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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!

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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 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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MAY 29, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OPENING HYMN: TO JESUS CHRIST OUR SOVEREIGN KING.

TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SOVEREIGN KING, WHO IS THE WORLD'S SALVATION; FOR IN THY KINGDOM LORD DIVINE, ALONE WE FIND SALVATION. CHRIST JESUS, VICTOR! CHRIST JESUS, RULER! CHRIST JESUS, LORD AND REDEEMER!

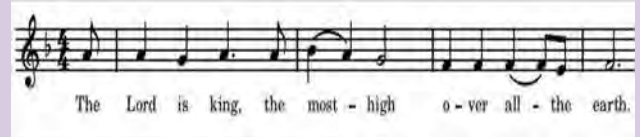
Gloria

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 ACTS 7:55-60.

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 97:1-2, 6-7, 9.



R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory. All gods are prostrate before him.

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

READING 2 REV 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

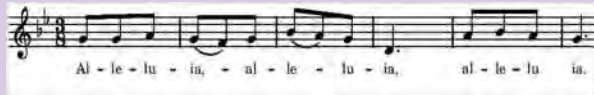
I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates. "I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!



ALLELUIA

JN 14:18.

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.



GOSPEL

JN 17:20-26.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."



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: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS, THE LAMB UPON HIS THRONE; ALL KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH RESOUND IN PRAISE OF HIM ALONE. AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND SING OF HIM WHO DIED FOR THEE, AND HAIL HIM AS THY RISEN KING FOR ALL ETERNITY.

CROWN HIM THE LORD OF LIFE, WHO TRIUMPHED O'ER THE GRAVE, WHO ON THE THIRD DAY DID ARISE AND HOPE TO SINNERS GAVE. HIS GLORY NOW WE SING, WHO DIED AND ROSE ON HIGH, WHO CAME ETERNAL LIFE TO BRING, WHO LIVES, NO MORE TO DIE.

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Is joy to be found in the experience of joy—in the feeling of joy? Or is joy to be found in Jesus Christ (blessed be His Name)? Most people would say experience. Most people would explain that you have an experience of joy—you feel it—and that is joy.

However, Jesus said to Doubting Thomas on the evening of the first Easter Sunday: “*You have believed because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe*” (John 20:29). Jesus is saying faith is more important. Do we believe that? It certainly does not feel more blessed to believe without seeing. On the contrary, it seems more blessed—more happy—to see, to experience, to feel.

For instance, if we saw Jesus now, in a vision, or if we could go back in time and see Him in action during one of the great scenes of His most amazing life, it would certainly feel more blessed. We would feel truly delighted. But seeing Him was not enough in His own day. Many thousands saw Him. But they turned away. Many even shouted, “Crucify him!”

Theologian Peter Kreeft points out that each of us wants the experience of joy. “We are all self-centered experience-addicts.” (Peter Kreeft, *Jesus Shock*, 2008, p. 124). He argues that we are so addicted to our own positive experiences of joy and happiness that if we experienced Christ more joyfully than we do now, something bad would happen. We would come to love our experience of Christ more than Christ Himself. We would come to worship our own experience. Our disordered love of self, that is, our spiritual pride, would swell. I mean pride in the negative sense of that word. That is something bad. Christ knows what He is doing by not giving us too much emotional joy. “He is training us to rely on faith, not feeling.” (Ibid).

Dr. Kreeft writes: “There is a famous saying—I think it is from the Chinese Christian writer Watchman Nee—about faith and feeling. Fact, Faith, and Feeling are three men walking on a wall. Fact goes first, Faith second, and Feeling third. As long as Faith keeps his eyes ahead on Fact, all three stay on the wall and make progress. But as soon as Faith takes his eyes off Fact and turns around to see how Feeling is doing, Faith falls off the wall, and Feeling follows, while

Fact walks on. The point is obvious: the object of our faith is not feeling but fact, not subjective experience but objective truth.” (Ibid, p. 126).

The Most Holy Eucharist is a very great training device, a spiritual stationary bike. Why is the Eucharist such a great training device in faith? It does not give us any sight of Jesus at all. Also, it does not give us any feeling of Him at all (most of the time). However, the Eucharist gives us all of Jesus, His full presence: His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. However, this is known by faith alone.

Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:10). We long for joy. We want it. We really want joy. Jesus tells us that He is our joy. Christ is our joy. The good news is that we have Him, really present, always (Matthew 28:20). Therefore, we have joy, even when we do not feel it. He tells us that He will be in us Himself. Therefore, since we have Jesus, we have joy.

But to have joy is not the goal. Jesus is not a means. Jesus is the goal. Jesus is the end. Jesus is the purpose, the objective. Jesus is working in our lives through everything happening in our lives—inside and outside. What is He doing? He is weaning us, pruning us, curbing us, detoxing us from our addiction to experience. He is training us to direct all of our faith and love to Him, not to ourselves. If we are the center of our existence, we are most pitiful. We are most unhappy, like the souls in Hell. They made themselves number one in their lives. Now they’re imprisoned in themselves for all eternity.

We need nothing more than Jesus. We do not need Jesus plus joy. We do not need Jesus plus experience. We need only Jesus Christ. But, as Dr. Kreeft points out, we also need one more thing. We need to know that we need only Jesus.

God bless you!

Father Eric

Mass Intentions for the week



Lector Schedule

Saturday, June 4:

5:00 PM: Jack Gordon

Sunday, June 5:

7:00 AM : Vincent O'Grady

9:00 AM: Roy Hansen

11:00 AM: Frank DiSalvo

1:00 PM: Patricia Jezycki

Saturday, May 28:

9:30 Maria Guastella

5:00 John J. Clark

Celebrant

Fr. Soju

Fr. Eric

Sunday, May 29:

7:00 Deborah Hyland

9:00 Al Amore

11:00 Mary O'Farrell

1:00 Robert Kozlowski

Fr. Soju

Msgr. Nick

Fr. Eric

Msgr. Greg

Monday, May 30:

9:30 Jack Graham &
Souls in Purgatory

Fr. Eric

Tuesday, May 31:

9:30 Deborah Hyland

Fr. Eric

Wednesday, June 1:

9:30 John & Patricia Molloy

Fr. Eric

Thursday, June 2:

9:30 Corinne A. O'Brien

Msgr. Nick

Friday, June 3:

9:30 Albert Perry
(50th Anniversary)

Fr. Eric

Saturday, June 4:

9:30 Deborah Hyland

5:00 Stephen Reilly

Fr. Soju

Fr. Eric

Sunday, June 5:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn
& McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Al Amore
(19th Anniversary)

11:00 John Cooney

1:00 Terence Walsh

Fr. Soju

Msgr. Greg

Msgr. Nick

Fr. Eric

Collections:

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\$392.00

Attendance May 22nd:

416

Pastosa Raffle May 22nd:

M/M Kevin Blanchard

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 30TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY. ON BEHALF OF FR. ERIC AND ALL THE STAFF AND FACULTY OF SACRED HEART PARISH AND SCHOOL WE WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED HOLIDAY. LET US ALSO REMEMBER THE MEN & WOMEN WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE SO THAT WE COULD LIVE AS A FREE PEOPLE.



Sacred Heart Annual Golf Outing: The Sacred Heart annual Edger Sweeney/Thomas Rigney Jr. Memorial Golf Outing will take place on Monday, July 18th. This year the honoree will be the late Gene Spillane. Tee time is 9 AM and lunch at The Staaten will follow at 2 PM. Hole sponsorships are available for \$125, Prize sponsorships are available for \$500, the cost for golf & lunch is \$185 and just lunch is \$75. Please make a reservation for a foursome no later than June 1st and all payments (cash or check) are due by July 1st. For more information contact **Tom Corson** at (718) 909-7709, **Jeff Maida** at (917) 270-8229, **Roddy Wier** at (917) 355-1829, **Bob Althoff** at (718) 781-1344 or **Dennis Althoff** at (646) 623-3059.

Padre Pio Dinner: On Thursday, June 16th The Staaten will be having a dinner from 6:30-10:30 PM in honor of the 20th anniversary of the canonization of Saint Padre Pio. The occasion also marks the 10th anniversary of the creation of The St. Pio of Pietrelcina Society. Anyone interested in attending should make a reservation by June 2nd. The cost for dinner is \$75 per person and reservations can be made by contacting Santina Consolino at (718) 442-5466, Edna Besabe at (646) 483-7583 or Josephine Moscato at (718) 273-9405. So come in honor of this modern era Saint.

Bible Group: We would love to have you join us for a 4- part series taking place on the 4 Saturdays of June at 1 PM in the Rectory. The title of the series is: *The Seven Signs in Saint John's Gospel*. The first meeting is June 4th and each meeting is roughly one hour. All are welcome.

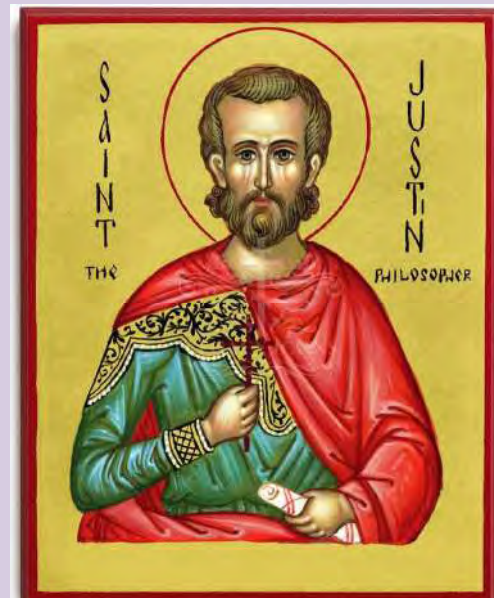
Cardinal's Appeal: Sacred Heart's 2022 Cardinals Appeal has been extremely successful. To date 153 parishioners have generously donated \$94,130 which surpasses our goal of \$71,500. Remember our overall aim was to maximize the number of givers not the amount given so there is still time to pledge. Thanks again for your support.

Capital Campaign Update: Just to keep our parishioners updated, the installation of our new air conditioning system is almost completed. Also the new bathroom in the vestibule is also nearly completed with the finishing touches being applied now. Thanks for fulfilling your campaign pledges! None of this would be possible without the support of you our wonderful parishioners.

SAINT JUSTIN

FEAST DAY JUNE 1ST

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