

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*  
*Matthew 22: 34-40*

“Thank God for your safety . . .”

Vivian Yee covers the Middle East for The New York Times. She is based in Beirut and lives not too far from the site of the massive explosion that destroyed the port region of the city.

The explosion shattered the windows of her apartment. Blood streaming down her face, she managed to make her way out of her destroyed building. Her neighborhood looked like a war zone. But, she writes, “the Lebanese who would help me in the hours to come had the heartbreaking steadiness that comes from having lived through countless previous disasters. Nearly all of them were strangers, yet they treated me like a friend.”

A stranger passing by on a motorbike saw her bloody face and told her to hop on. He took her as close as he could get to the hospital, the street blocked by broken glass and destroyed cars. Everyone she saw on the street were either bleeding from open gashes or covered with makeshift bandages. On the street leading to the hospital, elderly patients still hooked to IVs looked dazed; a woman covered in blood lay on the ground in front of the exploded emergency room. At least, Yee was grateful that she could still walk on her own.

“Someone named Youssef saw me,” Yee writes, “sat me down and started cleaning and bandaging my face. Once he was satisfied I could walk, he left and I started wandering, trying to think of another hospital I could try.”

“I ran into a friend of a friend, someone I had met only a few times before, and he bandaged the rest of my wounds, disinfecting the lacerations with splashes of Lebanon’s national liquor, an anise-flavored drink called *arak* . . .

Survivors walked by, moving faster than the jammed-up traffic. To anyone who appeared unhurt, people called out, ‘alhamdulillah al-salama,’ or, roughly translated, *Thank God for your safety*.

Before the long night was over, Vivian was found by co-workers who got her to a hospital still open where a doctor put 11 staples in her forehead — and all night, people offered the same blessing: *Thank God for your safety*.

“‘Thank you,’ [Vivian] said in reply, ‘truly thank you,’ and I didn’t mean just for the good wishes.”

**Sometimes it takes violence or a disaster to realize the connection between the mercy of God and the compassion that moves us to reach out to one another in our pain, our brokenness, our grief. In responding to the question about which is the “greatest commandment,” Jesus links the complete and unconditional love of God with every offering of healing and forgiveness we extend. The only way we can meaningfully love God is to realize that we are connected to one another by such love. Vivian Yee experiences that love in the many “strangers” who treat her as a “friend” amid the devastation of the August blast in Beirut. May it not take such a horrific situation for us to realize God’s love in one another.**

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

***To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.***

**Reconciliation:**

By request

**Mass During the Week:**

Tue, Wed, & Thu at 7 p.m. and Fri at 10 a.m.

Daily mass is cancelled any day in which there is a Funeral Mass or schools are closed due to weather.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Discontinued until further notice.

**Marriages:**

Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1254.75
Building Fund	15.00
World Mission Sunday	180.00
Bingo Proceeds	454.50
Mass Stipends	40.00
Sunday Missals	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7pm	Special Intention
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Fri. 10am	Late Chesley Noseworthy
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Joseph Hackett
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**READERS**

Saturday	Tony Griffin
Sunday	Don Gallant

**IN MEMORIUM, October 11<sup>th</sup>:** for the late Kathleen Connolly (nee Staples).

**CONDOLENCES:** We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of the late Bern Noseworthy. May he rest in peace.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** Our Annual Mass of Remembrance will take place on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Family members of persons whose funerals we have celebrated since November last year will be contacted and offered special roles in the mass of that day. If you have had family members / friends who have died within this last year, and whose funeral / burial has taken place outside this parish, please contact the parish office if you want their names included at that mass.

**ALL SOULS DAY:** All Souls Day, November 2, is a day to pray for the souls of our faithful departed. Envelopes are available in our church for parishioners to list the names of their family members and friends who they would like remembered. Throughout the month of November there will be masses in commemoration of All Souls and the persons you have named will be prayed for in our petitions.

**A SPECIAL REQUIEM MASS:** will be celebrated by Bishop Bart at the Cathedral Monday, All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm for all those who lost their lives due to the pandemic. For those who are not able to attend, please join him by praying the rosary at that time.

**LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISER:** Since Covid has put a stop to all our fundraising activities, we have come up with the following idea to help support our parish. **“BINGO DRAW”** Our regular donors will be called each month, but all parishioners are welcome to participate. Those who give a donation of at least \$10.00 will have a chance to win 10% of the total donations collected for the month. Every \$10 donation will equal one ticket in the draw i.e. if you donate \$20 your name will be in twice. Donations must be in by the third week of each month. Put your donations in an envelope marked BINGO, include your name, and drop in collection, Father Jim’s mailbox, or give to any member of the ladies group.

**LADIES GUILD ROSARY:** Our Ladies group will pray the rosary at 6:30 pm every Tuesday in October. All parishioners are invited to attend.



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Last week, the church celebrated its annual World Mission Sunday. We wish to thank everyone who prayed for and were able to support the work of the missions last week. Your prayers and donations will make a huge contribution to the growth of the church and to the well-being of the poor in the world. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries to bring Christ’s message of love to the world’s most vulnerable. Also, your generosity and support of the missions throughout the year would also be very much appreciated. With deep gratitude, we thank you again for your prayerful and financial support of World Mission Sunday 2020.

**HOME RELIGION PROGRAM – Sacred Heart Parish:** Please be patient with us and you will be contacted as soon as the diocesan and parish plan is in place. By bringing your children and grandchildren to mass, you will help them in the formation of their faith.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 18TH ANNUAL ROSARY AND LIGHT SERVICE:** The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary and Light Procession organized by the Knights of Columbus will take place at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John’s on **Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30 pm.** You can participate virtually either via live stream on the Basilica Heritage Foundation website at [www.thebasilica.net](http://www.thebasilica.net) or by viewing the celebration when it is posted on the Archdiocese website [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org).

**FACE MASKS:** You must wear facemasks when entering, leaving, and moving about the church. It may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing.

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION:** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

**MT. PATRICIA CEMETERY CLEAN UP:** Mount Patricia Cemetery Fall Cleanup will take place the whole month of October 2020. Mount Patricia Policy – **Flowers and other personal items must be removed from graves by October 31. Any items remaining after this date that cause obstruction to the operations of the cemetery will be removed by the cemetery staff.** Thank you to all who assist in the clean up and for everyone’s cooperation in keeping Mount Patricia grounds clean and tidy. Any questions contact Denna Newman at 634-4774.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS:** Clocks go back one hour at **2:00 am** on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

**OCTOBER 25-31 - Pap Test Awareness Week:** The Cervical Screening Initiatives Program would like to remind you that routine Pap testing could save your life! Call your health care provider today to make your appointment. For further information call 632-3008 or toll free 1-866-643-8719.

