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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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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.



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!



YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF



A new Youth Ministry year is just around the corner! Join us on Sunday, September 20th at 4:30 PM starting with Mass in the Church and then a celebration and dinner afterwards in the MPC. All incoming 9th–12th grade students are welcome! Please RSVP so we can plan for dinner and activities. We can't wait to see you there!



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.

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!



ROOM NAMING OPPORTUNITY



The parish is inviting YOU to help name the new and reverted spaces! Participate in this exciting opportunity to be a part of a legacy. Entries are accepted through September 25th.

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.



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 September 15, 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

What do you do when you've fallen into sin and the weight of it starts to settle in?

In this week's podcast, Fr. Zarse talks about what it means to turn back to God right away, trust in His mercy, and refuse the temptation to give in to despair.

He dives into the important difference between guilt and shame, and how the way we respond after sin can either draw us back toward the Father or keep us stuck.



[Listen Here!](#)

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Find all updates about construction on our website.

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



-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, September 7

6:30 - No Mass - Labor Day

8:05 - Patricia Schaefer +

Tuesday, September 8

6:30 - Ryan Friedrichs +

8:05 - Dr. Vincent Paolillo +

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 - Titus Brown

8:05 - Dalton Peavler

Thursday, September 10

6:30 - Gertrude Reischman +

8:05 - Leonard and Jeanette Wieseler +

6:00 - James Schaefer +

Friday, September 11

6:30 - First Responders

8:05 - Emily Barber

Saturday, September 12

8:05 - DelRae Hilfiker +

4:30 - Sally Stephan +

Sunday, September 13

8:00 - Rita Wagner +

9:30 - Frank Menghini +

11:00 - F. Loren Peterson +

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.

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday reminds us that faith is lived in relationships with others. God does not call us to walk alone. We are asked to care for one another, to guide each other, and to live in love. These readings show how warning, correction, and forgiveness are all part of belonging to God's people.

EXPLANATION OF THE READINGS

In the First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9) God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman for the house of Israel, instructing him to warn the wicked of their ways. If he fails to speak, he bears responsibility for their guilt; if he warns them and they do not turn away from their wickedness, he saves himself. This reading is a duty call to care for others and speak truth with courage. The prophet reminds Israel that each person's choices matter before God. The whole prophetic book also promises renewal and a restored heart, here the focus is on speaking truth even when it is unwelcome. Silence in the face of sin is seen as failure to live one's mission.

The psalm response: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts," is a call to the faithful to listen attentively to God and remain open to His guidance.

In the Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10) St. Paul teaches that love fulfills the law. By loving our neighbors, we naturally avoid harming them, thus fulfilling God's commandments. This reading underscores that love is the foundation of moral responsibility.

In the Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20) Jesus instructs on handling conflict within the community. He emphasizes direct, loving correction and the importance of involving the Church when necessary. Jesus promises His presence when two or three gather in His name. This is the power of unity and prayer in community life.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO - PRACTICE

1. Act responsibly by guiding and correcting others with love. Ezekiel speaks about being a watchman. This means people have a duty to warn others when they are doing wrong.
2. Foster reconciliation and unity within families, friendships, and the Church. Jesus explains how to correct someone who sins. The goal is to bring them back, not to shame them. He tells his followers to involve the church when needed. The church helps guide people toward what is right.
3. Recognize God's presence in communal prayer and shared faith. The overall message is that faith is lived in relationships with others. A true community strengthens both spiritual growth and moral responsibility. Jesus says that when people agree in faith, their prayers matter. God listens when people pray together. Jesus promises to be present when people gather in his name. This shows the importance of faith and community.
4. Loving Others Fulfills the Law. Paul teaches that love sums up all the commandments. If people love their neighbors, they will not harm them.

CONCLUSION

Love guides correction, warning, and reconciliation. Community is where God's presence is made real, and where faith grows strong. This shows that Jesus understands that disagreements will happen. The church is made up of people, and people make mistakes. Instead of ignoring problems or letting them grow, Jesus teaches a way to deal with them fairly. The goal is not punishment but reconciliation. Jesus also reminds his followers that their actions matter. When they make decisions in unity and prayer, those decisions carry authority. God is with them, guiding their choices. Conflict must be healthy and should not divide the church. It should be handled with patience and love.



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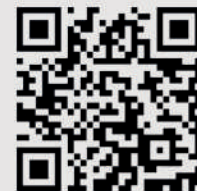
2025-2026



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.



NAVIGATING US RETREAT

 Join Richard and Elizabeth Albertson for "Navigating Us" Marriage Retreat on November 6-8 in the MPC. Navigating Us is an opportunity to intentionally invest in the relationship that matters most with practical tools on how navigate marriage together. Registration is \$50 per couple.



THE HIDDEN POWER OF THE ROSARY



Fr. Zarse reflects on the power of the Rosary and how it can draw us closer to Jesus and transform our spiritual lives.

MOTHER'S CIRCLE

Mother's Circle would like to invite all moms to our September 10th meeting. We will meet at 7:30pm in the School Library. Hope to see you there!



FINANCIALS



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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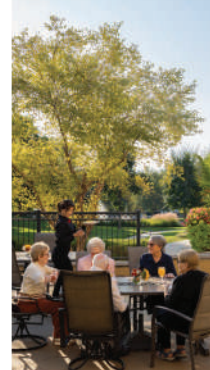
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