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OUR PARISH MISSION: PUTTING HEARTS ON A
COLLISION COURSE WITH THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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

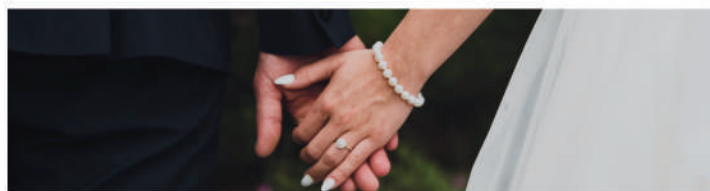
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NEW PARISHIONER HAPPY HOUR



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.



PARENT NIGHT



Sacred Heart Counseling is coming to Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School and Parish for a special presentation designed to help families. On September 17th at 7:00 PM in the MPC there will be a presentation for parents only. This specific presentation is only for parents. There will be separate presentations for the students at a later date.



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.](#)



RETRouvaille



At a time when many marriages and families face increasing pressures, Retrouvaille offers hope and a path toward renewed connection for marriages. The next Kansas City Weekend is September 25–27. If your marriage is facing significant challenges or simply needs renewal, Retrouvaille offers a welcoming place to begin again.

ASSISTANCE GETTING TO MASS

Are you having trouble getting to mass? We have volunteers ready to assist you with rides. Please contact the office 913-422-5700 and speak to Erin to arrange assistance.

SMALL GROUP MENTORS

Adults are invited to serve as Middle School small group mentors for our Youth Ministry programs for the 2026–27 year! As mentors, they will help build relationships with students and lead discussions each week. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours per week. No prior experience required. If you are interested, please contact Jen at jen.zans@shoj.org to schedule a meeting.



FEED THE BODY, NOURISH THE SOUL



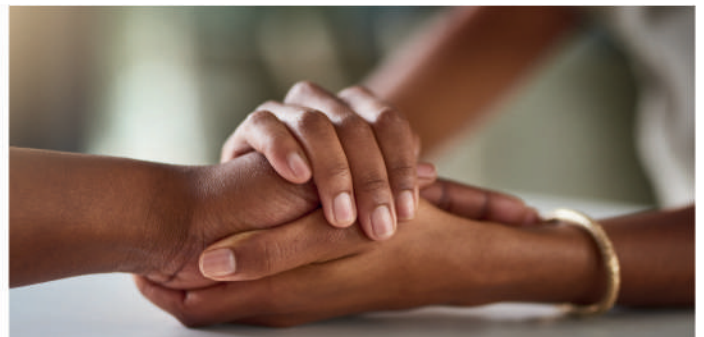
We're expanding our Food Ministry Team to help nourish both the bodies and souls of our students. We'll cover the cost of all ingredients. Responsibility include cooking, serving, and cleaning the tables. Not a fan of cooking but still want to help? You can also donate a catered meal! Reach out to Jen for any questions: jen.zans@shoj.org.

LABOR DAY

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

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Group begins Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 7–8:30 PM. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one, the group offers support, comfort, and guidance through the grieving process using Dr. Alan Wolfelt's curriculum. There is no fee to participate. For more information, contact Tim Murphy at 913-226-4391 or okcmurf@aol.com



OFFICES CLOSED

The parish offices will be closed September 11 for a staff outing. Thank you for your flexibility!



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Discover the Prayer of the Church

In his podcast, Fr. Zarse shares about his commitment to praying the Liturgy of the Hours and how this prayer can become a beautiful part of daily life for individuals and families. He also explains why the Hours matter and what's changing next year.

Listen now and discover a beautiful way to bring the prayer of the Church into your own home.



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, August 31

6:30 - Edwin B. Coyle, Jr. +

8:05 - Lauren Owens

Tuesday, September 1

6:30 - - Louise Peterson +

8:05 - Bob & Rose Marie Hoag +

Wednesday, September 2

6:30 - Bob Ekeler +

8:05 - Jerry Freitag +

Thursday, September 3

6:30 - Beryl Coyle +

8:05 - Carol Rorick +

6:00 - Kerry-Ann Fry

Friday, September 4

6:30 - Christopher Ronnebaum, Chance Ohern

8:05 - Gottfried & Kathie Kotscher +, Virginia Krentz +,
Eric Larsen +, David Jorgenson +, Mike Wolforth +,
Harold Brown +, Jerry Mike Mullane +, Skyler Hays, Nick
Flanary & family, Joe Walter

Saturday, September 5

8:05 - Fallen away parishioners
and the reparation of sinners

4:30 - Mirafior Cuyno +

Sunday, September 6

8:00 - Anne Millard

9:30 - Melanie Herbert +

11:00 - Jordan & Brianna Campbell's
1st Wedding Anniversary

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.

WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND IT.

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

The most outstanding characteristics of the readings today are faithfulness, sacrifice, and discipleship or followership. We are called to follow Christ even when it is difficult, to prioritize eternal values over worldly gain, and to live in a way that pleases God.

EXPLANATION OF THE READINGS

In the First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9) Jeremiah expresses the compelling power of God's word, describing it as a fire in his heart that he cannot contain, even when mocked. The LORD overcame him, and though mocked and derided, he could not hold back God's word. It burnt in his heart, and he could not endure keeping it inside.

The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63) is a psalm of longing and devotion. It upholds the soul's thirst for God's sustaining power. Therefore, we must seek God with a thirst like dry, lifeless earth. God's kindness is greater than life. May our souls cling to him, and his right hand upholds us.

In the Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2) Paul urges all who believe in God to offer themselves as living sacrifices, to avoid conforming to worldly patterns, and to renew their minds to discern God's will. "I urge you, brothers and sisters, to offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." Don't conform to this age but renew your mind to discern what is good and pleasing to God.

In the Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27) Jesus teaches about self-denial, taking up the cross, and the futility of gaining the world at the expense of the soul. He emphasizes following God's plan over human comfort. Jesus begins to explain that He must suffer, be killed, and resurrect. Peter rebukes Him, but Jesus says that Peter is thinking like a man, not God. He tells His followers to deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow Him. Gaining the world but losing one's soul is futile. The Son of Man will come and reward each according to their deeds.

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW – PRACTICE

God's call is strong: Jeremiah feels overwhelmed by God's message, but he cannot keep it inside. Even when people mock him, he must say what is truth.

True worship requires sacrifice: Paul urges believers to offer themselves to God. This means living in a way that pleases God, not following what the world values.

Suffering is part of faith: Jesus tells His disciples that He must suffer and die. This shows that following God's plan often brings hardship, but it leads to life.

God's ways are not human ways: Peter wants to protect Jesus from suffering, but Jesus corrects him. Human thinking often focuses on comfort, but God's plan is bigger.

Carrying the cross: Jesus calls His followers to deny themselves and take up their crosses. Faith is not just about belief; it requires action and sacrifice.

The soul is worth more than the world: Jesus warns that gaining everything means nothing if a person loses their soul. Faith is about seeking what lasts forever, not just what feels good now.

God will judge each person: Jesus says that the Son of Man will come and repay people for their deeds. Faith is not just about words but about how a person lives.

CONCLUSION

Pope Francis once said, "Let us ask for the grace to cultivate a desire for Christ, source of living water, the only one who can satisfy the thirst for life and love which we bear in our hearts." Let this prayer help us daily. "Lord, following you is not always easy. Sometimes doubts, struggles, and suffering make it hard to trust. Give me the strength to keep going. Help me renew my mind and live for you each day. Teach me to carry my cross with faith and courage. Amen."



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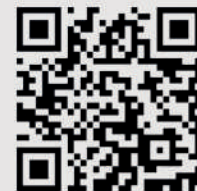


2025-2026

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.

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!

PRAYER LINE



Do you have an intention you would like others to pray for? Sacred Heart has a "Prayer Line" over 250 prayer warriors are committed to praying for your intention daily. Submit a prayer request today!



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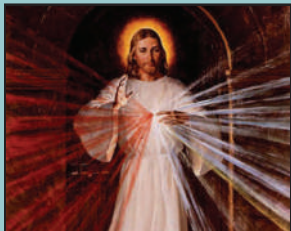
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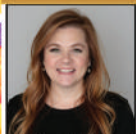
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