



# Our Parish Community

September 7, 2025

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** For someone who talks about love so much, it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

### How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

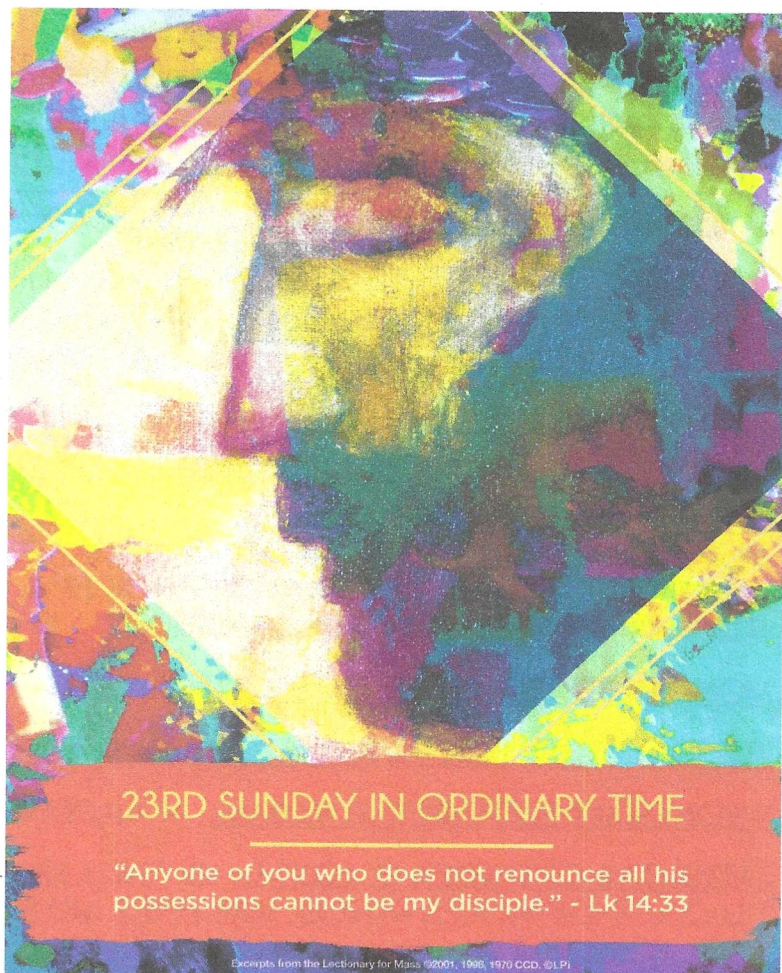
For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay; hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



### 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:33

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### Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we *should* have — with our Lord?

### Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

|                     |                                                         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;<br>Grandparents' Day      |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary                 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | St. Peter Claver, Priest                                |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | Patriot Day                                             |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | The Most Holy Name of Mary                              |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | St. John Chrysostom,<br>Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross                        |



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Monday-Thursday:

9:00am-5:00pm

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday:

4:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

## Daily Masses

Mon-5:30pm

Tues-5:30pm

Wed - 9:00 AM Mass

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 2:30PM-3:30PM,

Mon - Tuesday 5pm, Wednesday 8:30 AM or by appointment.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 06- SEPTEMBER 14

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 4:00 PM: +BLANCA HILARIA CASTILLO, +MARK & +RED ANDERSON, +ANTHONY N. MARTINEZ, +GINO MARTINEZ

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 11:00AM: +ABEL GARCIA, +JOSE GUALUPE PEREZ, HEALTH OF FATHER RUDY

1:00PM: +MARTINIANO FLORES, +ERNESTO NERI, +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +ROSAURA RAMIREZ, +JULIAN GARCIA, +ALCADIO RAMIREZ, +OCTAVIO CAMPOS, +ELVIRA MAR, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 5:30 PM: +JIMMY ROETHEMEYER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 5:30 PM: +ROBERT LINDNEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9:00AM: +CAROLINE NAGLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 4:00PM: +BLANCA HILARIA CASTILLO, +CINDY MCKEE, +ANGEL MARTINEZ, +RUDY FLORES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 11:00AM: +JUDY GRAMMAR, +RAMONA DE LUCAS, HEALTH OF FATHER RUDY, JULIA AVALOS AND ALFREDO BARRAZA.

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, +ERNESTO NERI, +ANTONIA CORDERO, +ESPERANZA (GOYITA) GALLEGOS, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO Y POR EL CUMPLEANOS DE BRYAN ZUNIGA.

**Mass Intentions**—Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday. Please call the Church Office at **(830) 995-3708** to offer a Mass Intention or for more information. Deadline is every **Tuesday by 12pm.**



### Offering Totals

August 30 & August 31

General Offerings: \$6,653.00

Second Collections :

Online Giving : \$975.00

Children's offerings: \$59.00

*Thank you for your support!*

*¡Gracias por su apoyo!*

**September 07, 2025**

### **Stewards Follow**

"Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we in Stewardship can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



**ATTENDANCE**

### **Mass**

Saturday, August 30

4:00 pm

151

Sunday, August 31

11:00 am

202

1:00 p.m.

270



Jesus, our teacher, offers lessons today on being a disciple. These lessons can be difficult—we must carry our own crosses, we must renounce all our possessions, we even must hate our own family—but we gather as a family of faith in this place to hear them and reflect on them. The words of Wisdom may help, as they point out that as much as we try, we cannot possibly conceive the mind of God. Therefore, with faith and humility, let us listen to God's word.

Jesús, nuestro Maestro, nos ofrece lecciones hoy en ser discípulos. Estas lecciones pueden ser difíciles —nosotros debemos cargar nuestras propias cruces, debemos renunciar a nuestros Bienes y hasta debemos preferirlo a él por encima de nuestra propia familia— pero aquí estamos, reunidos como familia en la fe para escuchar esas lecciones y reflexionarlas. Las palabras del libro de la Sabiduría pueden ayudarnos, pues nos afirman que por mucho que tratemos no nos será posible penetrar los designios de Dios. Por lo tanto, con fe y humildad, escuchemos la palabra de Dios.



Please pray for/Rezamos por:

Elodia Garcia  
Manuel Lozano  
Santos Pinedo  
Antonia Rosales  
Javier Rosales  
Caleb Allen  
Ed Melcher  
Angelica Arreola  
Manuela Garcia  
Rogelio Castro

Edith Maskey  
Maricela Lozano  
Juan Lozano  
Alfredo Barraza  
Julia Avalos



(If you would like to add a name on the list, please email [shc.ofc@outlook.com](mailto:shc.ofc@outlook.com)/ Si usted quiere añadir un nombre, favor de mandar un email at: [shc.ofc@outlook.com](mailto:shc.ofc@outlook.com))

## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and in God's peace. The new school year has already started. Please keep in your prayers our students, teachers and all those involved in the education of our students. May this be a good year for everyone.

With the month of September many things will be starting up. One of these things is our religious education program. Classes will begin the Sunday after Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents of our CCD students are asked to register their students as soon as possible so that we will know how many books and supplies to order. Our DRE, Linda, will be in the gathering area of the church to answer any questions you may have and to register your children. Those who will not be making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year are encouraged to attend CCD classes. We have classes for them also.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be having our annual Kermes Festival this year. This festival always takes place in September and not having one will have a big negative impact on our Capital Campaign fundraising. Our Spanish community are very disappointed. They were looking forward to celebrating this festival to help us raise money for our parish center but unfortunately this will not happen this year. To make up for our lost income they will be having fundraisers after Sunday mass. The gordita fundraiser on August 10<sup>th</sup> raised \$1,760.00 for the Capital Campaign.

Have you noticed the new bulletins we have? I have heard through the grapevine that some people are not happy with them. They miss the covers and the question-and-answer segment it had on the back. What happened was that the company that was providing them told us they would no longer offer this service. The solution they suggested was very expensive, so we had to find someone else.

Our annual festival is next month, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> which will now take place at the Comfort Park like the past years. Make plans to come and bring your family and friends. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

**The groundbreaking for our new Parish Center will be Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Archbishop Gustavo will celebrate the 11 am mass and afterwards we will have our official groundbreaking ceremony.** As of August 11<sup>th</sup>, we have raised \$5,400.00, which leaves us a shortfall of \$793,083.00 to complete phase 1. This phase will be the completion of a covered walkway from the church to the Parish Center, the lobby, kitchen, hall, and restrooms. Phase 2 is the classrooms and Phase 3 will be the offices and conference room.

As we begin another month let us continue to support one another as our Lord has commanded us. May our parish community be a place where everyone feels welcome and like family.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph watch over us and protect us all. Remember, God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Rudy T. Carrola, Jr.

## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

Espero que este boletín te encuentre en buena salud y en la paz de Dios. El nuevo año escolar ya ha comenzado. Por favor, mantén en tus oraciones a nuestros estudiantes, maestros y a todos los que están involucrados en la educación de nuestros estudiantes. Que este sea un buen año para todos.

Con el mes de septiembre comenzarán muchas cosas. Una de estas cosas es nuestro programa de educación religiosa. Las clases comenzarán el domingo después del Día del Trabajo, el 7 de septiembre. Se pide a los padres de nuestros estudiantes de CCD que registren a sus hijos lo antes posible para que sepamos cuántos libros y suministros pedir. Nuestra DRE, Linda, estará en el área de reunión de la iglesia para responder cualquier pregunta que puedan tener y para registrar a sus hijos. Se anima a aquellos que no harán su Primera Comunión o Confirmación este año a asistir a las clases de CCD. También tenemos clases para ellos.

Debido a circunstancias fuera de nuestro control, no tendremos nuestro Festival Kermes anual este año. Este festival siempre se lleva a cabo en septiembre y no tener uno tendrá un gran impacto negativo en nuestra recaudación de fondos para la Campaña Capital. Nuestra comunidad hispana está muy decepcionada. Estaban deseando celebrar este festival para ayudarnos a recaudar dinero para nuestro centro parroquial, pero desafortunadamente esto no sucederá este año. Para compensar nuestra pérdida de ingresos, tendrán recaudaciones de fondos después de la misa del domingo. La recaudación de fondos de gorditas el 10 de agosto recaudó \$1,760.00 para la Campaña de Capital.

¿Has notado los nuevos boletines que tenemos? He oído a través de personas que no están contentas con ellos. Extrañan las portadas y la sección de preguntas y respuestas que tenía en la parte de atrás. Lo que pasó fue que la empresa que los proporcionaba nos dijo que ya no ofrecería este servicio. La solución que sugirieron era muy cara, así que tuvimos que encontrar a alguien más.

Nuestro festival anual es el próximo mes, el sábado 4 de octubre, que ahora se llevará a cabo en el Parque de Comfort como en los años pasados. Haz planes para venir y trae a tu familia y amigos. ¡NECESITAMOS TU APOYO!

**La inauguración de nuestro nuevo Centro Parroquial será el domingo 23 de noviembre, el Arzobispo Gustavo celebrará la misa a las 11 am y después tendremos nuestra ceremonia oficial de inauguración.** A partir del 11 de agosto, hemos recaudado \$5,400.00, lo que nos deja una falta de \$793,083.00 para completar la fase 1. Esta fase será la finalización de un pasillo cubierto desde la iglesia hasta el Centro Parroquial, el vestíbulo, la cocina, el salón y los baños. La fase 2 serán las aulas y la fase 3 serán las oficinas y la sala de conferencias.

Al comenzar otro mes, continuemos apoyándonos unos a otros como nuestro Señor nos ha mandado. Que nuestra comunidad parroquial sea un lugar donde todos se sientan bienvenidos y como en familia.

Que la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José nos proteja y cuide a todos nosotros. Recuerda, Dios te ama y yo también.

P. Rudy T. Carrola, Jr.

## Announcements/Anuncios

The second collection today is to assist Catholic Near East and Catholic Relief Services provide vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical care for the sick, wounded, and malnourished in Gaza and the surrounding areas of the Middle East.

We are selling raffle tickets at the entrance of the church for our church festival that will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> on the new church grounds right after the 4 pm mass. Please buy or sell as many as you can. All the money from this raffle will go toward our new Parish Center.

The Knights of Columbus will be having a bingo in the old church on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 pm. Please give them your support.

Religious Education classes started today. Students are asked to please be on time.

La segunda colecta de hoy es para ayudar a Catholic Near East y a Catholic Relief Services a proporcionar una vital ayuda humanitaria de emergencia y atención médica para los enfermos, heridos y desnutridos en Gaza y las áreas circundantes del Medio Oriente.

Estamos vendiendo boletos de rifa en la entrada de la iglesia para nuestro festival parroquial que se llevará a cabo el sábado 4 de octubre en el nuevo terreno de la iglesia justo después de la misa de las 4 pm. Por favor, compren o vendan tantos como puedan. Todo el dinero de esta rifa se destinará a nuestro nuevo Centro Parroquial.

Los Caballeros de Colón tendrán un bingo en la iglesia antigua el viernes 12 de septiembre comenzando a las 7 p.m. Por favor, bríndenles su apoyo.

Las clases de Educación Religiosa empezaron hoy. Se pide a los estudiantes que por favor lleguen a tiempo.

### Parish Fall Festival

#### Live Auction

We are gathering some exciting items for the Fall Festival Live Auction. Soon there will be flyers to show you just what they are.

There will be an original water color painting of the Old Church by Edith Maskey. Two or three dinner packages are being planned, and again we will have the clay shoot at Joshua Creek Ranch.

An intricate handmade wooden jewelry box and a queen-size quilt, both created by parishioners, will be offered. And an exquisite figurine of wild horses is included.

Stay tuned for more information and mark your calendars to attend the Festival on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>!

THANK YOU!

### Festival de Otoño de la Parroquia Subasta

#### en Vivo

Estamos reuniendo algunos artículos emocionantes para la Subasta en Vivo del Festival de Otoño. Pronto habrá folletos para mostrarte exactamente cuáles son.

Habrà una pintura al óleo original de la Vieja Iglesia por Edith Maskey. Se están planeando dos o tres paquetes de cena, y una vez más tendremos la tirada de arcilla en Joshua Creek Ranch.

Se ofrecerá una intrincada caja de joyería de madera hecha a mano y una colcha tamaño queen, ambas creadas por los feligreses. Además, se incluye una exquisita figura de caballos salvajes.

¡Estén atentos para más información y marquen sus calendarios para asistir al Festival el sábado 4 de octubre!

¡GRACIAS!

## Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

### Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17  
(1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

### Monday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### Tuesday:

Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

### Wednesday:

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/  
Lk 6:20-26

### Thursday:

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Lk 6:27-38

### Friday:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
Lk 6:39-42

### Saturday:

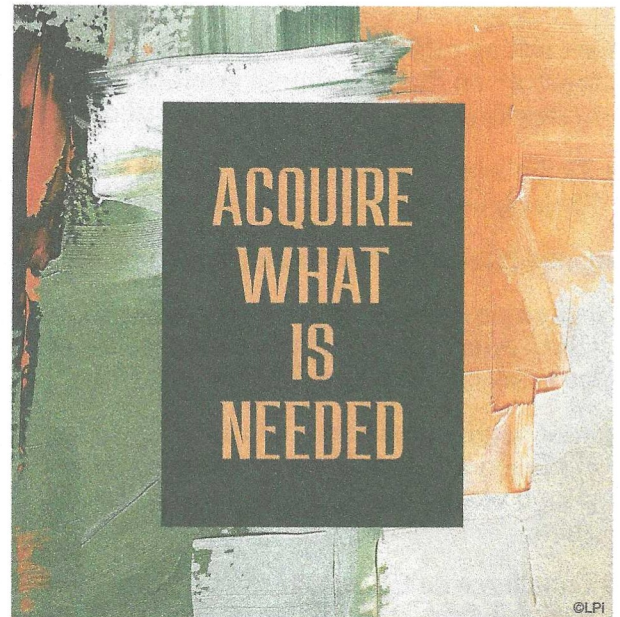
1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/  
Lk 6:43-49

### Next Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,  
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven-his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir