

The Church of the Sacred Heart

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The Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - November 7, 2021

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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.

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NOVEMBER 7, 2021

THE 32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: FOR ALL THE SAINTS

**FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR
LABORS REST,
WHO YOU BY FAITH BEFORE THE WORLD
CONFESSED,
YOUR NAME, O JESUS BE FOREVER BLESSED
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

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 1 KGS 17:10-16.

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left

and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10.



The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who were bowed down; the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

READING 2 HEB 9:24-28.

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

The jar of flour will not be used up



and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land

ALLELUIA

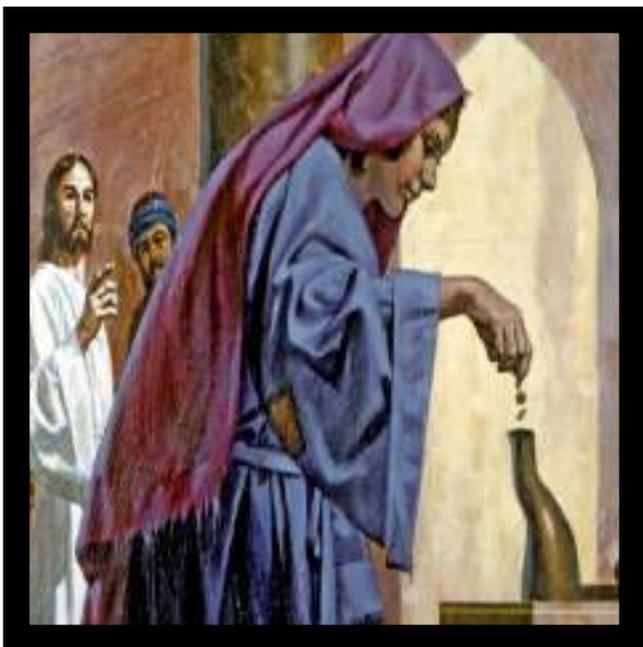
MT 5:3.



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

GOSPEL MK 12:38-44.

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."



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: BLESSED BY YOUR SACRIFICE

**BLESSED BY YOUR SACRIFICE, STRONG IN YOUR
LOVE, O CHRIST!
OUR GRATEFUL VOICES TO YOU WE RAISE.
TRUE ADORATION THROUGHOUT CREATION,
RINGS OUT IN JOYFUL SONGS OF PRAISE.**

**O SPLENDOR, GLORY BRIGHT, BROUGHT
FORTH AS LIGHT FROM LIGHT!
O DAY, ALL DAYS ENLIGHTENING!
ANGELS WITH ONE ACCORD CRY
"HOLY, HOLY LORD!"
TO YOU, OUR EVERLASTING KING.**

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In 2005, sociologists Christian Smith and Melinda Denton examined the spiritual lives of a large number of American teenagers from all backgrounds. What they found was that in most cases, teenagers followed a false religion, a pseudo-religion, that the researchers called MTD: Moralistic Therapeutic Deism. *Moralistic* means that it had a hint of morality, but very limited. *Therapeutic* means that this religion is aimed ultimately at feeling good. *Deism* means God is involved but from a distance. This is not the religion of the God who is with us—Emmanuel.

MTD has five basic tenets: (1) A God created the world and watches over human life. (2) God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other. (3) The central goal of life is to be happy in this world and to feel good about yourself. (4) God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when He is needed to solve a problem. (5) Good people go to Heaven when they die.

Smith and Denton claimed that MTD is colonizing existing Christian churches, destroying biblical Christianity from within, and replacing it with a pseudo-Christianity that is only barely connected to Christian tradition. MTD is not entirely wrong. After all, God does exist, and He does want us to be good. Moreover, He wants us to be happy. However, the MTD pursuit of happiness is not a quest for unity with God, or sacrificial dedication to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ (blessed be His Name), which is greater than oneself, but rather a search to satisfy the self, even by means of that which the Holy Bible would consider immoral. MTD does not help a person repent of his sins in order to conform to God's will, but rather to help that person become comfortable with who he is.

The problem with Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, in both its progressive and its conservative versions, is that it's mostly me-centered. In other words, it's basically about improving one's self-esteem and comfort and getting along well with others. This is so antithetical to the description of true love in First Corinthians: *Love is not self-centered.* (1 Corinthians 13:5). MTD has little to do with the Christianity of Scripture and tradition, which teaches a love of Jesus through repentance, self-sacrificial love, humility and purity. Although MTD is superficially Christian, it is much different than the Holy Gospel. The Gospel, unlike MTD, sets forth self-denial and suffering—the Way of the Cross—as the pathway to God. Jesus said: *Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.* (Matthew 10:38).

The researchers noted that in the MTD view, society is just “a collection of autonomous individuals out to enjoy life.” Jesus, on the other hand, says: *Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.* (Matthew 10:39). St. Paul says that Jesus died *so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.* (2 Cor. 5:15). These teens under the sway of MTD are not bad people, even if they are on a bad path. However, they have been badly formed by priests, preachers and teachers who pass on to them MTD instead of the true religion of Jesus Christ. To a high degree, these teenagers have adopted the religious attitudes of their parents.

In the Scriptures, sometimes Jesus mentions things that MTD people would find delightful, such as His injunction against worrying: *If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will He not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?* (Matthew 6:30). MTD people like these kinds of verses because the sentiment behind them can enhance self-love and comfort, which are their primary concerns.

On the other hand, sometimes Jesus mentions hard sayings that are incompatible with the MTD version of religion, such as: *So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.* (Matthew 5:48). Certainly St. Paul reiterates these hard sayings of Christ, especially in his comprehensive list of mortal sins that includes fornication, found in Galatians 5, ending with his solemn saying: *I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.* (5:21). This very phrase would be anathema to the “church of nice” preferred by the MTD crowd.

Which version of Christianity do we prefer: The MTD of the modern West or the constant biblical and traditional Faith of the Saints? Which version of Christianity do we prefer?

God bless you!

Father Eric



Saturday, November 6:

5:00 Michael D'Amato

Sunday, November 7:

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

9:00 Elizabeth Widmayer (6th Anniversary)

11:00 Nicholas Torello

1:00 Thomas Rigney

Monday, November 8:

9:30 Louise Tirone

Tuesday, November 9:

9:30 Steven Yaccarino

Wednesday, November 10:

9:30 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

Thursday, November 11:

9:30 Lauren Curran

Friday, November 12:

9:30 Romuel Shavuo

Saturday, November 13:

9:30 Daniel Dacunta

5:00 Michael D'Amato

Sunday, November 14:

7:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia

9:00 Martin & Alice Geraghty & Souls in Purgatory

11:00 Michael Mustillo Jr.

1:00 Richard Ross

Saturday, November 13:

5:00 PM Mary Rosso

Sunday, November 14:

7:00 AM Vincent O'Grady

9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.

11:00 AM Maria Montuori

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 13:

5:00 PM Abigail Cruz

Sunday, November 14:

7:00 Jack Smith

9:00 Matthew Basile

11:00 Brandon Pak

1:00 Oliver Czarnecki

Collections:

October 31st.....\$9,080.00

All Saints.....\$387.00

All Souls.....\$1,085.00

Congratulations to Ms. Christine Flagiello on winning the October 2021 50/50

Congratulations to M/M Peter King on winning the weekly Pastosa Raffle.

ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 31ST: 478

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SACRED HEART CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ESPECIALLY DENNIS CORSON (8/7 GRADE CHAMPION) & LUKE THEVENOT (1/2 GRADE CHAMPION). ALSO CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS 3/4 & 1/2 GRADES WHO WON THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.



SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 3RD

**WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT
MARTIN DE PORRES ON BEHALF OF OUR
SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS**

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God, true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. I believe O Jesus that You are the Christ the Son of the Living God. I proclaim my love for the vicar of Christ on Earth. I believe all the sacred truths that the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. I promise to give good example by the regular practice of my faith in honor of His Divine Name. I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country, and to the God-given principles of freedom, justice and happiness for which it stands. I pledge my support to all lawful authority both civil and religious. I dedicate myself to the honor of the sacred name of Jesus Christ and beg that He will keep me faithful to these pledges until death. Amen.



Sick Relatives & Friends

Food Pantry Donations: The Holy Name Society needs your food donations to stock its food pantry. Boxes of hot and cold cereal, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix, rice, pasta, jarred sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, fish, soups, vegetables, fruits and bottles of fruit juices are all needed and appreciated.

Charity & Justice Collection: The annual collection for Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity & Justice will be taken up on the weekend of November 20th & 21st. The proceeds of this collection goes to provide grants to parishes and community groups to further social ministry in their home parishes. The mission of Catholic Charities has always been to build a more just and compassionate society. Last year, even in the midst of a pandemic, we were able to raise \$336,000 which was then distributed in grants to 25 Archdiocesan parishes. We ask that you be as generous as your means will allow and remember that every donation makes a difference.

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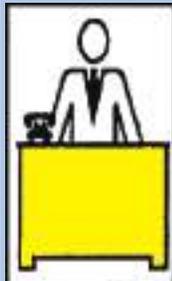
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