SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Beaumont Diocese ***www.dioceseofbmt.org***

Rev. Anthony Afangide, MSP, Pastor
920 Booker T. Washington Avenue
Port Arthur, Texas 77640
Office: 409-985-5104
Fax: 409-982-0106
E-mail: sacredheart@gt.rr.com
Website: sacredheartpa.org
Office Hours: 9-12 noon & 1-5pm



OFFICE STAFF

SECRETARY
Sandra Fontenot

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Esther Dugay

MAINTENANCE
Alex Carrier

HOUSEKEEPER
Delores Yeggins (Volunteer)

YOUTH MINISTRY
Crystal Williams

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022
You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
— Colossians 2:12



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



July 23rd 4:30PM Winfield Fisk Sr. (RIP) by Langston Adams, DeBose Thompson (RIP) by Nuong Tran; Anthony (So-So) Oliver (RIP) by Johanna Lewis, Patricia, Derrick , Darren, Sr. Oliver & James Carter KPC Council #182; Bernice Petry Brown (Happy 80th Birthday-Living), Happy Birthday Vernon & Nolan Petry

July 24th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

July 26th 6:00PM

July 27th 8:00AM

July 28th 8:00AM

July 29th 8:00AM

July 30th 4:30PM Iris Rose Plumbar (RIP) by Rose Ryes; Russell & Louise Barbin (Happy Heavenly Anniversary-RIP), Cornell Brown (Happy Anniversary-RIP) by Bernadette Brown



July 16th & July 17th

4:30pm	**$ 975.00**
9:00am	**$2,790.59**
Mail	**$ 758.40**
Totals	**$4,523.99**



MEMORIAL WALL UPDATE

We are now accepting names to be place on the wall of our deceased loved ones who were a member of Sacred Heart. The committee will start with the first 25 names, once this stage has been completed they will start the next set of name. Forms and payment can be submitted at the Parish office.

~~~



Parish Social Ministry is available for parishioners only who need assistance with electric, water, and gas bills. Please call the Parish office and someone from Social Service Ministry will give you a call and arrange for an appointment. All information is confidential.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —Abraham bargains with God to spare the city ***(Genesis 18:20-32)***.

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me ***(Psalm 138)***.

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven ***(Colossians 2:12-14)***.

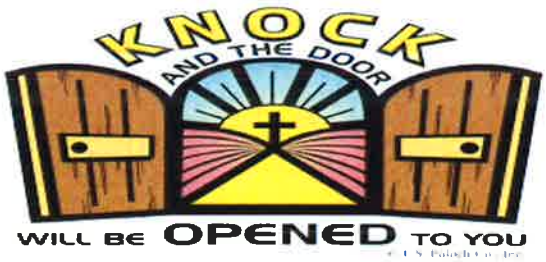
Gospel —Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray ***(Luke 11:1-13)***.



Fr. Anthony will be going on vacation in August. Please keep him in prayers for a safe trip.



If you are interested in teaching Religious Education (CCE) for 2022-2023, please contact Crystal Williams at 409-365-3790



My Treasured Sacred Heart of Jesus Book
Prayers for 1st Friday Devotion
Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer-Pgs. 30-31
Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus-Pgs 36-38
Act of Reparation-Pgs.52-53

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
~~~

Meeting

-No meeting this week.



Have you ever watched a master chef at work or a professional musician or athlete and wondered "How do they do that? They make it look so easy." We are naturally attracted to someone who excels at something, a person whose heart is obviously in their work, and we can't help but wonder if we are capable of anything like that. This was likely true for the disciples as well. They had seen Jesus at prayer on many occasions (this is especially true in Luke's Gospel) and it was obvious that someone, somehow was shaping/transforming the life of their teacher. Abraham, too, gives us an example of a conversation with God that goes beyond the ordinary approach to divine petitioning. Meanwhile, Psalm 138 assures us that when we cry for help God will answer—for Christ has become our mediator and we are one with him in baptism.

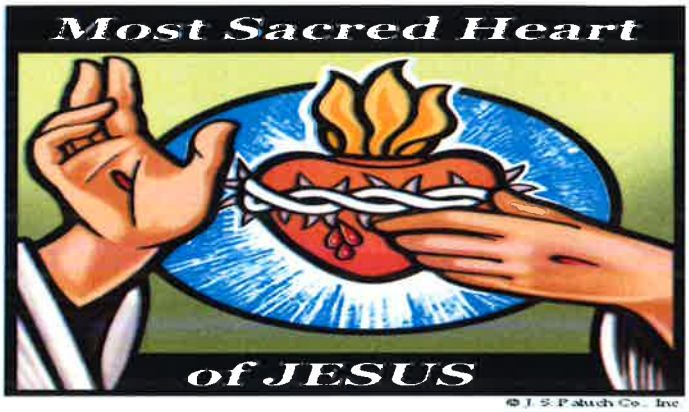
SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham's skills in that arena. He even appeals to God's sense of honor, saying, "Far be it from you to do such a thing" [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?

YOU HAVE HEARD THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

Notice that the very first words of today's Gospel are "Jesus was praying." Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus' daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily "influence" God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke's version of the beloved Lord's Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples' request.

The two parables following the Lord's Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God's point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God's point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

The Drexel Society will participate in the 7th Annual Linda's Lighthouse Back To School Event on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Memorial High School 3501 Lucian Adams Street, Port Arthur, TX. All school age students are invited to attend from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more with the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. But God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would say, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY.

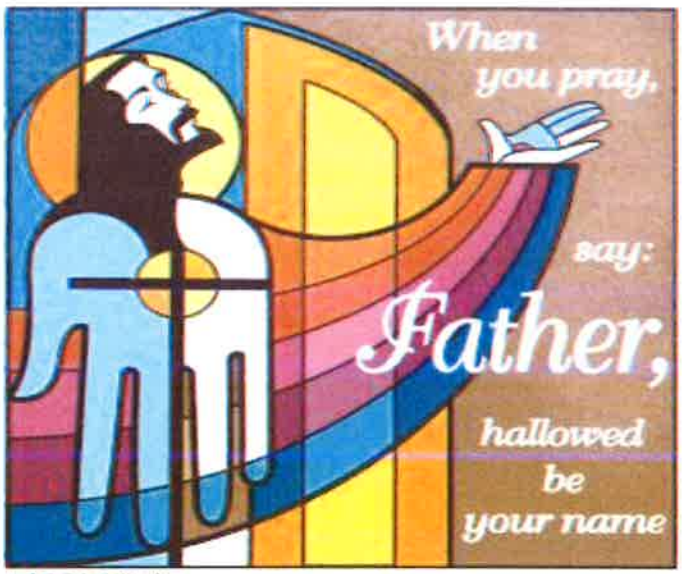
Father Anthony will bless those celebrating a birthday in July. Next weekend he will bless those who lost a child in July.

Reflection question:
In what ways can I use the good things of this world without clinging to them?

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ...

Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Emmett Comeaux, Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Esther Dugay, Bernadette Dames, Vincent Fertitta, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Lillian Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Bernadette Lavine, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Mabry McZeal, Mary Lee McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Iris Plumber, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Lillie Stewart, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger. **Communicants:** Ethel Allen



Religious Articles can be purchase after 4:30pm & 9:00am Masses in the Vestibule of the Church.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

How to keep SAFE/PROTECTED from SUMMER HOT DAYS
H- hydrate with water, fruit, vegetables & sports drinks
E- ensemble of light weight, light colored clothing, loose fitting & a hat with brim
A- avoid outside from 10 am - 4 pm
T- try sun screen, dark people burn too!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
July 30th & July 31st

LECTORS
SAT. 4:30PM **Corine Jones**
Cynthia Sinegal

SUN. 9:00AM **Kenneth Marks**
Diane Marks

USHERS (ANY)