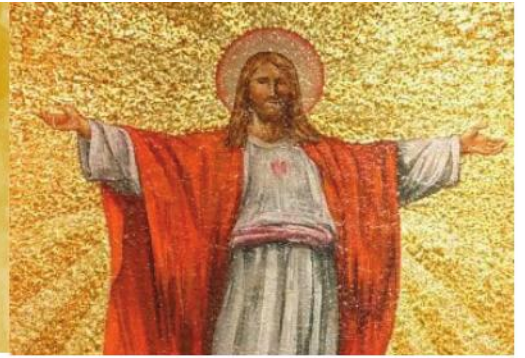


# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

### January 22, 2023

## Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A woman answered her door to find two people canvassing the neighborhood. After a polite introduction, one asked the woman, “Do you read the Bible?” She replied, “I’m Catholic. We don’t do that.”

This is, sadly, a true story and expresses a common attitude in the Catholic Church – reading and studying the Bible is what Protestants do. Catholics have the Mass and the Eucharist.

We do indeed have the great gift of the Eucharist, but scripture too is a gift. We say it is “the Word of God” and we mean that! We believe that under the direction of the Holy Spirit, God conveyed to us great truths to help us grow in our relationship to our Lord. St. Jerome famously said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

And yet, we won’t read it.

We have lots of excuses and many sound quite reasonable to us. A few years back, while spending a week at the Covecrest youth camp in Georgia, I asked several of the young adult workers about their reading. Without exception they enthusiastically shared about some great spiritual book that currently had their attention. But when pressed, each one told me they were not reading their Bible and had rarely done so in the past. The Word of God, it seemed, took second place to the writings of a human.

Today is Word of God Sunday. Pope Francis established it in 2020 writing, “we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers” (Aperuit illis, #8).

We should take this to heart.

If you’ve never (or rarely) read your Bible, please, just start. The Gospel of Mark is easy to read as it contains lots of little stories (often 1 paragraph long!). You’ll learn the stories of Jesus and that’s important. If you’re going to follow Christ, you need to know about Him.

As you progress, you’ll be able to read more deeply and find timeless truths that will help in your day-to-day life. This past Tuesday, our Bible study briefly saw how a passage in Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians could help us make sense of a recent Supreme Court case.

I’ve never met a person who regretted the time they spent reading, studying, and reflecting on God’s Word. I certainly have not. Reading the Bible shaped my life. I wouldn’t not be the same person, I would not be a priest, if I had not. Will you give God’s Word a chance in your life?

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin

**“If you’re going to follow Christ, you need to know about Him.”**



## Weekly Mass Intentions



### Saturday, January 21

8:00 a.m. †Angel Natal, Sr.  
4:00 p.m. Thanksgiving for Roldan  
Family Blessing  
6:00 p.m. †Casey Lujano

### Sunday, January 22

7:30 a.m. †Leoncia & Francisco  
Quezon  
9:30 a.m. Special Intention  
11:30 a.m. †Jane Gossett

### Monday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Michael Jecen

### Tuesday, January 24

8:00 a.m. †Irene and Jesse Hastings

### Wednesday, January 25

8:15 a.m. †Ann Nyari  
6 p.m. For the recently departed

### Thursday, January 26

8:00 a.m. †Igantius & Ann Pagano

### Friday, January 27

8:00 a.m. †Pacita Santos Enriquez

### Saturday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Powalski & Roland families  
4:00 p.m. Dcn Christopher &  
Lynne Jensen  
6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving for Roldan  
family blessings

### Sunday, January 29

7:30 a.m. †Irene and Jesse Hastings  
9:30 a.m. For our parishioners  
11:30 a.m. †Joe Alegarbes

### Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns in loving  
memory of Jeanne Yarnell

## Our Stewardship

### January 14-15

Offertory: \$10,059.00  
Building Fund: \$872.00  
His Heart: \$333.00  
Other: \$2,842.97\*  
**Total: \$14,106.97**  
Attendance: 1,027

*\*includes an \$1,800 donation for Hurricane Relief from  
St. Mary of the Angels, our Twin parish in New Orleans.*

### Second Collection

For those who use giving envelopes or online giving, the second collection this week is for our Maintenance Fund and, if you need a tax receipt for your 2022 giving to Sacred Heart, please contact the office. We'll be happy to provide one.

### Welcome Patricia Tover!

We are pleased to welcome Patricia Tover as a new part-time staff member. She will be assisting Fr. Brad, serving as our Spanish Ministry Coordinator. Your stewardship each week allows Sacred Heart to have a terrific staff. While we heavily rely on volunteers (and our so grateful for them!), some tasks are best done by employees.

### His Heart Donations

Did you know that your generosity to His Heart exceeded \$20,000 last year? Donations marked for His Heart and money put into our Poor Boxes fund this vital ministry. Your gifts truly helped the poor in our area with utility assistance, food, clothes, and, of course, a warm smile from our volunteers!





# For Your Information

## Take Five with Bishop Gregory Parkes



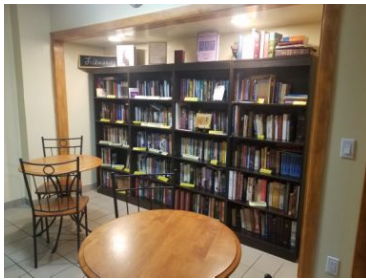
Each week Bishop Parkes hosts Take Five: Conversations on Faith and Life. The segments are about five minutes in length and, so far, have included a mother of 5 and the chaplain to the Tampa Bay Bucs.

New video segments can be seen each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on the bishop's Facebook and Instagram (@BishopParkes) accounts, the diocesan YouTube channel (@DioStPete) and our diocesan website.

## Thanks for Asking!

*Do we have a parish council?* Yes, we have a small parish council. Ann Santos, Carol Muka, Kathy Mitcheson, and Johann Gray are the current members. The group meets every few months to discuss parish goals and plans. Recent discussions have focused on redefining the role of this group. If you'd like to contribute your thoughts, feel free to email Fr. Kevin (frkevinyarnell@gmail.com). We are also considering increasing the size of the council. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving, let us know.

## We just received several boxes of great books for the library...



But the shelves are nearly full. Take a few minutes after Mass today to look through the wide selection. Prayer, Mary, Church History, discipleship, devotionals... You'll find them and more. Since this is Word of God Sunday, why not consider a book about the Bible or a commentary to help you read God's Word?

Remember, there is no check-out needed. Simply take a book. Later, if you decide you won't be reading it again, bring it back for others to read.

# Do You Know the Answers?

## What is an annulment?

"Annulment" is an unfortunate word that is sometimes used to refer to a Catholic "declaration of nullity." Actually, nothing is made null through the process. Rather, a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court) declares that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union.

For a Catholic marriage to be valid, it is required that: (1) the spouses are free to marry; (2) they are capable of giving their consent to marry; (3) they freely exchange their consent; (4) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another, and be open to children; (5) they intend the good of each other; and (6) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Church minister. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by Church authority.

## Is an Annulment just a "Catholic Divorce"?

A civil divorce and a church annulment are two vastly different things. A divorce is concerned with the legal realities of marriage only; an annulment is concerned with the religious and spiritual element—the sacrament of marriage. A divorce focuses on the end of a marriage; an annulment looks at the beginning, the very moment the couple said, "I do." A divorce looks at marriage in civil law; an annulment looks at marriage from the perspective of the Gospel and of Church doctrine.

*If you are divorced or were never married in the church, please consider making an appointment to talk about your situation. Fr. Brad or Fr. Kevin would be happy to meet with you and see what might be the best way forward. Keep in mind that there is never a fee for annulments.*

## 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: 5:30-5:55pm *(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  
(livestreamed):

*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

*Livestreamed liturgies and devotions can be found at [sacredheartpinellaspark.com](http://sacredheartpinellaspark.com) (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).*

## This Week at Sacred Heart

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

### Sunday, Jan. 22nd: The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time:

#### Word of God Sunday!

- Faith Formation classes follow the 9:30am Mass
- Middle School Youth Group & Confirmation Session, 4-5:30pm, Parish Hall

### Monday, Jan. 23rd:

- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!
- Legion of Mary, 9am, Marian Room
- Beyond Our Walls prayer group, 5:30pm, Chapel. Each week we pray individually for requests we receive throughout the week. Have a request? Cards are available in the narthex.
- Junior Legion of Mary, 6pm, Parish Hall

### Tuesday, Jan. 24th:

- Fr. Kevin's Bible study, 9-10:15am and 6-7:15pm
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am

### Wednesday, Jan. 25th:

- Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm
- Chosen video series and discussion, 6:30pm, Parish Hall
- Spanish Prayer Group, 7pm Retreat House

### Thursday, Jan. 26th:

- Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am; Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!
- His Heart Society: food and clothing distribution, 9-11am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House
- First Communion Session, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

### Friday, Jan. 27th:

- Men of St. Joseph, 7pm, Retreat House

### Sunday, Jan. 29th: The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; Psalm 146;

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 4:1-12

## A Bible verses for the Week

"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:105

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

2Timothy 3:16





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Rev. Elixavier "Xavy" Castro  
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## A Message from Pope Francis

*This is from Pope Francis' Wednesday, January 11, 2023, General Audience, where he discusses Jesus' call of Matthew. You can read the entire talk at [vatican.va](http://vatican.va). Click on Audiences and choose the one for Jan. 11th.*

We can ask ourselves: how do we look upon others? How often do we see their faults and not their needs; how often do we label people according to what they do or what they think! Even as Christians we say to ourselves: is he one of us or not? This is not the gaze of Jesus: He always looks at each person with mercy and indeed with predilection. And Christians are called to do as Christ did, looking, like him, especially at the so-called "distant ones". Indeed, Matthew's account of the call ends with Jesus saying, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (v. 13). And if any one of us considers themselves righteous, Jesus is far away. He draws near to our limitations, to our miseries, in order to heal us.

It all starts, then, with the gaze of Jesus. "He saw a man", Matthew. This is followed — second step — by a movement. First the gaze: Jesus saw. Then the second step, movement. Matthew was sitting at the tax office; Jesus said to him: "Follow me". And "he rose and followed him" (v. 9). We note that the text emphasizes that "he rose". Why is this detail so important? Because in those days he who was seated had authority over the others who stood before him to listen to him or, as in that case, to pay taxes. He who sat, in short, had power. The first thing Jesus does is to detach Matthew from power: from sitting to receive others, He sets him in motion towards others, not receiving, no: he goes out to others. He makes him leave a position of supremacy in order to put him on an equal footing with his brothers and sisters, and open to him the horizons of service. This is what he does, and this is fundamental for Christians. Do we, disciples of Jesus, we, Church, sit around waiting for people to come, or do we know how to get up, to set out with others, to seek others? Saying, "But let them come to me, I am here, let them come", is a non-Christian position. No, you go to seek them out, you take the first step.



*Calling of Saint Matthew, Theodor van Loon*

# Our Parish Prayer List

June Abraham	Mary Haisch	Antoinette Passero
Sheryl Acunil	Jenny Holland	Neil Petrocci
Robert Anderson	Jean & Gary Hossman	Daniel, Sylvia, & Stella
Genevieve Aziz	Amy Iketani	Przywalny
Rita Bahler	Janet Jacob	Nicole Rizzo
Mary Barbuti	David Johnson	Judy & Mark Rucker
Kenneth Barcomb	Elija Johnson	<b>Janet Schaumann</b>
Audrey Bentley	Elizabeth Jurado	Maryanne Sirrianna
Ryan Buck Jr.	Deanne Karner	Patricia Slaymaker
Judy Cardone	Liam & Jeanne Kennedy	Jeanne Slofkin
Melina Carmen Chase	Dolores Kenney	Fred & George
Maryloo Carrico	Barbara Klasek	Sontheimer
Sean Casey	Tony Lociech	Helen Sullivan
Paul & Gail Catalona	Anna Kumari	Norman & Leonette
Bill Cauchon	Charlotte Laliberti	St. Germain
Kathy Chabot	Gail Larson	Sherry Taylor
Joseph I. Chase	Sharn Lundy	Gloria Unger
Bonnie Crisafulli	Sheila Lutz	
Rita Durish	Katie Malins	
Christina Fabb	Connie Marmaro	
Brooke & Brianna	Mary Masterson	
Farnsworth	Mary Mattingly	
Anne Fiamengo	Mattie Mores	
Florence Garrido	Jeff Odajewski	
Jan Gossett	Diane O'Neill	
James Guimond	Rinette Parece	

**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 January Prayer Intention

### Educators

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