



Our Parish Community

August 3, 2025

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

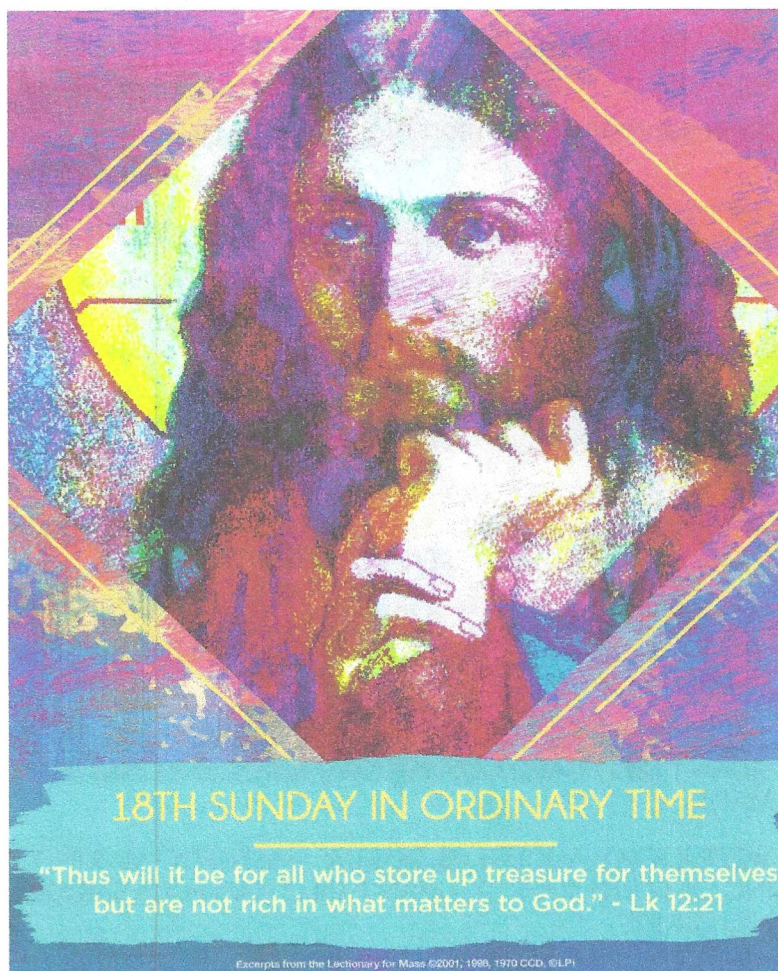
And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?

Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Wednesday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Friday:	St. Dominic, Priest
Saturday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 02- AUGUST 10

SATURDAY, AUGUST 02, 4:00 PM: +ALFREDO MARIN, +JUAN PABLO GALLEGOS, +KENT BURGESS, +DOLORES MORALES, MARY O'SHEA SMITH, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 03, 11:00AM: +KENT BURGESS, +ALFREDO MARIN, IN THANKSGIVING FOR STEVE FROST, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO, POR LA CONVERSION DE LA FAMILIA ROMERO ANGEL, CUMPLEANOS DE KEVIN ZUNIGA.

MONDAY, AUGUST 04 5:30 PM: FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY, +ALFREDO MARIN, +JUAN PABLO GALLEGOS SARABIA, +JUAN ANTONIO PEREZ

TUESDAY, AUGUST 05, 5:30 PM: FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY, +JUAN PABLO GALLEGOS SARABIA, +JUAN ANTONIO PEREZ, +ALFREDO MARIN

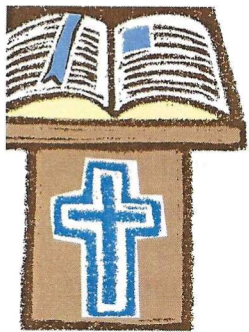
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 06, 9:00AM: +ALFREDO MARIN, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY, +JUAN PABLO GALLEGOS SARABIA, +JUAN ANTONIO PEREZ,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 09, 4:00PM: +JUAN PABLO GALLEGOS SARABIA, +JUAN ANTONIO PEREZ, +ALFREDO MARIN THANKSGIVING FOR ANNIVERSARY.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 11:00AM: +KENT BURGESS, +JUAN PABLO GALLEGOS SARABIA, +JUAN ANTONIO PEREZ, +ALFREDO MARIN

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO, POR ESTHER POR SU VIDA Y SUS INTENCIONES, POR LA CONVERSION DE LA FAMILIA ROMERO ANGEL

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.**



"Vanity of vanities," we hear right off the bat today, a condemnation of our inclination to labor and obsess over the many material goods we have or hope to accumulate. In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to listen to a parable that addresses this pointless avarice. We get to hear the surprise awaiting the rich man whose harvest was so huge his barns couldn't hold it. In between, we hear Saint Paul's advice to the Colossians: "seek what is above." It's too late for the rich man in Jesus' parable, but it's always timely advice for us.

"Todas las cosas . . . son vana ilusión". Esto es lo que escuchamos hoy desde el mero comienzo; una repulsa a nuestra inclinación de trabajar y la obsesión con todo lo material que poseemos o que esperamos llegar a acumular. En el Evangelio, Jesús nos invita a escuchar una parábola que aborda esa avaricia inútil. Oímos la sorpresa del hombre rico, cuya cosecha era tan inmensa que sus graneros no podían contenerla. Entremedio, escuchamos el consejo de san Pablo a los colosenses: "busquen los bienes de arriba". Es demasiado tarde para el hombre rico de la parábola de Jesús, pero es un consejo siempre oportuno para nosotros.



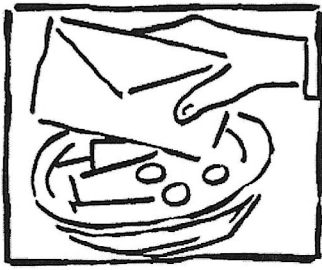
Please pray for/Rezamos por:

Edith Maskey

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



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



Offering Totals

July 26 & July 27

General Offerings: \$5,556.76

Second Collections : \$1,850.00

Online Giving : \$405.00

Children's offerings: \$29.00

Thank you for your support!

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

August 03, 2025

Stewards Follow

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living **Stewardship** in a grateful and generous lifestyle. Become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."



Mass

Saturday, July 26

4:00 pm

143

Sunday, July 27

11:00 am

174

1:00 p.m.

250

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 2025

Espero que esta carta te encuentre en buena salud y en la paz de Dios. En tus oraciones, por favor recuerda orar por lluvia, el fin del aborto y el fin de las guerras en nuestro mundo. Estamos en desesperada necesidad de lluvia y de la paz de Dios.

El viernes 15 de agosto es la fiesta de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, un día santo de obligación. Tendremos una misa de vigilia el jueves 14 a las 4 pm en inglés y una misa bilingüe el viernes 15 a las 6 pm. Estas son las únicas misas que tendremos para este día de fiesta. No habrá misa a las 9 am el miércoles 14.

El primer día de clases ha comenzado. En anticipación a esto, tendremos una bendición para todos los niños de la escuela durante la misa del sábado 9 de agosto y durante ambas misas del domingo 10 de agosto.

Nuestras clases de catecismo comenzarán en septiembre. Por favor, recuerden registrar a sus hijos lo antes posible. Solo porque un niño no esté haciendo un sacramento, no significa que no deba asistir a CCD. Linda, nuestra D.R.E., estará en el área de reunión de la iglesia para ayudar a registrar a sus hijos. Todas las niñas que quieran tener una quinceañera deben recordar que deben estar inscritas en CCD el año antes de su misa de debut, así como el año siguiente, y tener buena asistencia a misa y en clase.

Los Caballeros de Colón han tenido mucho éxito con la recolecta de chatarra que comenzaron. Si tienes algo que te gustaría darnos, por favor tráelo al contenedor en el lado sur de la iglesia o contacta a uno de los Caballeros para programar un servicio de recogida.

Pronto tendremos dos grandes recaudaciones de fondos. El 6 de septiembre, nuestra comunidad hispana tendrá una Kermés en los terrenos de nuestra iglesia antigua. Este evento es una de las principales celebraciones de México. El año pasado, la comida, el entretenimiento y la convivencia fueron simplemente excepcionales. Todos comentaban lo maravilloso, divertido y familiar que fue el evento y decían que no podían esperar al próximo. Bueno, el próximo será el mes que viene. Haz planes para estar allí, te alegrarás de haberlo hecho. Para más información, por favor llama a la oficina al 830-995-3708. Todo el dinero recaudado en este evento se utilizará para pagar los gastos de pre-construcción de nuestro nuevo centro parroquial.

El 30 de junio completé mi quinto año en Sagrado Corazón. Cuando comencé, el gran problema era el pabellón. La gente preguntaba qué pasaría con él y si algún día se terminaría. Yo tampoco estaba seguro, pero decidí ponerlo en manos de Dios y hacer lo mejor que pudiera. Con la ayuda de Dios y su apoyo, logramos lo que algunos decían que no se podía hacer. Otros desafíos más pequeños llegaron a nuestro camino, y Dios nuevamente estuvo allí para ayudarnos. En agosto de 2024, los desafío a hacer realidad nuestro sueño de un Centro Parroquial. Su respuesta y generosidad fueron inspiradoras. Ahora, el 23 de noviembre de 2025, el Arzobispo Gustavo celebrará la misa y nos ayudará a iniciar la construcción de nuestro nuevo Centro. ¡Dios es tan bueno!

Recuerden, Dios los ama y yo también.

Que la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José nos cuide y nos proteja.

P. Rudy T. Carrola, Jr.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 2025

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and in God's peace. In your prayers, please remember to pray for rain, an end to abortion, and an end to the wars in our world. We are in desperate need of rain and God's peace

Friday, August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. We will be having a Vigil mass on Thursday, the 14th at 4 pm in English and a bilingual mass on Friday, the 15th at 6 pm. These are the only masses we will be having for this feast day. There will **not** be a 9 am mass on Wednesday, the 14th.

The first day of school has begun. In anticipation of this we will have a blessing for all school children during Saturday Mass on August 09th and during both masses on Sunday, August 10th.

Our catechism classes will be starting in September. Please remember to register your children as soon as possible. Just because a child may not be making a sacrament does not mean they do not have to go to CCD. Linda, our D.R.E., will be in the gathering area of the church to help register your children. All girls who want to have a quinceanera are reminded they must be enrolled in CCD the year before their debut mass as well as the following year and have good attendance at mass and in class.

The Knights of Columbus have had a lot of success with the scrap metal drive they started. If you have some you would like to give to us, please bring it to the dumpster on the south side of the church or contact one of the Knights to schedule a pickup service.

We will soon be having two big fundraisers. On September 6th our Spanish community will be having a Kermes on the grounds of our old church grounds. This event is one of the principal celebrations of Mexico. Last year the food, entertainment, and fellowship were just outstanding. Everyone was commenting on what a terrific, fun, and family-friendly event it was and said they could not wait for the next one. Well, the next one will be next month. Make plans to be there, you will be glad you did. For more information, please call the office at 830-995-3708. All the money made at this event will be used to pay for the preconstruction expenses of our new parish center.

On June 30th I completed my fifth year at Sacred Heart. When I first started the big issue was the pavilion. People were asking what would happen to it and if it would ever be finished. I was not sure myself but decided to put it in God's hands and do my best. With God's help and your support, we accomplished what some said could not be done. Other smaller challenges came our way, and God again was there to help us. August 2024, I challenged you to make our dream of a Parish Center a reality. Your response and generosity were inspiring. Now, on November 23, 2025 Archbishop Gustavo will say mass and help us break ground for our new Center. God is so good!

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

Fr. Rudy T. Carrola, Jr.

Announcements/Anuncios

This Monday, August 4th, marks the beginning of our new school year. Please pray for all our students, parents, and teachers. May this be a good year for all.

Don't forget we have a children's collection during our Sunday masses. This collection takes place during our regular collection and gives our children a chance to participate in our church.

Next weekend Father Rudy will be blessing all the students for the new school year.

There will be a parent meeting and a teen meeting for those students who will be starting Confirmation Preparation. This will take place Saturday, August 9th at 9:30am in Hilscher Hall. All students must be accompanied by an adult.

Catechists needed: Sunday 3rd grade First Communion, A catechist to Team teach Confirmation Yr. 2 students. Wednesday evening for high school students and Tuesday evening OCIA Adults.

Este lunes 4 de agosto marca el comienzo de nuestro nuevo año escolar. Por favor, oren por todos nuestros estudiantes, padres y maestros. Que este sea un buen año para todos.

No olvides que tenemos una colecta para niños durante nuestras misas dominicales. Esta colecta se lleva a cabo durante nuestra colecta regular y le da a nuestros niños la oportunidad de participar en nuestra iglesia.

El próximo fin de semana, Padre Rudy estará bendiciendo a todos los estudiantes para el nuevo año escolar.

Jueves 7 de agosto comenzara la novena a Nuestra Señora de la Asunción a las 7 de la tarde en la Iglesia.

Habrà una junta para padres y jóvenes de aquellos estudiantes quienes empezaran la preparación para el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Esto se llevará acabo el sábado, 9 de agosto a las 9:30am en el salón de vidrio. Todos los estudiantes deben ser acompañados por un adulto.

Mexican Dinner & Parish

Festival Silent Auction/Cena Mexicana y Subasta silenciosa de la Parroquia

It's time to start planning for our annual festival event, and that includes the Silent & Live Auctions! We are collecting items now for the October 4th Festival.

This year we will have limited space for our auction, yet we still want to bring in enough money to meet our budget with some left over for the Capital Campaign.

If you would like to contribute to the Silent Auction, we ask that you bring an item or items that you would like to buy. If you would like to buy it, most likely someone else would also like to purchase it!

We will use your item(s) in the best way possible. We also ask that you complete a simple form for each item so that we have accurate records.

Items can be brought to the Parish Office or to the church at Mass times. Or you can call Rose Burckhardt 763-412-8618 to make arrangements for a drop off.

THANK YOU!

Es hora de comenzar a planificar nuestro evento anual del festival, ¡y eso incluye las subastas silenciosas y en vivo! Estamos recolectando artículos ahora para el Festival del 4 de octubre.

Este año tendremos espacio limitado para nuestra subasta, sin embargo, aún queremos recaudar suficiente dinero para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto y tener algo sobrante para la Campaña de Capital.

Si desea contribuir a la subasta silenciosa, le pedimos que traiga un artículo o artículos que le gustaría comprar. ¡Si le gustaría comprarlo, lo más probable es que a alguien más también le gustaría comprar!

Usaremos su(s) artículo(s) de la mejor manera posible. También le pedimos que complete un formulario sencillo para cada artículo para que tengamos registros precisos.

Los artículos se pueden llevar a la Oficina Parroquial o a la iglesia durante los horarios de misa. O puede llamar a Rose Burckhardt a 763-412-8618 para hacer arreglos para dejar los artículos. ¡GRACIAS!

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

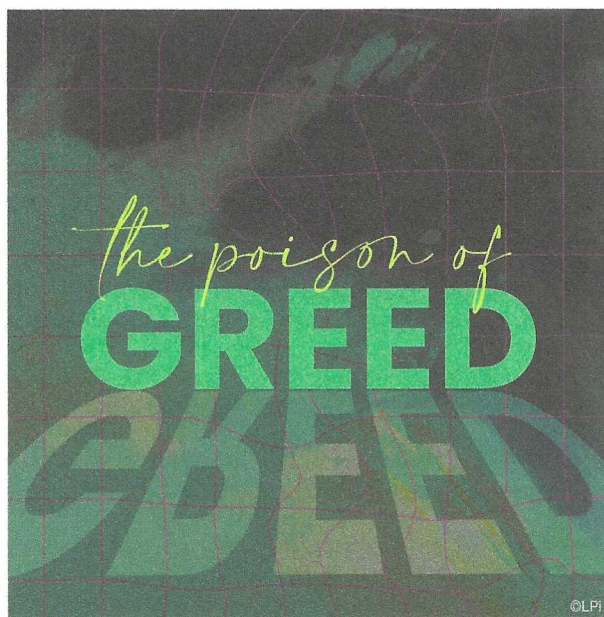
Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir