



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

May 12, 2024

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



The Ascension, 1636, Rembrandt

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,

St. Mark speaks about the Ascension of Jesus so simply, but so profoundly – “So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.” Ascension Day presents us with a powerful mystery: that Jesus went up into heaven, body and soul, so that He could remain here with us, body and soul, in a new way.

We know that Jesus came into our world, conceived of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the action of the Holy Spirit, then, He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father – His position of glory in the Holy Trinity. But then, in the same way that the Father and the Son love one another in the Holy Spirit, that same Spirit comes upon us through the Sacraments of the Church and in many other ways to remind us of Jesus’ powerful presence in our midst each and every day of our lives.

The Lord Jesus ascended into heaven so that He might remain with us in a sacramental way. The Church that Jesus Himself gave us has come to understand that there are seven holy sacraments through which Jesus makes Himself present to His people: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing, Matrimony, and Holy Orders. It can happen that we forget the power of the Sacraments, treating them rather like “rite of passage” events, or occasions for a party, but we can never forget that a Sacrament is the visible sign of the invisible God working in our lives to bless us and save us.

This spring, we have celebrated the First Holy Communion of 42 children, Confirmation for 39, and with Pentecost we will complete the Sacrament of Christian Initiation for 25. Now, we must live our lives as a Sacramental people, putting all the grace we have been given at the service of the Church in the apostolate. Since we know and understand that Jesus ascended into Heaven only so that He could return in a new way to help us, we can be inspired to work with this same Lord Jesus to make His kingdom present in this moment of our lives.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

First Holy Communion



There were 42 children received First Communion last Sunday, May 5th.

Gabriela Ayala, Angel Andrade Santos, Allison Araiza Maya, Emma Atkins, Miguel Becerra, Ramiro Becerra, Jr. Doustin Chavez Flores, Saúl Delgado Hernandez, Brianna Delgado Rodriguez, Gabriela Flores, Ximena Garcia Rose Lombardi, Juliette Lopez, Lezbeth Lopez Perez, Natalie Maniscalco, Gael Martinez, Logan Martinez, Barbara Moya, Christopher Rodriguez Delgado, Natalia Uribe, Dalyesa Araiza, Darayza Gonzalez, Melany Hernandez, Sophia Hernandez, Yarethzy Hernandez, Fernando Marin, Emma Mayte Sanchez, Keyra Mendez-Carrisales, Ethan Mendez Natasha Mendez, Hoang Nguyen, Zoey Nguyen, Cloe Ortiz, Lindsey Ortiz, Lucas Pizzolato, Alan Rivera, Alex Rojas Brithanny Rojas, Johan Rojas, Ximena Sanchez Muñoz, Amelia Schumaker, Amairani Sanchez, Matthew Utrera



Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Pledged: \$526,765.20
Total Collected Last Week: \$7,920.00
Total Collected Overall: \$652,857.00

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

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.



This Week's second collection is for the Parish Life Center

This Week

Monday

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

Tuesday

7:00am Mass

Choir Practice 6:00pm-church

Scouts 6:00pm-8:00pm-Activity Center

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

Religious Education 6:00-pm7:30pm

Thursday

7:00am Mass

Friday

7:00am Mass

Saturday

3:30pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday

Ladies Guild 2pm Parish Life Center

Family Night 5pm Parish Life Center

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.

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.



Baptism
 As a community of faith we would like to congratulate Lisette Mercado on the baptism of her daughter.

Isabella Rose Alvarez Mercado



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.

Have you unwrapped your gift?

Pentecost is the birth of the Catholic Church. As Catholics many of us have been given our faith as children, and others chose it as a convert. Our faith is like a gift, but sometimes in the busyness of life we set it to one side waiting to unwrap it until we have more time! However the Church challenges us to unwrap this gift, our faith, as an adult. **"The Gift"** course (retreat or seminar) is being offered here to help us to do just that. It has been developed as a response to 'The Joy of the Gospel'. **Come June 3, 4, and 5 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm to the Parish Life Center.** If you cannot attend all 3 nights, come when you can. Call with questions to Allen and Sally Smith (205) 983-4150.



Grass Cutting Ministry

May 12-May 25

Jose Medina, Jose Guadalupe Rodrigues, Cristian Rodrigues, Hector Gonzales, Luis Torres

PSR & OCIA CLOSING NIGHT CELEBRATION
 Wednesday, May 22nd
 6pm - 7:30pm
 Activity Center

We invite all those who participated in PSR or OCIA this year, along with their families, to join us for an end of the year celebration.

The Knights of Columbus will provide burgers and hotdogs. We ask parents and participants to sign up to bring drinks, desserts, and side items.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 11th

5pm-----+Evelyn Elmore

Sunday, May 12th

9 am-----Parish Family

11am -----+Chris Sabens

1 pm ---+Maria Estrada and Jose Nieto

Tuesday, May 14th

7am-----+Steve Hill

Wednesday, May 15th

7am-----+Steve Hill

Thursday, May 16th

7am-----+Steve Hill

Friday, May 17th

7am-----+Emma Nieto Garcia

Saturday, May 18th

5pm-----+Evelyn Elmore

Sunday, May 19th

9 am-----Parish Family

11am -----Angelina Santiago

1 pm ---+Emma Nieto Garcia

The flowers at the altar this weekend are offered in loving memory of Lois Taffee, given by her daughters Kathy Chandler and Beth Brouillette



MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

May 18th & 19th

Lectors

5pm----- Shari Doyal

9 am -----John Valieant

11 am -----Toni Zinn

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm --Corinne Hopper

9 am -----Yvonne Boothe

9 am (choir) -----Allen Smith

11 am-----Robie Grana

Ushers

5pm --James Coverstone, Joe Fox

9 am ---Mark Proper, Kenny Steppe

11am---Ron and Kim Johnson

Sacristans

5pm ---- Susan Watson

9 am ---Michelle Proper, Sonja Deno

11am---Mike Kline, Robie Grana

Hospitality

5 am -----Mary Snyder

9am-----Terry Hughes

11am -----Delinda Garcia

Hospital Ministry

May 14th-May 20th. Richard Curtin

Mass Attendance

May 4th-5th.

5:00 pm-----120

9:00 am -----339

11:00 am -----394

1:00 pm -----294

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 18th&19th
Solemnity of Pentecost

Gal 5:16 – 25 • Veni, Sancte

Spiritus • Jn 15:26 – 27;

16:12 – 15

Weekly Offertory

Offertory:\$11,384.00

Online:\$4,352.68

Total:\$15,736.68

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, Scott Presson

May the blessing of the Divine
Be an especially bright benediction
Upon mothers everywhere
On your blessed day -
On Mother's Day!



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.