SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2022

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
— Psalm 90:12



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 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 31st 9:00AM For All Parishioners
August 2st 6:00PM No Mass
August 3rd 8:00AM No Mass
August 4th No Mass
August 5th No Mass
August 6th 4:30PM DeBose Thompson (RIP) by Nuong Tran; Thaddeus Sanders (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Johanna Lewis & Sonia Harris; In Loving Memory of Charles B. Fisk by The Fisk Family; Claudette Martin (RIP) & Corine Gabriel Dixon (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of 1965



July 23th & July 24th

4:30pm	**$ 913.00**
9:00am	**$2,106.00**
Mail	**$ 880.00**
Totals	**$3,899.00**



Happy Birthday
Carolyn Cox



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



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.

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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 — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain ***(Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).***
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts ***(Psalm 90)***.
Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above ***(Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)***.
Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God ***(Luke 12:13-21)***.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]
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Robbing a Bank

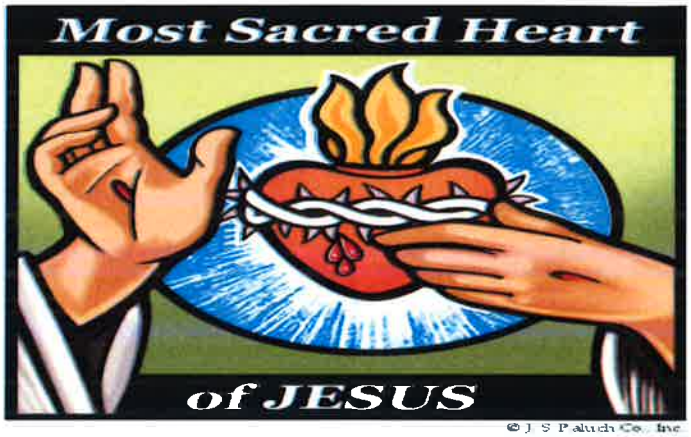
The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth in the way we attain it. How does that happen? I can give an obvious answer such as robbing a bank. Instead, do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can "have the things I couldn't afford when I was young"? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. We begin to see Christ in others, for as Paul says, "Christ is all and in all" (Colossians 3:11).





"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - This is the process, which adults and even children and youth of catechetical age are initiated in the Church. We would like each parishioner to consider inviting at least one person they may know who is either not baptized or who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and would consider becoming Catholic. In addition, you may consider Catholics who have been baptized, but have not received their First Communion nor their Confirmation. Invite them to a relationship with God who truly loves them, to our community, Sacred Heart Parish, and to the Catholic Church. Either you can contact the parish office on their behalf, you can have them contact the parish office, or they may reach Margaret Taylor RCIA Coordinator or Linda LaCour Asst. RCIA Coordinator at 409-985-5104 or email at sacredheart@gt.rr.com. Our entire parish is committed to journey with them as they consider joining us in the Catholic Church. We will begin their RCIA process as soon as we have people respond. We are available now. No need to wait until the Fall. Plus, part of their formation will be at the weekend liturgies as well as they participate at Mass and the rites that are involved with the RCIA. We hope we can bring more people into relationship with Christ Jesus and with our community of faith! Thank you!

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Stephen Covey, in his book The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, lists as his second habit: Begin with the end in mind. Is that not the point of our scripture reflections today? We know we will die. We know we "can't take it with us." If you've ever been tasked with cleaning out the home of a deceased person, you know how easily once-treasured items simply become another burden to deal with. Or you may have experienced how quickly the joy of owning the latest smart phone becomes as outdated as the model itself. So how do we think about all the stuff that we buy, accumulate, fret over where to store, and pay taxes on? Heaven forbid if we ever have to move!

RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD

Luke sets us on the right path when he affirms that we must be "rich in what matters to God." Needless to say, he is not saying that possessions themselves are evil. Today's psalm asks God—twice—to "prosper the work of our hands for us!" The danger is that, as one wag put it, "we never have enough of what we don't really need." What does matter to God? What is the opposite of vanity? Kindness to one another, mercy, forgiveness, generosity to the poor and needy—all of these remain beyond death. These are what we can take with us when we die. The great mystery in all this is that God is never outdone in generosity; the more we give away, the more we have.

July 31 is also the feast day of Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He epitomizes richness in what really matters. His military and court aspirations evaporated after he was seriously wounded in battle. His subsequent change of heart led him to found one of the most influential religious orders in the history of the Church. If the opposite of vanity is wealth that remains after death, Ignatius is most appropriately honored today.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BEREAVEMENT FUND.

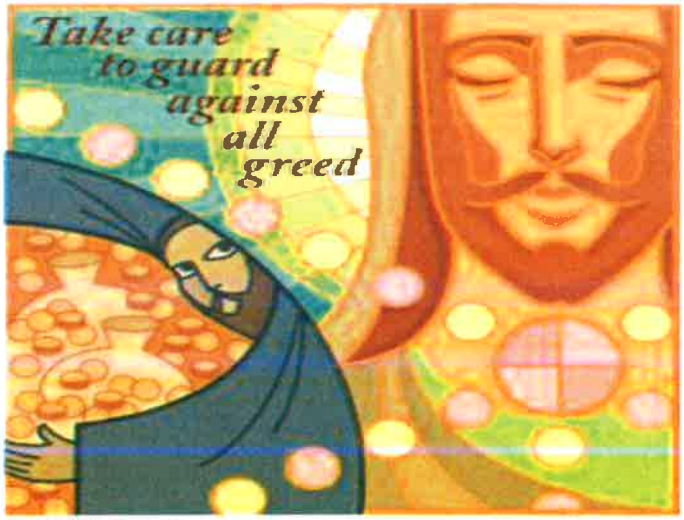
Father Anthony will bless those who lost a child in July. Next weekend he will bless singles, widows & widowers who lost a spouse in August.

Reflection question:
How has the Lord answered my prayers?

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
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator
and guide, you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Adoration -5:00pm/Mass -6:00pm
August 5th -Cynthia Sinegal
August 6th & August 7th

LECTORS
SAT. 4:30PM Delores Yeggins
Leroy Leopold

SUN. 9:00AM Paul Landry
Sharlene Hatch

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