent way possible. Anything that has fallen onto the small cloths are carefully shaken into a special sink — a sacrarium — which drains directly into the ground rather than the sewer system. The particles left in the vessels are dissolved in water by either the priest or deacon and consumed. We also rinse the priest's chalice which has held the Precious Blood of our Lord.

In addition, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion dip their fingers into a small bowl – a lavabo bowl – to remove any consecrated particles that might remain. That water is poured down the sacrarium. And, in their training, our Extraordinary Ministers learn how to handle unusual situations in the most respectful way possible.

With this as an introduction, next week we'll look at how you can show respect to the Eucharist. Here's a question to get you started:

What is the best way to show reverence to the Eucharist when receiving Holy Communion?

- A. Bow slightly before extending your hands to receive
- B. Form your hands into a "throne" as you extend them to receive
- C. Say "Amen" in response to the minister's words, "The Body of Christ"
- D. Réceive the Eucharists on the tongue
- E. Kneel to receive the Eucharist

Check the bulletin next week for the answer!

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Study First Corinthians!

St. Paul wrote the letter we call "1st Corinthians" around 54AD to the Christian believers at Corinth, in Greece. Paul had spent 18 months establishing the church there and now writes to encourage, teach, and correct the believers. Many of the issues Paul addresses in this letter are applicable to the church in our time and so we have much to learn!

Attend either the morning or evening session each Tuesday. Each group alternates between reflecting on questions about the upcoming chapter and presentations by Fr. Kevin. Remember, it is not necessary to commit to the entire study. Join us whenever you are able.

Bible Study Schedule First Corinthians

Date	Morning Session 9-10:15am	Evening Session 6-7:15am
August 16	Group discussion:	Fr. Kevin
1 20.50.50 1 0	Chapter 2	presentation:
	questions	Chapter 1
August 23	Fr. Kevin	Group discussion:
	presentation:	Chapter 2
	Chapter 2	questions
August 30	Group discussion:	Fr. Kevin
	Chapter 3	presentation:
	questions	Chapter 2
September 6	Fr. Kevin	Group discussion:
_	presentation:	Chapter 3
	Chapter 3	questions
September 13	Group discussion:	Fr. Kevin
	Chapter 4	presentation:
	questions	Chapter 3

We will continue this pattern until we reach chapter 16, the end of the book.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month of August

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



Our Parish Prayer List

June Abraham Sheryl Acunal Genevieve Aziz Rita Bahler Mary Barbuti Kenneth Barcomb Darlene and Michael Belanger Audrey Bentley Thomas Bourke Ryan Buck Jr. Nina Buzzone-England Norma Callahan Judy Cardone Melina Carmen Chase Maryloo Carrico Sean Casey Paul & Gail Catalona Bill Cauchon Joseph I. Chase David Ciofani Mark Clements Bonnie Crisafulli Tom & Irene Dence Rita Durish **Brook Farnsworth** Anne Fiamengo

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Daniel, Sylvia, & Stella Przywalny Judy & Mark Rucker Rafael Sanchez Nylene Santos Maria Sauls Frank Schaumann Laura Scotto Maryanne Sirrianna Renae Soale Fred & George Sontheimer

Helen Sullivan Norman & Leonette St. Germain Sherry Taylor Josephine

Casey Staton

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 frkevinyarnell@gmail.com

Susan Nguyen





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