

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 17, 2024

“The hour has
come for the
Son of Man
to be glorified.
Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain of
wheat falls to the
ground and dies,
it remains just
a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces
much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24

Jesus Discourses with His
Disciples by James Tissot
Circa 1886-1894



5TH SUNDAY OF
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MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday (livestreamed)

5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil

7:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish) in Green Cove

8:00 a.m. Sunday (livestreamed on Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Sunday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Saturday

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To arrange for a baptism, marriage, or funeral, please call the parish office.

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STEWARDSHIP

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow him? What service is he asking of me?

Your gifts to God and Parish - March 10th

Sacrificial Giving: \$ 7,432.87

Building Fund: \$ 2,842.00

Not in envelopes: \$ 5,662.67

We now offer online giving for registered parishioners! If you need to register with the parish, registration forms are available on our website, narthex, and parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and participation in the ministry and mission of Sacred Heart. Your efforts make so many things possible for our parish, community, and church. We are very grateful for your contributions, and this is just another option we can offer to make tithing more convenient for you.



<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sacredheartcatholicchurch>

The **non-parochial** for this month is the Catholic Relief Services **Rice Bowls**. Please return your bowls to the narthex by Easter.

THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

6:35 p.m. The Mass Video Series in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

9:30 a.m. The Mass Video Series in Sullivan Hall

2:00 p.m. Small Group in Building A

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

9:00 a.m. Small Group in Building A

6:30 p.m. Prayer Ministry in the Church

7:00 p.m. K of C Into the Breach in the Activity Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy in Building A

1:00 p.m. Small Group in the Activity Center

6:00 p.m. AHG in the Activity Center and Building A

7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting in the parish office

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Building B

7:00 p.m. OCIA in the Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

9:00 a.m. Study Group in Building A

4:30 p.m. Religious Ed in Buildings A, B, and Activity Center

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry for High School - Activity Center

7:15 p.m. Youth Ministry for Middle School - Activity Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

8:30 a.m. Rosary in the Church

5:30 p.m. GriefShare in Building A

6:00 p.m. Ultreya in the Activity Center

7:00 p.m. Penance Service in the Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

6:00 p.m. Simple Supper in the Activity Center

7:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross in the Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

9:00 a.m. Soup Kitchen in Green Cove Springs

6:35 p.m. The Mass Video Series in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

9:05 a.m. Religious Ed in Building A, B, and Activity Center

9:30 a.m. The Mass Video Series in Sullivan Hall

2:00 p.m. Small Group in Building A

RINGING OF THE BELLS

"Silence in the presence of the Lord God!"
Zeph 1:7

We kindly ask that you help us maintain an atmosphere of prayer by observing Sacred Silence upon entering the Church. A bell will be rung 12 minutes before mass starts and 7 minutes before mass starts as a reminder.

Please be respectful of those around you in prayer. Conversation and fellowship can be held outside or in the narthex. Thank you!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

To explain the meaning of his "hour," Jesus tells the parable of a grain of wheat. When it is dropped into the earth, the seed shrinks, "empties" itself, and dies. But in the warmth and moisture of the earth new life breaks out of the husk and bears much fruit. "Fruit" in John's gospel means "life," and the hour is at hand when Jesus will be buried in the heart of the earth and rise from there to transformed and transforming life.

The larger world beyond Israel now includes us. If we wish not only to see but also to follow Jesus, we must choose to empty ourselves of self-centeredness, of the instinct for self preservation at the expense of our sisters and brothers. Those insulated from others' suffering, eager for good connections, popularity, and status, rather than finding and following Jesus, will lose their lives. From seeds buried in the warm love and service of others, and watered by fidelity to our baptismal commitment, the Christian community grows into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is not easy; it was painful for Jesus and it is painful for us.

Jesus tells his disciples, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." How have you encountered this mystery that death leads to even more abundant life?

Living Liturgy for Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion 2021

MUSIC SELECTION

5th Sunday of Lent • Gather Book Reading #1029

Opening: Return to God #478

Psalm 51: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Preparation: Healer of Our Every Ill #960

Communion: Take and Eat #950

Closing: We Shall Rise Again #871

SUPPER & STATIONS

There will be a cheese pizza **Supper this Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** in the Activity Center followed by a **Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lenten reconciliation service will be **Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.** Several priests will be available to hear confession.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28th

No morning prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Vigil immediately following mass

Good Friday, March 29th

No morning prayer

3:00 p.m. 7 Last Words of Christ

7:00 p.m. Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:30 p.m. Vigil mass (bilingual)

Easter Sunday, March 31st

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass (Outdoors weather permitting, bring a chair)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Spring break will correlate with Clay County Public Schools **March 10th-17th**.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Father Marek will be joining us for Youth Ministry this **Wednesday, March 20th**.

High School: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
6th-8th grade: 7:15 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.

ULTREYA

Our next Ultreya will be on **Thursday, March 21st**. We will start at **6 pm**. There is a Parish Lenten Penance Service which starts at 7 pm. We will still have our Ultreya and will break at 7 pm so anyone who wants to attend the Penance Service can go. We will still have a potluck and close at 8 pm.

For April: Please note, if anyone is interested in going to either Men's or Women's Cursillo (April 11-14th) or (April 18-21st) contact Pattie Halle at

pattieangel001@comcast.net

Please pray with us for these upcoming events.

1. Men's Weekend is April 11-14th. Still accepting applications for Men's Cursillo #134.
2. Women's Weekend is April 18 - 21st. Have two ladies going from our Parish for Women's Cursillo #132 (Adrea Dingman & Maddie Gonzalez). Still accepting applications for other women to go.
3. April Ultreya will be on April 25th in the Activity Center from 6 pm - 8 pm. Potluck and praying for speakers.

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Divine Mercy Explained

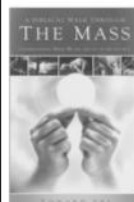
Today the Lord said to me, Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it.

Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that **I Myself** am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but **I Myself** act in Your soul.

Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. Diary entry 1602

Parish Lenten Program on THE MASS

Please join us for a **Parish Lenten Program on THE MASS from Feb 24-Mar 24**. Each weekend a different 30 minute **video presentation** by Ed Sri will explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures used during Mass & explain their significance.



The video sessions will occur after Mass on Saturdays at 6:35 pm in the Activity Center **AND** between the Sunday Masses at 9:30 am in Sullivan Hall.

Lent



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Are teaming together to sponsor the next
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Parking Lot Food Drive located at
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Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Non-perishable items needed:

Canned Soups	Canned Tuna	Canned Chicken
Canned Fruit	Canned Pasta	Canned Meats
Ramen Noodles	Spaghetti	Oatmeal/Grits
Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Beef Stew
Canned Vegetables	Mac & Cheese	Rice & Pasta Sides
Peanut Butter	Jelly	Condiments

All donations benefit the:



"For I was hungry and you gave me food."

Matthew 25:35

PARISH DANCE

Join us for our kickoff to the 150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart on Friday, April 5th at 7 p.m. in Sullivan Hall. The band Top Shelf will be the entertainment. Please bring your own snack /beverages to this adult only event. It is free for parishioners but please RSVP to the parish office at (904) 284-3811.



Wednesday Study Group 9:30am - 11:00am in Building A, Room 2

Our group is starting a new **Video Study from the FORMED Series: Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre, an author & teacher.**

Wednesday, March 20th - You are invited to watch a Video Series by Brant Pitre called **Lectio: Eucharist - Discovering the Mass in the Bible.**

There are 10 Sessions, one per Wednesday until the end of May and a Workbook will be ordered & provided. If you wish to be a part of this Study Group, please call either:

Mary Jo Mancosh - 904-598-4841 or

Anne Borom - 904-449-1394



We are sorry for your loss, expressing sympathy is always difficult. The journey that you will be walking is painful. We want you to know that you are not alone, there are people that will walk with you through this journey. When you are ready to join a Grief Share Group that Sacred Heart Catholic Church offers, feel free to join us. The materials and issues that are covered are specifically designed to help you through the journey, the content is Christian based.

We meet once a week. You will be with others that are going through their journey. If you are not comfortable in sharing your thoughts and story, listening also helps. You may bring a loved one or friend. If any session is cancelled, you will be notified.

Our next session starts on **March 21st at 5:30 p.m in Building A.** The topic this week will be "Fearful and Overwhelmed," Feel free to contact Rachel Nieves at rachelnvs@gmail.com or Sharon Mullady at smullady_52@hotmail.com. You can register on the GriefShare website, www.griefshare.org

May God's love continue to comfort and strengthen you.

If you would like to receive a statement for your 2023 contributions, please call the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16th, 5:30 pm - In memory of Marge Dicks requested by Barbara Boothby

Sunday, March 17th, 8:00 am - For the parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, March 17th, 10:30 am - In memory of Marty, Chris, and Laura Engelken requested by Joyce Engelken

Monday, March 18th, 8:00 am - For the special intention of the Prayer Blanket Ministry requested by Anne Brauner

Tuesday, March 19th, 8:00 am - In memory of Andrew Bishop requested by Tony and Susan Stoltman

Wednesday, March 20th, 8:00 am - In memory of Ernie Marion Wade requested by Colleen Clark

Thursday, March 21st, 8:00 am - In memory of Charli Fox requested by Doug and Janet Wilson

Friday, March 22nd, 8:00 am - In memory of Frank Dennis Jones requested by the Ministry of Consolation

Saturday, March 23rd, 5:30 pm - In memory of Margo Hay requested by Deacon Rich Hay

Sunday, March 24th, 8:00 am - For the parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, March 24th, 10:30 am - In memory of Ronald Malcom Peasley requested by Sonja Elia

PRAYER LIST

With compassion and concern, we pray for those in need of our prayers...

Gloria Allen, Jerry Allen, Gayle Anderson, Bennett family, Creel family, Daria, April Dickerson, Kitty Estes, Gail, Tom Garofalo, Hector Garza, Jeanne Gionet, Cheryl Gomes, Peter Gomes, Barbara Graf, Stacey Harbeson, Betty Harper, Mark Hathaway, Zach Hathaway, Rich Hogan, Jeff, Mark Jones, Justin, John Keene, Suzie Kelley, JR Lindsay, Becky Logan, Max Lovell, Cindy Mackert, David Moniz, Ed Mossien, Tommy Nolan, Mary O'Connor, Mary Peterson, Michelle Peterson, Tommy Purrington, Yonathan Roberts, Russ Sheffield, Carl Wallace, Tom and Lynn Watson, Bonnie Willis,

Lemanu Mauigoa, Fr. Mike Pendergraft, Mary Viji Rozario, Robert Sedam, Michelle Strouth, Charley Swayne,

Anne Brauner, Felicia Ford, Jessica Haefner, Mary Latham, Virginia Lavarine, JoAnn Mann, Diane McLaren, David Parkes, Luis Rios, Millie Streibel, Dick and Carol Trache,

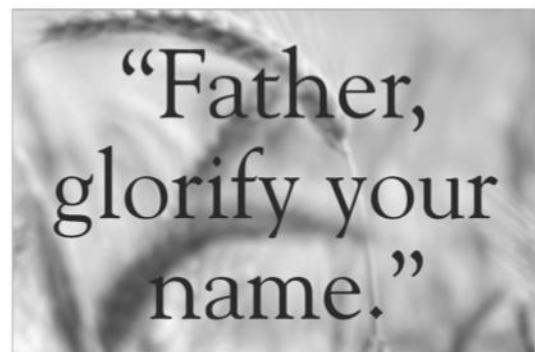
Jeff Brown, Zbigniew Dzien, Dorothy Gilliland, Tom McQuinn, Jennifer Navarro, our prayer blanket recipients and our homebound parishioners.

READINGS

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 17, 2024

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4- 5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51 -59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39



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PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Friday, March 29, 2024

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.



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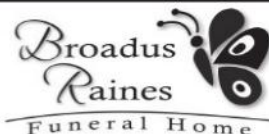
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