

# Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Closed For Lunch 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the rectory of any change in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work/school or character reference.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:

English - Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:30am, 12:30pm

Spanish - Saturday 7:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8:30am

Wednesday - 8:30am

Saturday - 9:00am

Holy Days - see website for listing  
Holy Hour 7pm first Thursday of the month

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptism** - First Saturday of the month in English at 1:00 pm. Second Saturday of the month in Spanish at 1:00 PM. Parents must meet with the pastor prior to the Baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend Baptismal instruction. Instruction is held same day as Baptism, prior to ceremony.

**Reconciliation** - 4:00 PM before the Saturday evening Mass or by appointment.

**Marriage** - Couples are required to make arrangements one year to six months prior to the date of marriage. One party must be a registered and active member of this parish. Participation in Pre-marriage Program is required. Couple must meet with the pastor prior to any arrangements being made.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 10, 2016

### First Reading: Acts 8:27-32, 40b-41

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

### Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

### Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday April 9

9:00 AM

5:00 PM Anne Duffell (†)

7:00 PM The priest will announce the names and intentions

### Sunday April 10

9:30 AM John Curtis (†)

11:00 AM The priest will announce the names and intentions

12:30 PM Jesus Rodriguez Vicente (†)

### Monday April 11

8:30 AM

7:00pm Divino Niño Novena

### Tuesday April 12

8:30 AM

### Wednesday April 12

8:30 AM

### Thursday April 14

8:30 AM

### Friday April 15

8:30 AM

### Saturday April 16

9:00 AM

5:00 PM James & John Lulack (†)

7:00 PM The priest will announce the names and intentions

### Sunday April 17

9:30 AM Sarah & Jeffrey Beardsal (†)

11:00 AM The priest will announce the names and intentions

12:30 PM Adam Marguard (†)

## SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

### Third Sunday of Easter

How amazing that in such a short time following Peter's denial, he boldly proclaimed his faith before the very same authority. He had no trouble stating that he and his companions were witnesses of the grace of the paschal mystery.

The Easter time is most appropriate for all to consider what it means to be a witness and how we can make this same mystery relevant to our needy world.

We remind ourselves of the basic steps. We have an encounter with the Risen Christ, through the scriptures, a special event, through one of His ministers. We are drawn to form a relationship with Him through prayer. This leads us to become like Peter, knowing the Christ and then willingly speak of Him, and His role in our lives.

Consider for a moment. What if Peter's talk had not been recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. What if he had failed to answer the question posed by Jesus - "Peter do you love me?" Peter indicated he was a witness. Am I?

### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING/TITHING

Our Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a tithing parish. Tithing means to give back to God a portion of what God has given to us.

**Last Sunday's  
Collection**  
\$3,200.00

**Last Year's  
Collection**  
\$5,800.00  
(Easter Sunday)

### Parishioner's Testimony

"Thank You Lord for being so good to my family and me. Sacrificing myself a little for the support of your house is the least I can do for you."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Catherine of Siena** was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Catherine herself was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. Her mother was 40 when she was born. Her father was a cloth dyer. At the age of 16, Catherine's sister, Bonaventura, died, leaving her husband as a widower. Catherine's parents proposed that he marry Catherine as a replacement, but Catherine opposed this. She began fasting and cut her hair short to mar her appearance. Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." There are debates over whether or not St. Catherine was given a ring with some claiming she was given a bejeweled ring, and other claiming the ring was made of Jesus's skin. St. Catherine herself started the rumor of the latter in her writings, but she was known to often claim the ring itself was invisible. Such mystical experiences change people, and St. Catherine was no exception. In her vision, she was told to reenter public life and to help the poor and sick. She immediately rejoined her family and went into public to help people in need. St. Catherine's feast day is April 29, she is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

### Collections

**Second Collection-** today for the Archdiocese of the Military will be taken up today. There are envelopes on the tables in the back of the church. Thank you for your kind support.

**The 2016 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal-** As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our lives are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your gifts and make a gift to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal.

**Cardinal's Appeal 2016 In Pew collection:** Next Sunday, as we have been announcing there will be a second collection at all masses; envelopes will be available for parishioners to make their pledge and fill them out, or to donate a one time amount. We need the participation of at least 100 families. The appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. See the office if you may need help. Thank you.

### Faith Formation

**Reminder:** Today Sunday April 10th, Sacramental Sessions will be held from 1 PM to 3 PM. Parents and children must attend.

**First Reconciliation Retreat -** Saturday, April 16th, will be held at 10 AM in the gym. Children must be accompanied.

### Information

**Flea Market/food sale-** Today Sunday, we have a flea market from 10am to 2pm, in Campbell Hall. Please go downstairs and enjoy the delicious food while purchasing some inexpensive items for your family. Thank you and God bless you!

**Sponsor Letters-** Please be aware as it is clearly stated on the front of our bulletin, we can ONLY issue sponsor letters for those of you who are practicing Catholics in our church and must be registered parishioners for a minimum of three months. Thank you.

**English as second language-** registrations are still being accepted. Please visit the office for more information.

### Respect Life

"...at the other end of life...we do the elderly an injustice, we set them aside as if they had nothing to offer us; they have wisdom, life's wisdom, history's wisdom, the homeland's wisdom, the family's wisdom...we need all this!" (Pope Francis, 7/22/13)

*The Holy  
Candle  
Is offered for  
Sarah Valle*



*Happy Birthday  
Maria Fernandez  
Gisela Lopez  
Alejandra Contreras*

If you would like to offer the Holy Candle or the Wine and Host for your loved ones please visit the parish office. If you celebrate a birthday or wedding anniversary this month, please contact the parish office to publish it in our bulletin.