

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, I worked and taught at Tampa Catholic High School for 28 years before entering the seminary. My favorite class to teach was Physics, a class typically taken by seniors. Near the end of the year, the students often had run out of motivation and that made the last unit, nuclear physics, rather challenging. In an attempt to make the topic as interesting as possible, I found that I could cover the required material by simply telling the students about the Manhattan Project.

If you are unfamiliar with that title, it refers to the World War II era program that designed and built the nuclear weapons used to end the war in the Pacific. It is a fascinating tale and I did my best to convey the drama of the times along with the underlying science. On the last day, when I told of the test bomb detonated in July of 1945 and the two bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in early August of that year, I made sure to allow time for the students to discuss the moral issues of nuclear weapons.

That may seem like an odd thing to do in a physics class where the focus is on the science, but I was teaching in a Catholic School and, while scientific knowledge mattered, so too did the formation of their moral compasses. I did not try to overly influence the discussion. Often, I simply provided additional information and context, helping them to understand the decision to use the weapons based on what was known at that time. Looking backward in time, the decision looks much different than it did in August 1945. Wrestling with the complex moral question was, I thought, a terrific exercise for soon-to-be-graduating seniors.

I tell this story to offer just one example of the value of Catholic Schools. Had I been teaching in a public school I would not have been allowed to raise this moral question. My students would have left knowing some nuclear physics but nothing of the larger question – Is it ok to create something simply because you have the ability to do so? Factual knowledge alone isn't an education and Catholic Schools have the ability and desire to do far more than convey a bunch of facts. Catholic Schools strive to educate the whole student.

We celebrate Catholic Schools this week and I am so pleased that our parish is able to support the mission of both Sacred Heart and Morning Star School. We are making a difference in the lives of nearly 300 children and their families. It is indeed something for us to celebrate!

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin

P.S. Do you know K – 8th grade students who attend public schools? Do their parents know the value of transferring to a Catholic School? Do they know Florida funded scholarships can bring the cost down to as low as a few hundred dollars? If not, take a flyer from the narthex and give it to them!



Weekly Mass Intentions



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

Monday, January 30

- 8:00 a.m. Bob Corley

Tuesday, January 31

- 8:00 a.m. † Emanuel & Eleanor Passamonte

Wednesday, February 1

- 8:15 a.m. † Rick Bowman
6 p.m. For the recently departed

Thursday, February 2

- 8:00 a.m. Estella DiLuzio

Friday, February 3

- 8:00 a.m. Therese Onodje
9:00 p.m. † Carolyn Betty Jacobs

Saturday, February 4

- 8:00 a.m. † William Spekhardt
4:00 p.m. † Gabriel "Gabe" Giancristofano
6:00 p.m. † Amando Lujano

Sunday, February 5

- 7:30 a.m. † Carmella & Anthony Pagano
9:30 a.m. † Piper Schmiedl
11:30 a.m. For our parishioners

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns in honor of the teachers and students of our Catholic schools

Our Stewardship

January 21-22

Offertory: \$9,300.25
Maintenance Fund: \$3,208.00
His Heart: \$321.40
Other: \$518.94
Total: \$13,348.59
Attendance: 1,047

Some not-so-random thoughts...

I often use this space to share with you how the parish uses the offerings we are given. One bill we pay each month is for the health insurance of the priests. Sometimes the amount seems high given that Fr. Brad and I are both in good health. This past Monday, however, I found myself exceedingly grateful for the insurance and your gifts that allow us to provide it. I needed some immediate laser surgery on my right eye and having good insurance made things just that little bit easier. I'm most grateful. Fr. Kevin

As I hope you know, our goal is always to be the best possible steward of the money and possessions of the parish. This week, thanks to Nick Gunnin's reading of some fine print, we found we'll be able to save a few hundred dollars when we renew the music license required for us to livestream the 9:30am Mass. Thanks Nick!

If you need a tax receipt for your 2022 giving to Sacred Heart, please contact the office. We'll be happy to provide one.

As we wind up this year's Catholic Ministry Appeal, let's celebrate what we did as a parish in 2022. 304 families helped us smash our goal of \$85,897.56, contributing \$101,163.00! That number means a lot of good could be done in our diocese in the name of Christ. Will you help us again? And, if you didn't give last year, would you contribute this year? Remember the goal isn't all that important. All the money we give goes to terrific ministries and, if we go beyond our goal, more ministry gets done!

Want to learn more about the work of Catholic Relief Services? They offer emails in English and Spanish (or both! The content is not the same.) Sign up at <https://www.crs.org/>

Coming Soon

Feb 4-5

Catholic Ministry Appeal "Commitment Weekend"

We encourage you to make your online pledge or gift before then or bring your pledge card to Mass that weekend.

Feb. 11

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Enjoy food and fellowship while supporting the charitable works of the Knights.

Feb. 12

Blood Drive

Feb. 10-12

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages and a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. Go to helpourmarriage.org for program details and to register for Tampa Bay Retrouvaille or contact the local team at (813) 816-0711 or by email at tampa@retrose.org.

Feb. 22

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 25

The 13th annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference

The conference will take place in Higgins Hall, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Tampa. Register at: suncoastcatholicministries.com/.

March 25

Legion of Mary Annual Acies Mass

Mass will be held at 10am, celebrating the Annunciation of the Lord.

May 5

Sacred Heart School Auction

Auction begins at 6pm. Support the mission of the school while enjoying a fun evening. Tickets will go on sale next month.

For Your Information

What you don't know about diabetes could kill you!

The Faith Community Nursing group, in partnership with St. Anthony's Hospital and BayCare, is offering a workshop on diabetes care this Saturday, February 4th from 9am-noon in the Parish Hall. Information and resources on caring for yourself or a loved one with diabetes will be available. No registration is necessary, but for more information, please contact Gina Andrade at 727-831-7936.

Are you older and sensing a call from God?



Take a risk for God! Enter the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering 'First Friday Visits' on: February 3rd, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Option to attend virtually or in person. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. In Person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: msgr.fay@psjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. www.psjs.edu.

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 sacredheartpinellas.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. 29th: The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Catholic Schools Week: Faith. Excellence. Service.

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

Monday, Jan. 30th:

- 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
- Parish Finance Council, 6:30pm, virtual

Tuesday, Jan. 31st:

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

Wednesday, Feb. 1st:

- Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm
- Spanish Prayer Group, 7pm Retreat House
- Columbiette Officer's meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall

Thursday, Feb. 2nd:

- 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
- God's Housekeepers, 1-3pm, Church
- Chosen video showing and discussion, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

Friday, Feb. 3rd, First Friday

- Catholic Schools Week Mass, 8:15am, Church
- Adoration 9-10am, 6-9pm, Chapel
- First Friday Mass, 9pm, Chapel
- All-night adoration until 8am Mass

Saturday, Feb. 4th, First Saturday

- Adoration 8:30-10am
- Workshop on diabetes care, 9am-noon, Parish Hall

Sunday, Feb. 5th, The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16



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Partnering together

Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg partnered with The Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County to open Pasco Family Shelter. "This is what we do, this is our ministry as the Church. This is what we have been called to do and this shelter is one more example of what can happen when we partner together to solve a need in our local communities," said Bishop Parkes.

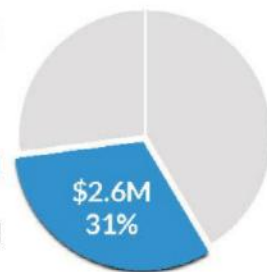
The first-of-its-kind shelter in the county opened its doors to help homeless families get off the street on October 20, 2021. The shelter provides three meals a day, clothing, counselling, assistance finding work and more for the nine families living there at any given time. Providing these services allows families an opportunity to find permanent, stable housing so they can become self-sufficient.

"Keeping families together is going to make the family stronger and they're going to have a better chance at overcoming the obstacles together. The success of Catholic Charities is really predicated upon the community support and our largest base of support are faith providers and the Diocese of St. Petersburg. The clients walk away knowing that the community loves them, and that's something that the Diocese offers. They bring that love and support into the shelters." - Danielle Husband, Senior Director of Programs



EMBRACING GOD'S CALL TO SERVE

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Petersburg is one of six diocesan ministries that embrace God's call to serve, and actively carry out His mission and ministry with love, gratitude and concern for others while encouraging all to act. Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, this group of ministries will receive \$2.6 million of the total \$8.5 million appeal goal to carry out their good works.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE
about these ministries!



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A Message from Pope Francis

This is an excerpt from Pope Francis' Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, General Audience, where he continues his discussion of evangelization. You can read the entire talk at vatican.va. Click on Audiences and choose the one for Jan. 18th.

We have heard the parable of the lost sheep, found in chapter 15 of the Gospel of Luke (cf. vv. 4-7). Jesus also speaks about the lost coin and about the prodigal son. If we want to train our apostolic zeal, we should always have chapter 15 of Luke before our eyes. Read it often. There we can understand what apostolic zeal is. There we discover that God does not remain contemplating the sheep pen, nor does he threaten them so they won't leave. Rather, if one leaves and gets lost, he does not abandon it but goes in search of it. He does not say, "It left. That's its fault. That's its business!" His pastoral heart reacts in another way: the pastoral heart suffers and the pastoral heart takes risks. It suffers: yes, God suffers for those who leave and, while he mourns over them, he loves them even more. The Lord suffers when we distance ourselves from his heart. He suffers for all who do not know the beauty of his love and the warmth of his embrace. But, in response to this suffering, he does not withdraw; rather, he takes a risk. He leaves the 99 sheep who are safe and ventures out for the lost one, thus doing something both risky and unreasonable, but consonant with his pastoral heart which misses the one who left. The longing for those who have left is constant in Jesus. And when we hear that someone has left the Church, what do we want to say? "Let them work it out". No. Jesus teaches us nostalgia for those who have left. Jesus does not feel anger or resentment but pure longing for us. Jesus feels nostalgic for us and this is God's zeal.

And I wonder, do we have similar sentiments? Perhaps we see those who have left the flock as adversaries or enemies. "And this person?" "No, they've gone to the other side, they've lost the faith, they're going to hell...", and we are serene. When we meet them at school, at work, on the streets of the city, why don't we think instead that we have a beautiful opportunity to witness to them the joy of a Father who loves them and has never forgotten them? Not to proselytize, no! But that the Word of the Father might reach them so we can walk together.



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	Janet Schaumann
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

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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