

The Church of the Sacred Heart

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The Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 5, 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!

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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 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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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

THE 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: PRAISE TO THE LORD

**PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY,
THE KING OF CREATION!**

**O MY SOUL, PRAISE HIM, FOR HE IS YOUR
HEALTH AND SALVATION!**

**COME ALL WHO HEAR; NOW TO HIS ALTAR
DRAW NEAR, JOINING IN GLAD ADORA-
TION!**

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.

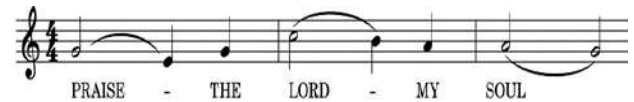
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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 IS 35:4-7A.

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10.



The God of Jacob 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.

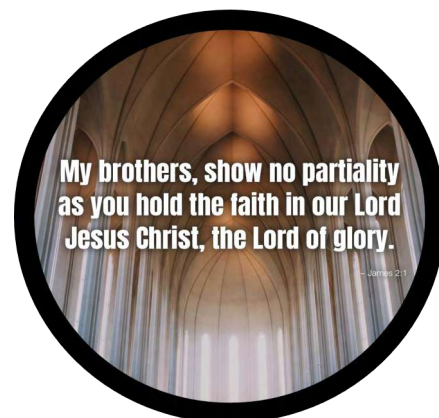
R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow the LORD 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 JAS 2:1-5.

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?



ALLELUIA

MT 4:23.

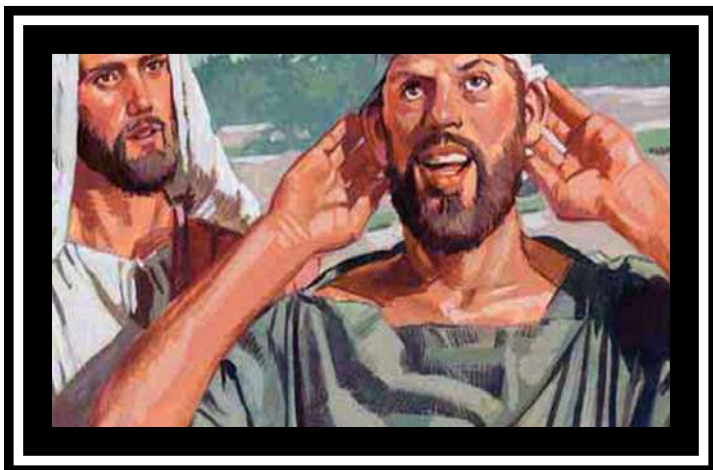


Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

GOSPEL

MK 7: 31-37.

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!"— And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



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: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

**NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD, WITH HEART,
AND HANDS, AND VOICES.**

**WHO WONDROUS THINGS HATH DONE, IN
WHOM HIS WORLD REJOICES;**

**WHO FROM OUR MOTHER'S ARMS HATH BLESSED
US ON OUR WAY WITH COUNTLESS GIFTS OF
LOVE, AND STILL IS OURS TODAY.**

**OH MAY THIS GRACIOUS GOD, THROUGH ALL
OUR LIFE BE NEAR US.**

**WITH EVER JOYFUL HEARTS AND BLESSED PEACE
TO CHEER US;**

**PRESERVE US IN HIS GRACE, AND GUIDE US IN DIS-
TRESS,**

**AND FREE US ALL FROM SIN, TILL HEAVEN WE
POSSESS.**

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Fifty-four years ago, this weekend (September 4, 1967), Staten Island's most famous priest, Father Vincent Capodanno, died at the age of thirty-eight. On July 4, 1974, Seaside Boulevard in South Beach was renamed in his honor.

Born on February 13, 1929, Fr. Capodanno grew up in Mariners Harbor and Elm Park. He became a Maryknoll priest and then volunteered to serve the Marines in the Vietnam War. After one tour of duty, he was eligible to go home, but he requested twice to be reassigned because he very much wished to be where he believed he would be most helpful. He was deeply loved by his fellow Marines because he deeply loved them. Many other chaplains would not go out on the field with the soldiers but not Fr. Capodanno. He lived like a Marine and he lived with the Marines, earning him the nickname "The Grunt Padre."

On September 4, 1967 his regiment was severely attacked by North Vietnamese infantry. They were thoroughly outnumbered. He went from one wounded or dying soldier to another, anointing, comforting, praying. Then he heard the voice of a lone radioman: "We can't hold out much longer. We're being overrun." Fr. Capodanno ran toward him in a hail of bullets and helped him crawl to the top of a hill to relative safety. "I would never have made it up the hill alive without the chaplain's aid," said the soldier later. Then tear gas was dropped on the platoon and the priest gave his gas mask to a choking Marine who lacked one. When other Marines tried to give him theirs he said "You need it for fighting, I'm all right."

One corporal said that Fr. Capodanno was determined to do what he was there to do and not let the enemy interfere. He said, "He would not get down because he wanted to look the wounded straight in the eyes. People were yelling at him 'Father, get down!' But Father Capodanno wanted to calm the wounded by looking them in the eyes."

In the 2000 book *The Grunt Padre*, a former Marine remembered Father Capodanno coming to him as he lay wounded on the battlefield. The Marine said, "A peace came over me that is unexplainable to this day. In a quiet, calm voice, he cupped the back of my head and said, 'Stay quiet, Marine. You will be OK. Someone will be here to help you soon. God is with us all this day.'"

He continued to go back and forth giving last rites to the dying and bringing in wounded Marines, one of whom said, "He made many trips, telling us 'stay cool, don't panic.'" Then he was wounded by shrapnel in the arms, hand and legs, losing part of his arm and fingers. The medic tried to patch him together but he waved him off. He said he wanted the wounded Marines to be taken care of first. He was gunned down shortly thereafter ministering to a wounded medic he had crawled to with his left arm.

When news got out about the death of the Padre, Marines throughout the entire battalion openly wept for their fallen chaplain. One soldier near the battle said, "It was like playing chess and you lost your queen: morale-wise it was devastating." Fr. Capodanno was awarded posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor—the nation's highest military decoration. He never fired a shot. The day after Father Capodanno's death, his regimental commander received a letter from him. He wrote, "I humbly request that I stay over Christmas and New Year's with my men," the priest had written before his death. "I am willing to relinquish my thirty days leave."

In a letter to Capodanno's sister, Pauline Costa, Third Marine Division Chaplain, Chaplain John J. O'Connor wrote, "I am sure you would like to know that very recently I made a trip to Vietnam and talked to a number of men who had lived and worked with Vince. I never heard a priest praised more consistently. One of his great admirers, as you probably know, ... was Chaplain Krulak, and he confirmed my impression—that the manner of his death, just as in the way he lived, Vince inspired men as few others have done." Chaplain O'Connor eventually became the eighth Archbishop of New York and then a Cardinal.

In 2019, a miracle was credited to the intercession of Father Capodanno, after a year-long investigation. The miracle was brought to the attention of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida. A local woman who fought a long battle with multiple sclerosis grew devoted to Father Capodanno. She was struck by the priest's story and prayed for his intercession to obtain healing. In 2017, her latest MRI showed that the lesions in her brain were gone. She attributes this miraculous healing to the intercession of Father Capodanno. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints is currently evaluating the report. Perhaps one day soon we will say together: "Saint Vincent of Staten Island... pray for us."

God bless you!

Father Eric





Saturday, September 4:

5:00 Kevin L. Shea

Sunday, September 5:

7:00 People of the Parish
 9:00 Joseph & Grace Abate
 11:00 Barbara Coughlin
 1:00 Christian Mohrmann

Monday, September 6:

9:30 John J. Clark
(4th Anniversary)

Tuesday, September 7:

9:30 Patricia M. Silvestri

Wednesday, September 8:

9:30 Clarence Graves

Thursday, September 9:

9:30 Damon Bethel

Friday, September 10:

9:30 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

Saturday, September 11:

9:30 Noreen Ann Sterner
 5:00 William Allee

Sunday, September 12:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
 9:00 Susan Pellecchia
 (3rd Anniversary)
 11:00 Maureen Donnelly
 1:00 Jaden Teresa Munoz

Saturday, September 11:

5:00 PM Mary Rosso

Sunday, September 12:

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, September 11:

5:00 PM Jason Suazo

Sunday, September 12:

7:00 Jacob Torres
 9:00 Gabriel Ortega
 11:00 Jack Smith
 1:00 Michael Contardo

Collections:

August 29th.....\$8,815.00
 Mission Appeal.....\$782.00
 Congratulations to M/M Gregory Fulton on
 winning the August 2021 50-50.
 Congratulations to Larry & Dorothy Bligh
 on winning the weekly Pastosa Raffle.

ATTENDANCE AUGUST 29TH: 485

PASTOSA RAFFLE: VINCENT & LIZ D'ANTUONO, OWNERS OF PASTOSA RAVIOLI, HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. EVERY WEEK ONE LUCKY PARISHIONER WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED AND WIN A \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO PASTOSA RAVIOLI ON FOREST AVENUE. BY PLACING YOUR WEEKLY DONATION IN THE COLLECTION YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED IN THE DRAWING.

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. 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.

9/11 Memorial: On Saturday, September 11th, a Memorial Wreath will be laid on the 9/11 Memorial on the Rectory Lawn, following the 5 PM Mass. We will never forget our eight parishioners who were lost that day; **Anne Marie Martino Cramer, James Santore, Robert Shay Jr, John Fischer, Stephen Siller, Paul Keating, Thomas Hannifin & Michael Fiore.** Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and may their souls along with all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

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

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. ON BEHALF OF FATHER ERIC AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF SACRED HEART WE WISH ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED LABOR DAY.

SAINT PETER CLAVER

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 9TH

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Sick Relatives & Friends

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