SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field.
– Matthew 13:24-43



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.

Mass Intentions



July 22nd 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia (RIP); Mary Fisk (RIP) by Langston Adams

July 23rd 9:00AM For All Parishioners

July 25th 6:00PM

July 26th 8:00AM

July 27th 8:00AM

July 28th 8:00AM

July 29th 4:30PM Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Mr. & Mrs. Russell Barton (Happy Heavenly Wedding Anniversary-RIP) by Your Children, Cornell Brown (Happy Heavenly Wedding Anniversary-RIP) by Your Loving Wife Bernadette Brown, Bernadine Barton Tyler & Bernadette Barton Brown (Happy 75th Birthday) by The Family; In Memory of Harold Sylvia (RIP) by His Family



July 15th & July 16th

9:00AM	**$3,389.00**
4:30PM	**$ 895.00**
Mail	**$ 880.00**
Totals	**$5,164.00**

We are at the half-way point for the Appeal for Catholic Ministries for 2023. Our goal for this year is $37,953. As of June 14, 2023, we have received $34,175 in pledges. Of that amount, payments of $21,427 have been received. We are $16,526 short of reaching our goal. These totals represent 16% of our parish giving. If you have made a pledge, thank you and please continue to make your payments. If you have not, please consider making a pledge or giving a one-time donation. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee.



July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

TODAY'S READINGS

***First Reading* —Wisdom 12:13,16-19**

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

***Psalm* —Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16**

A prayer to God for mercy.

***Second Reading* —Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

***Gospel* —Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)**

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.



Welcome to the Senior Ushers worshiping with us on Sunday, July 23rd at 9:00am in honor of their deceased members.

National Black Catholic Congress XIII
at the Gaylord National
National Harbor, Maryland
July 20-23, 2023

Attending Crystal Williams & Paul Landry from Sacred Heart Catholic Church and other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture.

Port Arthur Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.
cordially invites you to celebrate
A Night of Honor Vessels of God
Honoring: Fr. Anthony Afangide
Saturday, July 29, 2023 6:00pm-9:00pm
The Pompano Club 330 Twin City Hwy, Port Neches, TX
Tickets $40 per person Semi-Formal

For more information contact Lady Riya Chaisson @972-249-6225 or Lady Rose Chaisson @409-719-6772.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Ps 95:8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Jn 15:16; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 11:25; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; 19:8, 9, 10, 11;Lk 8:15; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8;Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 8:12; Jn 11:19-27
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Cf. Mt 11:25; Mt 13:44-52

Meetings

-All Choir Members will have choir practice on Monday, July 24th at 6:30pm in the Church.

Sick & Shut-In

For the Sick and Home bound Parishioner who may need Confession, Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office for the Priest at (409)985-5104. Also, if you want or know someone that need to be added to the prayer request list.

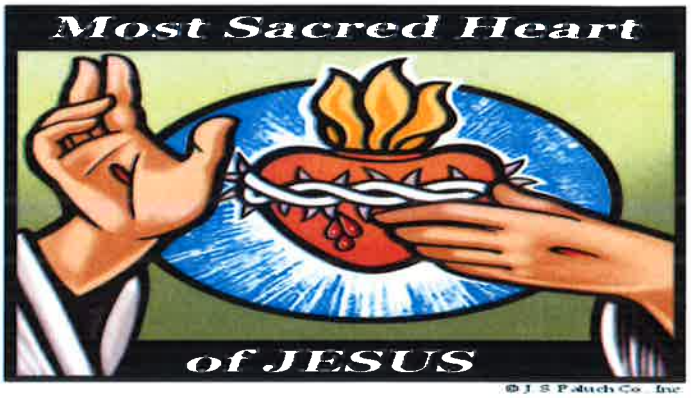
Any announcements to be placed in the bulletin must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Wednesday to the Parish Office.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

The Vineyard of Faith

Today's Gospel message is one that I struggle with quite often. I find myself saying, "I got here first" or "I've been waiting longer". Sometimes I ask myself, "I've worked harder and longer. Why am I not reaping the same benefits or rewards and someone else who has not worked as hard or as long as I have?" Then I hear this parable and am immensely humbled. How many people serve God in a greater capacity than I do? A ton! Great saints like John Paul II, Gemma Galgani, Jose Luis Sánchez, and Martin of Porres dedicated their lives to Christ and His Church. Comparatively, I do very little. But rather than resigning myself to the fact that I may never "measure up" to their faith, I look to the saints as inspiration for my own life and I ask for their intercession. And what about those who have not yet come to the faith? Would we reject them just because they are coming to the faith later than we are? Absolutely not! We welcome them with open arms because we are grateful that they have come to know the same love of God that we know.Today's Gospel serves as a humbling reminder that God is generous and merciful. He desires us to be united with Him in His Heavenly Kingdom whether we come to His vineyard at 5 years old or 95. It is not an effort of ours or merit we can earn that grants us God's love. Rather, He loves without condition and makes His love equally available to all. When we come to God's vineyard, He envelops us in His love, which we hear about in today's Responsorial Psalm. Every time I hear Psalm 23, I think of myself in preschool. I don't have many memories of preschool; in fact, I don't even remember my teacher's name or the names of any of my classmates. What I do remember, however, is being taught Psalm 23. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." For a long time, I wondered why that Psalm and why at such a young age? Looking back now, I think I understand. Our teacher wanted us all to be confident of God's everlasting love for us. If we know that love at a young age we can grow up knowing Him and loving Him, and even bring more laborers to His beautiful vineyard. May we always remember the love of God and may we continue working as laborers in his vineyard.

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

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

See our Bulletin Board in the Vestibule for announcement/information in our community and local area.

IF YOUR FAMILY 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



Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Kenya Avila, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, James Brady, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Bernadette Brown, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Martin Charles, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames,Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Henry Dwin, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, Carolyn Francis, 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, Harrison Hill, Jr., Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Donnette Eulain-Jackson, 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, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Bernard Mouton, Jr., Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, and Hazeletta Younger .

Obituary

Our dear parishioner ***Hazel Alpough January***, died on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, the wife of Thomas January and mother to Dewayne Alpough, Broderick, Theous & Ashley January. Funeral service was held on Saturday, July 22nd at Gabriel Funeral Home Chapel.

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Macline Joseph, died on Saturday, July 15, 2023, the wife of Reginald Joseph and daughter-in-law to Curtis Joseph. Funeral service was held on Saturday, July 22nd in St. Louis, Missouri. ***Please remember to keep the families in your prayers.***

6TH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
AUGUST 26, 2023
MONTAGNE CENTER
at LAMAR UNIVERSITY, BEAUMONT, TX English Session: Registration @7am-4:30pm Spanish Session Registration @2:30pm-8pm
Lunch & Dinner Catered
Enter code: EARLY BIRD
for 10% off before June 30th
Tickets and Information
www.christinyou-cmc.com

"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." 1Thessalonians 5:11



Parish Social Service Ministry is available to assist anyone in the parish that needs help with electric, gas, or water bills. Other services are available based on the parishioners need. All assistance provided is confidential. We are now in our 7th year of service to the parish and the community. If you would like to know more about Parish Social Ministry, please take home a brochure located in the vestibule.



Parish Social Service Ministry is collecting Jell-o monthly for the United Board of Missions. The box is still located in the vestibule. This will be put in the low income bags given to members of the community who apply through United Board of Missions. Please be generous. If you have any questions, you can contact Brenda Broussard or Sheryl Alpough.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
July 29th & July 30th

LECTORS

SAT.	**4:30PM**	**Cynthia Sinegal**
		Leroy Leopold
SUN.	**9:00AM**	**Kenneth Marks**
		Dianne Marks

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

SUN.	**9:00AM**	**Margaret Taylor**
		Brenda Broussard
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