



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



James Tissot: The Exhortation to the Apostles

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, in striving to be like Christ, are committed to living the Gospel by participating in the Sacraments, promoting spiritual growth and religious education, and being an example of His Eucharistic love.

MASS TIMES

Saturday
Reconciliation 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Holy Days

7:00 AM, 12 Noon and 6:30 PM

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

In my first years as principal at John Carroll, I learned a hard lesson. I learned that not all parents love their children. Before I worked in schools, I had a belief that parents had a kind of supernatural love for their children that would lead them to sacrifice all kinds of things for the welfare of their children. I sadly discovered that that was not the case. I discovered, much to my horror, that there are parents who prefer their comfort and privileges over the problems of their children, and I even discovered that there are parents who will use their children shamelessly to make money. I had a hard time processing and praying through all the things that I saw and experienced working in schools. But, through all that, I came to learn more clearly what the Father's love truly is.

Jesus teaches us clearly that Divine Love is manifest in sacrifice. Life as we experience it cannot be lived fully without embracing some type of sacrifice. The loss of a loved one, self-denial for a greater good, even to present one's own life to save the life of another – these are all sacrifices that can be presented to us in a moment. It happens however, that when we are presented with some sacrifices, even small ones, we choose not to accept them but rather try to vainly and selfishly protect ourselves from them. When we try to protect ourselves from the sacrifices presented to us by God, we discover that we are not loving. I remember a seminarian who asked me once: "Father, how do you protect yourself from all the sad things you have to see and experience as a priest?" I answered him that I don't. I told him that when things are sad, I suffer, and when things are happy, I rejoice.

The Eucharist is that sacrifice that keeps us oriented in this world. It is a foretaste of heaven. In the Mass we witness Christ giving Himself for the salvation of the world, and in holy communion we receive Him to participate in that same sacrifice. No matter what the world throws at us: suffering, heartache, pain, or violence, knowing that one is called to imitate Christ's sacrifice is a powerful response to any evil, to any degradation. Jesus tells us: "It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you." Jesus chooses and calls us to imitate Him, even from the moment of our birth. Being chosen by the loving God is something that gives each of us the power to work for His kingdom and transform the suffering we encounter in this world into the joys of the eternal kingdom.

In His Most Sacred Heart, Risen from the Dead,

Fr. John

Baccalaureate Mass

Graduating Seniors

Please join us for a Baccalaureate Mass to honor your graduation from high school.

MAY 20, 2024 6:30PM

Please contact the church office and let us know you will be there.



Baptism

Congratulations to the families of those children that were baptized this past weekend.

Sebastian Rodriguez Figueroa

Jaqueline Rodriguez Figueroa

Camila Josefina Ramirez Diaz

Artemian Jae Ramirez

Martin Perez Cruz

Lucas Román Benedetti



Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Pledged: \$526,765.20
Total Collected Last Week: \$1,065.00
Total Collected Overall: \$644,937.00



May is the Month of Our Lady



This Week

Monday

St. Hildegard's 10:00am-Activity Center

Tuesday

Choir Practice 6:00pm-church
 Scouts 6:00pm-8:00pm-Activity Center

Wednesday

Religious Education 6:00-pm7:30pm

Thursday

Friday

Knights of Columbus
 Fish Fry 5pm-7pm

Saturday

Confirmation Mass
 10:00am

Grass Cutting Ministry

April 28-May 11

**Robbie Morrison, Joe Meier,
 Robert Moreau, John Deno**



Work has finally started on the tower portion of our Parish Life Center. This will complete the building stage of the new administration wing and parish life center. We will begin to plan a time to have Bishop Raica come and dedicate the new facility and invite the parish to attend.

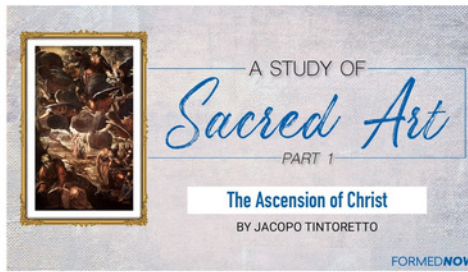


The **Garden Guild** needs help with watering this summer. It will take about an hour of your time, three days a week. Rain and hot weather can make a difference. If you can help please call Bess @256.847.3520 or email bvalicant@gmail.com for further information. **May 19-25, June 16-22, July 7-13, July 28-Aug 3, Sept 1-7, 22-28, Sept 29-Oct 5, Oct 6-12**



Feast of the Sacred Heart Kermes-Parish Fair

Join us for our annual celebration of the feast day of our parish. We will celebrate Mass on Friday evening, June 7th at 6:00pm followed by Family Night in the Parish Life Center. On Saturday, June 8th, we will have our Parish Fair, complete with vendors and food booths prepared by our parishioners. All funds go to reduce the debt on our new parish life center! If you would like to volunteer to assist with this event, please contact the church office.



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The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SACRED ART PRESENTS

Family Night

Class of 2024 - Senior Night

Join us on Sunday evening, May 19th at 5:00 pm for Family Night. We will have a potluck dinner and recognize our high school seniors.

Ladies Guild meeting
 will be held on
 Sunday, May 19th.



If you have a child who is graduating from high school this year, please contact the church office to get information on displaying a senior table on family night.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 5th

5pm-----+Gene Snyder

Sunday, May 6th

9 am --+Darryl Murray and +Sharon Rauch

11am -----Parish Family

1 pm -----+Jesus Rosas

(Misa en Español)

Tuesday, May 8th

7am-----Angelina Santiago

Wednesday, May 9th

7am-----+Marcy Portuese

Thursday, May 10th

7am-----+Angelina Moreno

Friday, May 11th

7am-----+Rafael Soto

Saturday, May 12th

5pm-----+Evelyn Elmore

Sunday, May 13th

9 am-----Parish Family

11am -----+Chris Sabens

1 pm ---+Maria Estrada and Jose Nieto

The flowers at the altar this weekend are given in loving memory of Gene Snyder by his wife, Mary Snyder.

The flowers at the Pieta are given in loving memory of Jesus Rosas given by his son Joel Rosas.



MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

May 12th & 13th

Lectors

5pm----- Anna Allen

9 am -----Teresa Kauffman

11 am -----Teresa Scheuring

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm --Jesse Edwards

9 am -----John Valieant

9 am (choir) -----Michelle Proper

11 am-----Richard Curtin

Ushers

5pm --Bill Martin, Joe Fox

9 am ---Matthew Graessle, Mark Proper

11am---Glori Whitaker Hart, Kelly Matson

Sacristans

5pm ---- Jorge Martinez, Susan Watson

9 am ----John and Bess Valieant

11am---Spanish Usher Team

Hospitality

5 am -----Linda Chenard

9am-----Kathy Hopper

11am -----Kim Johnson

Hospital Ministry

May 7th-May 13th Shari Doyal

May 14th-May 20th. Richard Curtin

Mass Attendance

April 27th-28th

5:00 pm-----146

9:00 am -----232

11:00 am -----152

1:00 pm -----404

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 11h & 12th
Solemnity of the Ascension
of the Lord

Acts 1:1 – 11 •

Ps 47:2 – 3, 6 – 7, 8 – 9 • Eph

1:17 – 23 or 4:1 – 13 or 4:1 –
7, 11 – 13 •

Mk 16:15 – 20

Weekly Offertory

Offertory: \$7,347.00

Online: \$1,164.54

Total: \$8,511.54

Catholic Home Mission:
\$2,825.00

Online: \$165.00

Total: \$2,990.00

Online Giving

You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.



Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, John Winn, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Greg Bavonese, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie & Everett Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Cirilo Vizcaya, Stephanie Velasquez, Dan and Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Brandon Mancillas, Alex Navarro, Elizabeth-Anne Heathcock, Diane Seales, Debbie Buzan, Julianne & Oliver Semmes, Tom Beam, Sharon Coverstone, Chris Warden, Michael Ingram, Sandie Pasquinelli, Bob Anderson, Allison Doyal, Sandy Demarois, Sheri Ballard, Mark Scheuring, Beverley Pletcher, JoAnn Nelson, Manuel Becerra Acevedo, Cameron Chenard, Jo Greathouse, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan



“Prefer nothing to the
Love of Christ.”
– Rule of St. Benedict



Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention



For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Total Cost: \$2,500,000
Funds at beginning of project: \$816,568.00
Total pledges collected: \$205,825.00
**Proceeds from sale of
Donated Property: \$169,000.00**
Total Collected to Date: \$205,495.00
Debt for Parish: \$1,500,000.00

**DEBT
REDUCTION
CAMPAIGN**



Sacred Heart Youth

Sunday, February 25th from 6:00-7:30 pm.

We'll enjoy a meal together, have a time of prayer and Bible study, and plan our March service project. All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us!