

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

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The Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 29, 2021

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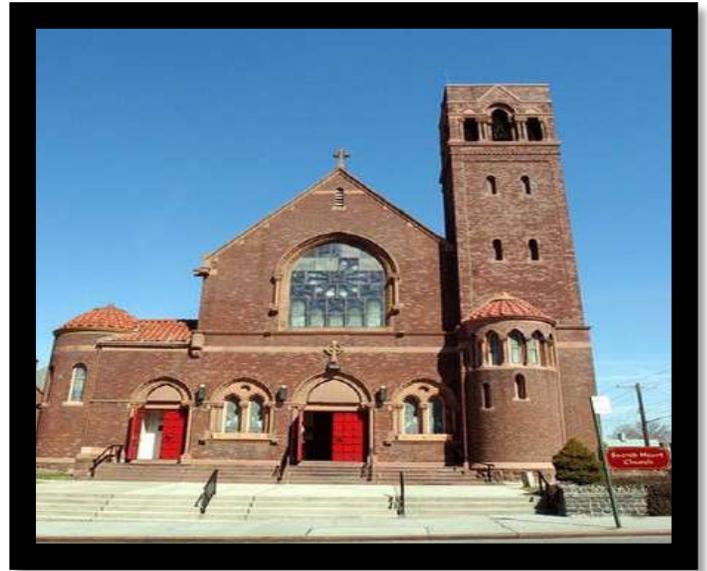
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### **The Lord's Day**

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](http://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:**

**Church Website:** - [www.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org)

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**AUGUST 29, 2021**

**THE 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**OPENING HYMN: WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WE GATHER TOGETHER,  
TO ASK THE LORD'S BLESSING.  
HE CHASTENS AND HASTENS,  
HIS WILL TO MAKE KNOWN.  
THE WICKED OPPRESSING,  
NOW CEASE FROM DISTRESSING.  
SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME;  
HE FORGETS NOT HIS OWN.**

### **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.

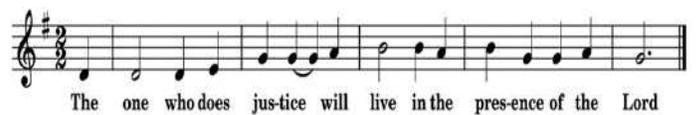
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**READING 1** DT 4: 1-2, 6-8.

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them care-

fully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5.



Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**READING 2** JAS 1: 17-18, 21B-22, 27.

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## ALLELUIA

JAS 1:18.



The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

## GOSPEL **MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.**

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.” He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”



## 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.

### **CLOSING HYMN: HAIL HOLY QUEEN**

**HAIL HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE,  
O, MARIA!**

**HAIL MOTHER OF MERCY AND OF LOVE,  
O, MARIA!**

**TRIUMPH ALL YE CHERUBIM,  
SING WITH US, YE SERAPHIM,  
HEAVEN & EARTH RESOUND THE HYMN  
SALVE, SALVE, SALVE REGINA!**

**OUR LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS, HERE BELOW  
O, MARIA!**

**OUR HOPE IN SORROW AND IN WOE,  
O, MARIA!**

**TRIUMPH ALL YE CHERUBIM,  
SING WITH US, YE SERAPHIM,  
HEAVEN & EARTH RESOUND THE HYMN  
SALVE, SALVE, SALVE REGINA!**

## A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Father John Hardon speaks of suffering from the perspective of faith. (John Hardon, S.J., *Theology of Prayer*, 1979, p. 106-107). He writes, “In the Christian philosophy of life suffering is to be sanctified and the sanctification of suffering is called sacrifice. It took me twenty years to reach that definition.” As a parish priest I see much suffering, but also much joy, in peoples’ lives. I’m often impressed with the magnitude of what our people suffer and their strong faith. How do we sanctify our sufferings and change them into sacrifice?

Fr. Hardon answers, “We do so through the mysterious power of prayer. What do I do when I suffer prayerfully? Now that is a new term, I suppose. When I suffer prayerfully, I do many things but especially these: First, I see that behind what I endure is not the person or the event or the mishap or even the mistake (as obvious as these may be). I acknowledge that the real active agent responsible for my suffering is the mysterious hand of God.” Fr. Hardon continues, “Second, when I suffer prayerfully, I trust that God has reasons for permitting what I endure and that in His own time and way, the experience now suffered will eventually somehow be a source of grace.”

Fr. Hardon appeals to the example of King David who recognized that God was behind his suffering. On one occasion, David was being persecuted by his own son, Absalom, who was leading an insurrection against David, forcing the king and his court to flee. While in flight, a man named Shimei stood on a hill and cursed the king, insulting him and spitting at him, all the while throwing stones. When one of David’s soldiers suggested to the king to no longer abide this outrageous act of disrespect and have the culprit arrested, David declined, and declared: *Let him alone and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. Perhaps the LORD will look upon my affliction and repay me with good for the curses he is uttering this day.* (2 Samuel 16:11-12).

On the other hand, there is a more poignant example to be drawn from the New Testament. Fr. Hardon points out, “If ever we are tempted to doubt the value of suffering patiently,

according to the will of God, we have only to look at the Crucifix. ... The most important single lesson mankind had to learn—the meaning of suffering and its value, it took God to teach us. And He had to resort to the extreme expedient of becoming man and suffering Himself to prove to us that suffering is not meaningless; that it is not valueless; that undergone prayerfully, it is the most meaningful and valuable experience in human life.”

I would conclude by saying that these are very nice reflections. However, we can never fully comprehend the meaning of human suffering in this life. It remains a mystery. Moreover, when we encounter those who are in the midst of acute suffering often enough we do well to forgo the theological explanations and offer the patient silent sympathy instead, along with hope.

God bless you!

Father Eric

### **Pope Francis Statement on Vaccines**

The Holy Father states: “In a brotherly spirit, I join in this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together. Being immunized with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one’s family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies (cf. *Laudato si’*, no. 231, cf. *Fratelli tutti*, 184). Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you, and thank you.”



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**Saturday, August 28:**

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

**Monday, August 30:**

9:30 Maureen Donnelly

**Tuesday, August 31:**

9:30 Deceased Members of The Geraghty  
& Graham Families

**Wednesday, September 1:**

9:30 Joseph T. Kiran

**Thursday, September 2:**

9:30 Ralph Knisley (6th Anniversary)

**Friday, September 3:**

9:30 Maria Elena Graziano

**Saturday, September 4:**

9:30 Bill & Ruth Irons

5:00 Kevin Lynch Shea

**Sunday, September 5:**

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Joseph & Grace Abate

11:00 Barbara Coughlin

1:00 Christian Mohrmann

**Saturday, September 4:**

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

**Sunday, September 5:**

7:00 AM Efrain Ortiz

9:00 AM Roy Hansen

11:00 AM Frank DiSalvo

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 4:**

5:00 PM Sean Ahern

**Sunday, September 5:**

7:00 Jacob Torres

9:00 Abigail Cruz

11:00 Oliver Czarnecki

1:00 Brandon Pak

**Collections:**

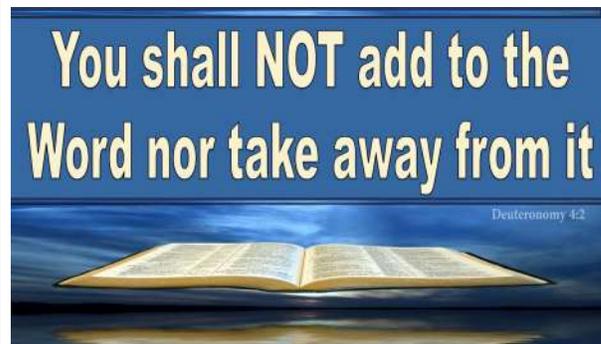
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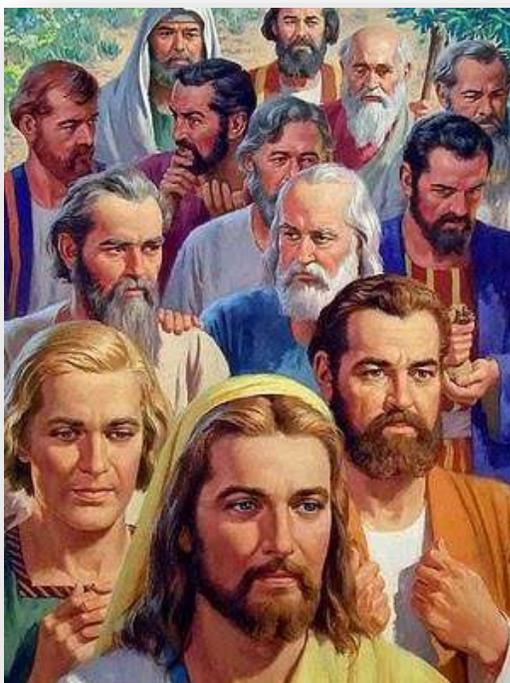


**Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast:** The annual Sacred Heart Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, September 19th, at 10:30 AM at The Staaten. This year the keynote speaker will be Frank Siller, Chairman and CEO of The Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Members of The Holy Name Society will begin 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.

**FATHER ERIC'S BIBLE GROUP RECONVENES ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, AT 1PM IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT. THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE BOOK OF DANIEL.**



## SAINT AUGUSTINE

**FEAST DAY: AUGUST 28TH**

**WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT AUGUSTINE ON BEHALF OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS**



**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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