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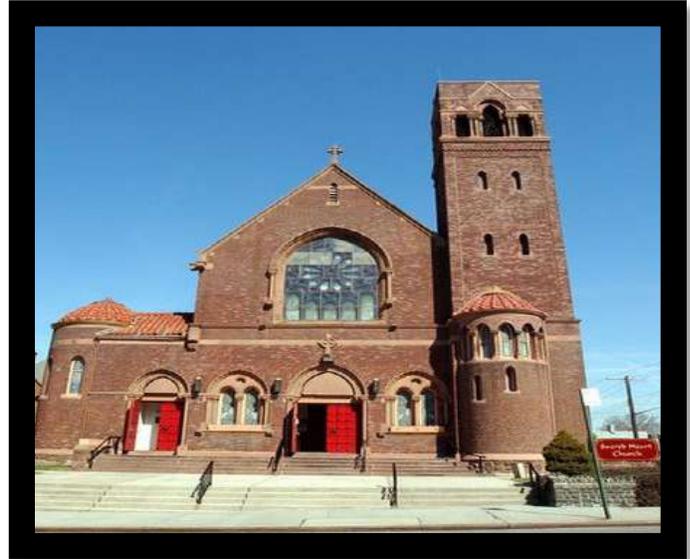
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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

Handicapped Accessible

Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions: Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Parents & Godparents should attend a meeting at 3 PM on the second Sunday of the month in the Rectory with Fr. Eric to initiate the Sacrament. For more information please see: www.sacredheartsi.org/worship/sacraments.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

Websites:

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AUGUST 22, 2021

THE 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: IMMACULATE MARY

**IMMACULATE MARY,
YOUR PRAISES WE SING!
YOU REIGN NOW IN HEAVEN
WITH JESUS OUR KING!
AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA!
AVE, AVE, MARIA!**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 JOS 24: 1-2A, 15-17, 18B.

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it

from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 34: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



READING 2

EPH 5: 21-32.

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

ALLELUIA
68C.

JN 6:63C,

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

JN 6:60-69.

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to

their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Profession of Faith

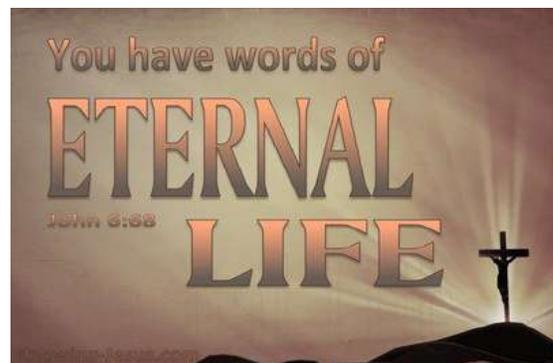
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Did you ever read this tongue and cheek story that explains the origin of life? One day, God created the dog, and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a lifespan of twenty years." The dog responded, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" God agreed.

On the next day, God created the monkey, and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this I'll give you a twenty-year lifespan." The monkey answered, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God agreed.

On the next day, God created the cow, and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this I will give you a lifespan of sixty years." The cow answered, "That's a tough life. You want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give you back the other forty?" And God agreed again.

Then, on the next day, God created man, and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this I'll give you twenty years." But the man responded, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty years, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God. "It's yours."

All of this is why for the first twenty years of our lives we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

This is one explanation of life. The

Lord Jesus once offered an explanation of His life to His Apostles. But St. Peter did not like the part about suffering. Jesus answered and told Him that a life of love means a life of suffering for the ones we love. But Peter still clung to his own opinion. Hence, on the holy mountain, when he sees Christ with Moses and Elijah, he says: *Rabbi it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.* (Matthew 17:4). In other words, let's stay here so that You'll be safe and Your enemies can't get You, so that You will not have to suffer and die, as You just predicted. He is looking for a Christ without the Cross, a life of love without suffering, which is impossible. But later on, he will have a change of heart and embrace the cross.

St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, who died in 1859 in France, once said, "To suffer lovingly is to suffer no longer. We should pray for a love of the cross –then it will become sweet." One day a young missionary priest named Abbe Monnin asked him if his immense trials and tribulations had caused him at any time to lose his interior peace. The Cure of Ars answered, "What? The cross makes us lose our inward peace? Surely it is the cross that bestows peace on our hearts. All of our miseries come because we do not love the cross." How true! When we look back upon our trials and tribulations of life, is it not our reactions to our sufferings that have made us suffer most?

God bless you!

Father Eric

Fr. Eric's Bible Group will resume on Saturday, September 11th, at 1 PM in the Rectory. The topic this time is The Book of Daniel.

Mass Intentions for the week



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Saturday, August 21:

5:00 Frances Frabotta

Sunday, August 22:

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

9:00 People of the Parish

11:00 Brendan Hoey

1:00 Susan Cooney Mahon

Monday, August 23:

9:30 Marilyn Bermudez

Tuesday, August 24:

9:30 Anne Connell

Wednesday, August 25:

9:30 Walter Cohen

Thursday, August 26:

9:30 Martin & Alice Geraghty &
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 27:

9:30 Dawn Walsh

Saturday, August 28:

9:30 Nora T. Huvane

5:00 Ann P. Ryan

Sunday, August 29:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli

9:00 Francis & Kathleen Barry
(51st Wedding Anniversary)

11:00 Theresa Bishop

1:00 People of the Parish

Saturday, August 28:

5:00 PM Bill Jones

Sunday, August 29:

7:00 AM Sister Barbara

9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.

11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki

1:00 PM Don Maj

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 28:

5:00 PM Jack Smith

Sunday, August 29:

7:00 Abigail Cruz

9:00 Jacob Torres

11:00 Jason Suazo

1:00 Gabriel Ortega

Collections:

August 15th.....\$7,459.00

Feast of The Assumption.....\$1,043.00

ATTENDANCE AUGUST 15TH: 424

Eagle Scout Project: Noah Lorzak, a graduate of our school and member of Pack and Troop 74 is doing a school supply drive for his Eagle Scout Badge. Noah is collecting school supplies for the students at PS 78, many of whom have financial difficulties. Supplies needed are marble notebooks, boxes of 24 crayons, glue sticks, folders, pencils, pens, child safety scissors, pencil cases, rubber erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers and dry erase markers. There is a blue storage bin in the vestibule where you can place your donations.

Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast: The annual Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, September 19th, at 10:30 AM at The Staaten. This year the keynote speaker will be Frank Siller, Chairman and CEO of The Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Members of The Holy Name Society will begin selling raffles after the Masses on Sunday during the summer. The cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for children (children under 12 are free) and all checks should be made payable to Sacred Heart Church. After a very difficult time with the Corona Virus this is a great opportunity to come together as a parish and give thanks for all we have been given.

CCD Registration 21-22: CCD Registration for September 2021 has begun. If you have been mailed the forms for reregistration you can drop them off at The Rectory from Monday–Friday from 9 AM–5 PM. If you wish to register you may come to The Rectory again during the above business hours. The cost is \$165 per child payable in cash or a check made out to Sacred Heart. Please know the fee doesn't need to be paid in order to register your child.

Cross Country Track: Any child, grade K-8, who is interested in joining Cross Country Track for the fall should contact Tom Smith at (917) 545-9644.

CLOSING HYMN: SING OF MARY

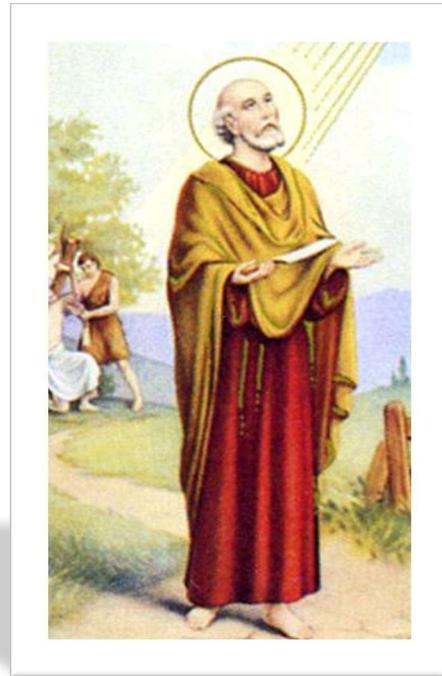
**SING OF MARY, PURE AND LOWLY,
VIRGIN MOTHER UNDEFILED,
SING OF GOD'S OWN SON MOST HOLY,
WHO BECAME HER LITTLE CHILD.
FAIREST CHILD OF FAIREST MOTHER,
GOD THE LORD WHO CAME TO EARTH,
WORD MADE FLESH, OUR VERY BROTHER,
TAKES OUR NATURE BY HIS BIRTH.**

**SING OF JESUS, SON OF MARY,
IN THE HOME AT NAZARETH.
TOIL AND LABOUR CANNOT WEARY
LOVE ENDURING UNTO DEATH.
CONSTANT WAS THE LOVE HE GAVE HER,
THROUGH HE WENT FORTH FROM HER SIDE,
FORTH TO PREACH, AND HEAL, AND SUFFER,
TILL ON CALVARY HE DIED.**

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

FEAST DAY: AUGUST 24TH

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OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS**



Sick Relatives & Friends

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