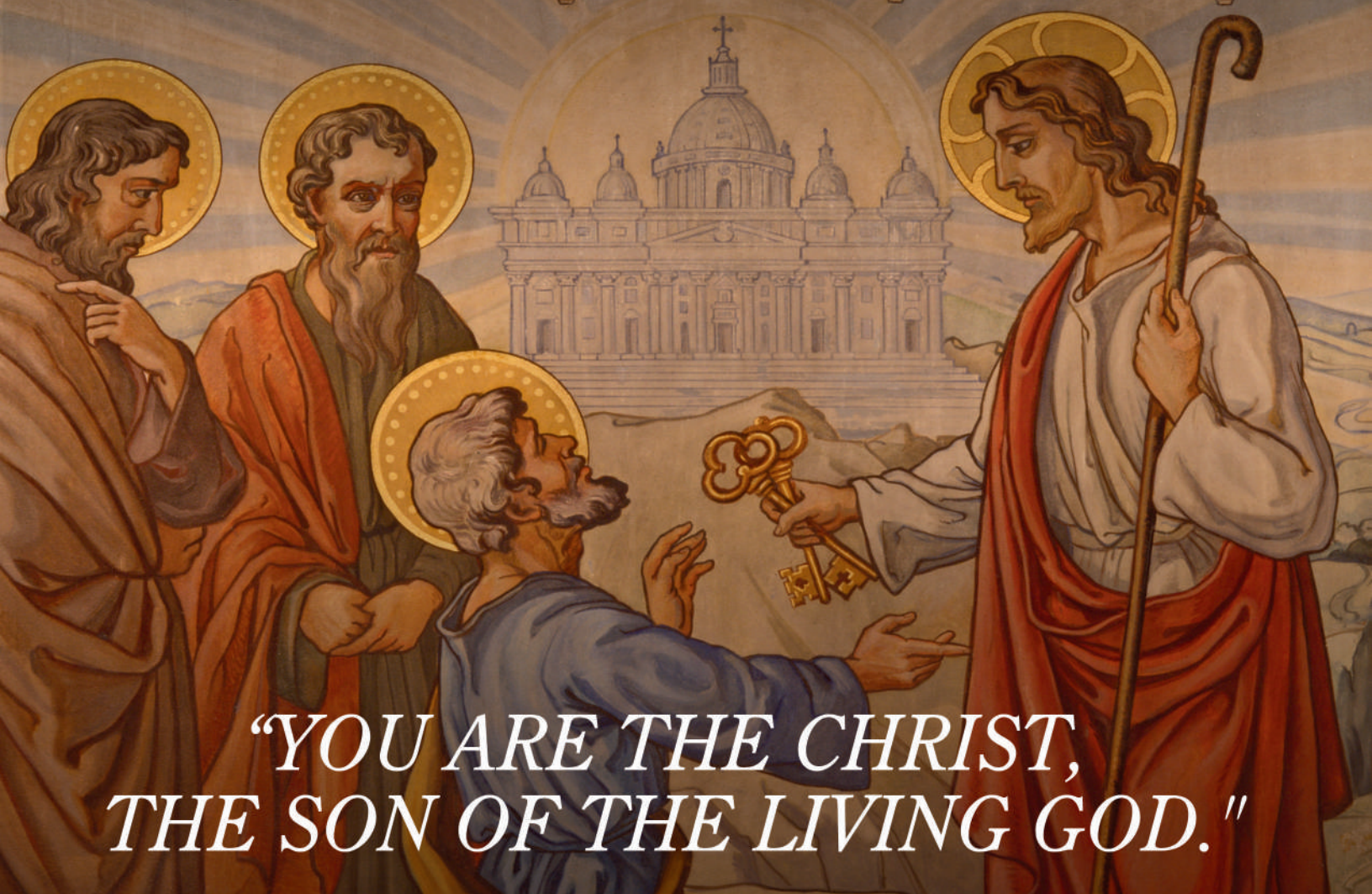




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WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM

Sun: 8:00, 9:30,
11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:05 AM

Thu: 6:00 PM
Sat: 8:05 AM

RECONCILIATION

Mon, Tues, Fri: 7 - 8 AM

Wed: 6-7 PM
Thu: 5 PM
Sat: 3-4 PM

PASTOR

Fr. Jaime Zarse

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

EVENTS OVERVIEW

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MUSIC ON THE LAWN.....PG 2



FOOD TRUCK DRIVE

Please show some LOVE for those in need during our Catholic Charities food drive on August 29-30. This month's most needed items are: canned fruit, pasta pasta sauce (no glass), canned meat, and diced tomatoes.



NEW PARISHIONER HAPPY HOUR



Are you new to Sacred Heart—or were unable to attend our most recent new parishioner gathering - join us on September 10 at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. Come hear Fr. Zarse share his vision and hopes for our parish, learn how to get involved, and connect with fellow parishioners with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. This event is for adults only.



MARRIAGE PREP FACILITATOR



Have you ever considered mentoring the engaged? Evermore in Love is training new mentors this fall in virtual sessions from September 2 - October 14. Cost is \$100 per couple. For more info contact Libby at libby@evermoreinlove.org.



MUSIC ON THE LAWN



You're invited to our 2nd annual Music on the Lawn event on September 18, 2026 from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM! Gather your friends and family for a summer celebration! Enjoy food trucks, face painting, balloon art for the kids, and live music by the Mikey Needleman Band. Don't miss out!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Join us Thursday at 6:45 PM for a Women's Bible Study: Passionate Discipleship through Walking with Purpose ministries. The bible study will begin September 24th. [Register here.](#)



FORMED



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ROSARY FOR IMMIGRANTS

Rosary for Immigrants is an initiative that invites the faithful to come together in prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters, asking God to help us recognize the dignity of every person created in His image and to foster justice, compassion, and unity within our communities. The monthly Rosary gatherings will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Washington Square Park, across from the Immigration Court, on the following dates: August 26, September 23,, October 21, November 18, and December 16.



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS



Join American Heritage Girls from their Kickoff Mass and BBQ on August 30 at 2:00 PM. AHG is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age from any parish. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

PRIEST IN THE WILD BOOK



In Priest in the Wild, Fr. Luke Doyle reveals that the ordinary moments of life are often where Christ is closest. Pickup Priest in the Wild at Ascension Press.



MASS INTENTIONS

With the adjustment to our Mass schedule, please note that Mass intentions will also be adjusted to reflect the new times. The 8:00 a.m. Mass intention will move to 8:30 a.m., the 9:30 a.m. intention will move to 10:30 a.m., and the 11:00 a.m. intention will move to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Owens. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we make this adjustment.



OCIA SPONSORS



Our new Year Round OCIA process is booming and sponsors are needed ASAP. As a sponsor, you'll share your faith through friendship, encouragement, and prayer. All you need is a heart willing to walk with someone. Contact Char Mies @ charlene.mies@shoj.org to sign up or to ask questions.

LABOR DAY

There will be no Confessions or 6:30 AM Mass on Labor Day, September 7th, and the parish offices will be closed.



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

"I've already sinned—what's one more?"

"I can go to confession later."

"I'm already going to confession anyway."

Most of us have probably had a thought like this. But what if these thoughts point to a deeper spiritual problem, one that can slowly change the way we see sin, confession, and even God's mercy?

In his podcast this week, Fr. Zarse unpacks presumption, an often overlooked sin that may be closer to home than we realize.



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, August 24

6:30 - Anthony Clark +

8:05 - Gery Hochanadel & Family

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 - Jeff Guthrie +

8:05 - Dennis Schieber +

Wednesday, August 26

6:30 - Kim Bartunek

8:05 - Piper Lorimer

Thursday, August 27

6:30 - Jon Schofield

8:05 - Maggie Arndt

6:00 - Melanie Herbert +

Friday, August 28

6:30 - Conversion of Tom Provance

8:05 - Mary Welter +

Saturday, August 29

8:05 - David Gray

4:30 - Patrick Malott +

Sunday, August 30

8:00 - Margaret & Trent Peterson

9:30 - Doug Friedly +

11:00 - SHOJ Parishioners

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Find all updates about construction on our website including our May Update.

<https://shoj.org/capital-campaign>



BECOMING CATHOLIC



Interested in becoming Catholic? Our new year-round OCIA process welcomes unbaptized inquirers at three different start times each year. Already baptized? You may begin right away. To learn more about the process pick up a flyer at the information desk.

PETER'S GREAT FAITH FROM THE FATHER

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday challenges us to think about who Jesus is in our lives. When Jesus asks His disciples what others say about Him, they list different answers. But when He asks them directly, Peter boldly declares that Jesus is the Son of God. We may say we believe in Jesus, but do we really know Him? Do we see Him only as a helper in times of need? Do we treat Him like someone who owes us blessings in return for our prayers? Do we think of Him only when we need forgiveness? Jesus is more than any single role we give Him. He is not just a teacher, a healer, or a Savior. He is the Son of God, the foundation of our faith. If we only see Him in one way, we miss the fullness of who He is.

EXPLANATION OF THE READINGS

In the First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23) the LORD declares that He will remove Shebna from his position and replace him with Eliakim. Eliakim will have authority and be like a trusted peg, honored by his family.

The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 138) the Psalmist thanks the LORD wholeheartedly, acknowledging that He hears me. He praises the Lord among angels and worships in His temple. God's love is eternal, and He never abandons His creations.

In the Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36) Saint Paul says the vastness of God's wisdom and knowledge is incomprehensible. No one can fully understand His mind or advise Him. Everything originates from and exists for Him. Glory to Him eternally.

In the Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20) Jesus asks who people say He is. Peter proclaims Him as Christ, Son of God. Jesus blesses Peter, declaring him foundation of His church, giving him authority over heaven's keys.

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW – PRACTICE

God's Authority Over Leaders: God removes Shebna and gives authority to Eliakim. This shows that God chooses leaders and can take away their power.

Christ as the Foundation: Jesus tells Peter that He will build His Church on him. This shows that the Church is established by Christ and will last.

Faith and Recognition of Jesus: Peter calls Jesus the Son of God. His faith allows him to see the truth about Jesus.

Wisdom of God: Paul reminds us that God's wisdom is beyond human understanding. No one can fully know God's ways.

Keys of the Kingdom: Jesus gives Peter the keys to heaven. This shows that the Church has authority to guide people to God.

Glory Belongs to God: Everything comes from God and exists for Him. All honor should go to Him.

CONCLUSION

We are called to have personal encounter with Jesus and to live out the Good News. It is significant to notice the disciples' personal experience and response to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Each of us must grapple with this question and truly encounter Jesus in their own way, not relying solely on external authorities. The same principles of the papacy apply to the entire community of believers. We must encounter Christ personally and to live out the Good News through love, rather than fear. Peter declares that Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus blesses him. He tells Peter that he will be the rock on which the Church is built. Peter's faith is not perfect. He struggles and makes mistakes. But he trusts in Jesus and speaks with conviction. His faith is strong enough that Jesus gives him a special role in leading the Church. Jesus gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. This means the Church has a responsibility to guide people in faith. It is not just about rules but about leading people to God. The Church's foundation is not on human wisdom but on faith in Jesus.



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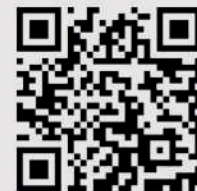
2025-2026



Our Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School students have provided faith-filled service to others this past year through several projects. Our Cereal Bowl collected over 2,200 cereal boxes to support Catholic Charities, helping provide food to those in need in our community. Students also spent time making treats and cards for St. Mary's Food Kitchen, bringing a smile to those they serve. In addition, our students continue to serve our school by assisting younger classmates in the classroom, building leadership skills and spreading kindness.

We are grateful for your support as we encourage our students to grow through service and compassion.

Please reach out to our principal, Mr. Jared Herzet, for more information or scan the QR code below to schedule a tour.



(913) 422-5520 / www.school.shoj.org



LOVE BOX

Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER



Catholic Charities' warehouse team at Hope Distribution Center is seeking support During community food drives, Catholic Charities positions trucks at multiple collection sites. A support volunteer follows the CCNEK driver to each site, ensures the truck is parked safely, and transports the driver back to the Hope Distribution Center (HDC) so they can stage the next drop-off. To get started or to learn more about this opportunity here & fill out the volunteer core application!

FINANCIALS

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for the many sacrifices you make to support the mission of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and School. Every gift entrusted to our parish is an investment in lives being transformed by Christ, making possible marriage enrichment, family engagement, faith formation, sacramental preparation, Catholic education, outreach to those in need, and the celebration of the liturgy. Together, your generosity creates opportunities for people of every age to encounter Jesus more deeply as we continue putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Beginning this fiscal year, we will be reporting our parish and school financial progress on a quarterly rather than weekly basis. While weekly updates have served us well in the past, quarterly reporting provides a more accurate picture of our financial health by minimizing the normal week-to-week fluctuations that occur due to the timing of online gifts, stock transfers, recurring contributions, and other donations being processed. It also allows us to better measure our progress against our parish and school goals throughout the year.

Our commitment to transparency remains unchanged. We will continue to share meaningful financial updates so that, together, we can celebrate God's blessings, remain good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, and ensure we are faithfully advancing our mission of putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and partnership in His mission.



Your continued support helps sustain our ministries, form our students, and care for our parish community all year long. Please prayerfully consider what you can give as an expression of gratitude for God's ongoing blessings. Thank you for being part of this mission!



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