SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
— Luke 4:18a



Eucharistic Celebration

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

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

Adoration

The 1st Friday of the month at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M., morning Mass is cancelled on this day.
Forty-five minutes before every weekday 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 22nd 4:30PM Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams
January 23rd 9:00AM **Parishioners of Sacred Heart**
January 25th 6:00PM Frederick "Paul" Landry (Happy 40th Birthday-Living) by The Landry Family; The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle by A.M.S.P.
January 26th 8:00AM
January 27th 8:00AM Fr. Anthony Afangide, MSP by Legion of Mary
January 28th 8:00AM In Memory of Rosie & Homer Willis by The Hatch Families
January 29th 4:30PM Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Gloria Mae Jacob Roy & Gussie Roy (RIP) by Berlinda Roy Mouton

Collections

January 15th & January 16th

4:30pm	**$1,620.00**
9:00am	**$1,995.00**
Mail	**$ 915.00**
Totals	**$4,530.00**



For the Sick and Home bound Parishioners who may need Confession, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish office for the Priest at (409) 985-5104.



The Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Evangelization Commission will have a joint meeting with dinner, Sunday, January 30th after 9:00am Mass in the Hall. The members of Pastoral and Finance Council whose term expired last year are also invited.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law ***(Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10)***.

Psalm —Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life ***(Psalm 19)***.

Second Reading —As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ ***(1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27])***.

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy ***(Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)***.

GOD'S LAW

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

Reflection question:
How can I allow God to direct my actions this week?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Meeting

-No meeting schedule for the week.

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Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

Order Free At-Home Tests

If you need a COVID-19 test now, please see other testing resources for free testing locations in your area.



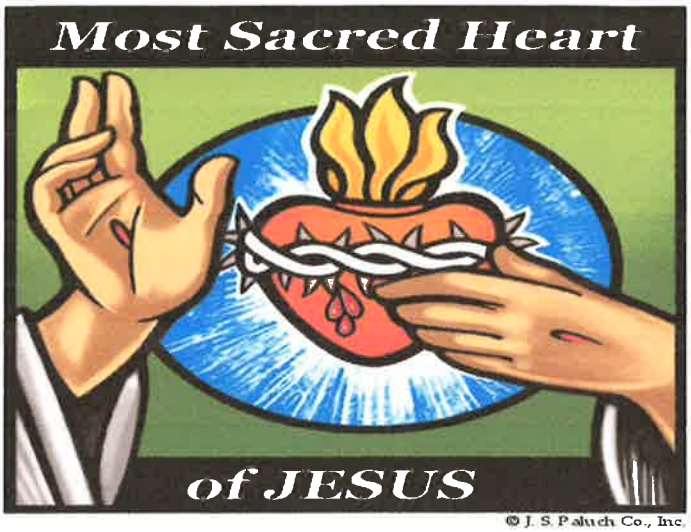
It's Mardi Gras time and we need your help! Mardi Gras will be held on February 24th-27th in Downtown Beaumont and we need volunteers. The more volunteer hours we work, the more profit the Church earns. There are several areas that need volunteers. To sign up, or for additional information, please contact Crystal Williams at (409) 365-3790.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

Rejoicing in the Lord

In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading. The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law.

Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the LORD" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would get strength from "rejoicing in the LORD." That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that Jesus loved sinners so much, he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin. No sin can be so bad that God's love cannot forgive it. In fact, the more I have to repent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That can be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED

The parish is in need of a Housekeeper for the Rectory. If you are interested or know someone for the position, please call the Parish office at (409) 985-5104.

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

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

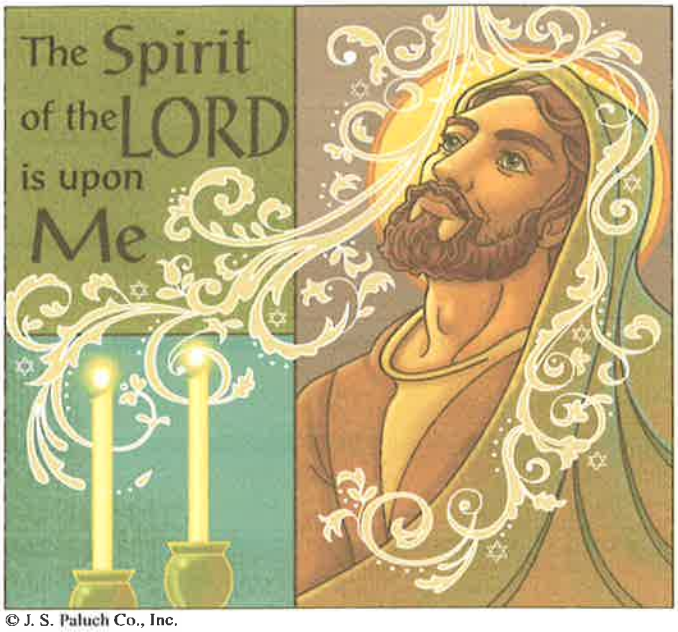
Elusive Happiness

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

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, Kay Bridges, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Theresa Coleman, Emmett Comeaux, Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, 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, 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, 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, Gladys Wilson-Hollins, Jamon Wilson, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Andre' Winston, Jr., Hazetta Younger and Tosharie Younger. **Communicants:** Ethel Allen



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

January 29th & January 30th

LECTORS

SAT.	**4:30PM**	**Leory Leopold**
		Linda LaCour
SUN.	**9:00AM**	**Kenneth Marks**
		Dianne Marks

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