


Sacred Heart Church: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 13, 2025		
MASS INTENTIONS (The Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before Mass)		
Mon: 8:30 a.m	July 14: Mass:	ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN For Dixie Charles By Mike & Trish Huse
Tue: 8:30 a.m	July 15: Mass:	ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP For the Teague Family By Mike & Trish Huse
Wed: 8:30 a.m.	July 16: Mass:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel For the Holy Souls By Mike & Trish Huse
Thu: 5:30 p.m.	July 17: Mass:	For the Recent Flood Victims By Donor
Fri.: 8:30 a.m.	July 18: Mass:	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest For Patrick Jones By Mike & Trish Huse
Sat: 6:00 p.m.	July 19: Mass:	For Esther & John Garza Family By Mike & Trish Huse
Sun: 8:30 a.m.	July 20: Mass:	16th Sunday In Ordinary Time † Maria Irene Martinez By Myra Avila

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR POPE, BISHOP, ALL PRIESTS & OUR SEMINARIANS in our Diocese.** May God keep them safe and free from all harm. Amen.

<u>WEEKLY READINGS</u>	
Mon:	Exodus 1:8-14,22; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tue:	Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24
Wed:	Exodus 3:1-6,9-12; Matthew 11:25-27
Thu:	Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
Fri:	Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
Sat:	Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21
Sun:	Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

<u>PRAYER FOR THE SICK</u>	
Private Special Intentions	Cindy Aldrete & Doug DelaRosa
Becky Rendon & Family	Fr. Laurent Mvondo
Sandra Tran	Beth Worley
Richard & Mary Arredondo	Destiny Bravo
Maria (Rendon) Spivey	J.L. Chasteen
Dalia Alonzo	Billy Cupps
Melissa Cortez	Richard Dulin
Susie Stamper	Kay Dela Rosa
Connie Salas	Josef Kaderka
Judy Castanuela	Maria Morris
Special Intentions	Victor Hernandez, Jr.

Our Monetary Gifts to God Last Week:
Envelopes: \$ 1,537.00 - Loose: \$ 860.00
Total Weekend Parish Offerings: \$ 2,397.00
We thank you for your continued support to the parish!
May God reward your generosity, always. Amen!

Meditations . . .

“Who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29)

When we read Jesus’ parable of the good Samaritan, we might overlook this seemingly innocent question from the scribe. But Luke tells us that this man asked the question “because he wished to justify himself” (10:29). Whom did he not have to love? Whom could he ignore? Was there anyone he could dismiss or who didn’t have a claim on his compassion? Essentially, he wanted to know how far he could go and still be “justified.”

In response, Jesus told a parable that featured the one character this scribe would have found most difficult to love: a Samaritan (Luke 10:33). Samaritans were descendants of the people the Assyrians brought in to intermarry with the Israelites after a devastating war. They worshipped the Lord, but they did so according to a version of the Law that scribes like the man in today’s Gospel rejected. They had even built their own temple instead of worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem. Yet despite this history, Jesus presents two Jews who fail miserably while a Samaritan shows extravagant love.

It’s this Samaritan whom Jesus told this scribe to love as his “neighbor” (Luke 10:36). And if he were to love the Samaritan, then he had to love everyone. No one was off-limits; everyone was his neighbor.

Who do you think Jesus might feature if he were to tell you this parable? Who do you have the hardest time accepting or loving? That person is your neighbor. Every person whom God created has a claim on you. Even the ones who look and think and act differently than you. Even the ones you find hard to love. Even the ones you consider “enemies.” Especially them!

If this sounds too hard, know that Jesus is on your side. He wants to help you become more loving and more kind and forgiving toward everyone. So ask him, the One who loved his enemies perfectly, to soften your heart and move you to love just as he does.

“Jesus, teach me how to love all of my neighbors!”

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HONDURAS PARTNERSHIP DIOCESES COL-LECTION:

Next weekend, **July 19-20, 2025**, we have a second collection for the Honduras Partnership Collection. Please be generous to this worthy cause. God bless you!

The Fruits of Repentance (Part 4):

“God wants to do so much more than forgive us.”

Essentially, there are three opportunities open to us to make this fourfold act of repentance and to receive the forgiveness and cleansing that Jesus wants to give us. The first is in the privacy and intimacy of our own prayer life. We should all make it a point to establish the habit of examining our consciences at the end of each day. Just as St. Paul encouraged us never to let the sun go down on our anger, we should never let the sun set on unrepented sins (Ephesians 4:26). While some sins will need the grace of Confession, it's always a good idea to bring them all to the Lord as soon as possible so that their sting is removed and so that guilt does not get the upper hand.

A second opportunity is ours every time we celebrate Mass. Just before we hear the word of the Lord, we are invited to cry out, "Lord, have mercy! Christ have mercy!" This act of openly admitting that we have sinned is a powerful way to take responsibility for our actions and to humble ourselves before God and one another. It also gives us the opportunity to get ourselves right with all the people around us as well. The Penitential Rite tells us that we belong to one another and that our sins affect each other. As such, it gives us the chance to be at peace with the people who we are about to join before the altar of the Lord and with whom we are about to receive his body and blood. It's as if this is our "last chance" to overcome any obstacles between ourselves and God—and among each other—before we receive Communion!

(to be continued)

[Excerpt from The Word Among Us]

<u>Please Pray For Those Serving In The Military</u>	
Donald Anthony Salas, Army	Patrick Kerr, Major, Lt.
Ricky & Julietta Nuñez, AF	Col Space Force
Michael P. Stallings, Major, Army	Matthew Hurtado, Marines
AMN, Paul L. Rosales, Air Force	Benjamin Orosco, Green Beret
Jacob Hoyumpa, OCS, Marines	Teresa Rolfe, Lt., Navy
David Hernandez, Jr., Army	Marty Siller, Army

MASS INTENTIONS OPENINGS:
There are several openings for Mass Intentions during the weekdays (Monday through Friday). If you wish to schedule a Mass (or more) for your loved ones, or a special cause, please notify the Parish Office during normal work days/hours.

OCIA INSTRUCTIONS:
There will be OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes scheduled in July (2025) for those interested in becoming Catholics, or for those who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. **The first class will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 (date corrected from previous bulletin), at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please contact Carlos Barrios, Sr. at (325) 636-7268 for more information.

SUNDAY BULLETIN ADS:
The month of July, 2025, began the current 6 month cycle of Bulletin Ads. Those who wish to continue their ad(s), or need to edit, or delete the ads, please contact the Parish Office. The price per ad is still the same (\$15 per square). These ads help off-set the costs of printing our Sunday Bulletin. Please take care of this business matter, as soon as possible. We thank you for your patronage. God bless you!

Looking Ahead

HOLY HOUR (ADORATION & BENEDICTION):
Thursdays: 3-6 p.m. inside the Church

CCD CLASSES (Closed for Summer):
Wednesday: All Grades: 6-7:00 p.m.

Parish Youth Meetings (Closed for Summer):
Wednesdays - 6-7:00 p.m.

Honduran Partnership Dioceses:
Weekend: July 19-20, 2025

Diocesan Priests’ Retirement Collection:
Weekend: August 2-3, 2025

OCIA Instructions:
Wednesday: August 13, 2025 - 7 p.m.

College & University Campus Ministry Collection:
Weekend: August 30-31, 2025

Diocesan Seminarians Collection:
Weekend: September 27-28, 2025