

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8.24.2025

Twenty-first Sunday

Parish Information

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM HF
Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12:00 PM HF
(Spanish)
Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions
Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart

Confessions

30 minutes before Weekend and Weekday Masses
Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart
Or by appointment

Baptism: Call Deacon Ed Green 720-550-0356.

Marriage: Call six months prior to wedding date.

Status of Operating Fund

(July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (Aug 17)	\$2,403.84	\$194.30	\$1,444.30	\$69.30
Actual Collection	\$986.00	\$92.00	\$948.00	\$131.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$1,417.84)	(\$102.30)	(\$496.30)	\$61.70
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$16,826.88	Capital	\$10,099.10	Capital
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$10,230.00	Campaign	\$7,238.02	Campaign
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$6,596.88)		(\$2,861.08)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$20,146.77		\$14,617.47	
Expenses for the year to date	\$17,901.81		\$13,611.49	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$2,244.96)		(\$1,005.98)	

Strong Enough?

Discipline teaches as it strengthens. It demands more each day requiring sacrifices that stretch and even sting, but push us to reach higher each day.

Discipline includes correction too as Proverbs explains: "Do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. Why? For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives" (Prov 3:11-12).

Without divine discipline, which includes physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual, no one will be strong enough to enter into relationship with Jesus. As Christians developing a strong relationship with Christ, we must pass it on.

Today, we forget our Father has expectations which seem to us rather challenging and difficult especially when we live in a world of entitlement. Yet, to receive from another, we must take responsibility to use the gifts given. Discipline creates responsibility so we do not waste God's grace.

Excelling in grace: challenging ourselves to be more each day, strength comes. That strength gives us stamina to walk the way of the Lord without worry for we are strong enough.

**I am the way, the truth and the life,
says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except
through me.**



**Strive to enter through the
narrow gate, for many, I tell
you, will attempt to enter
but will not be strong enough.**

August 24, 2025

Narrow gates require humility.

Everyone may enter life, but the door is "narrow" for all. We are not privileged. The passage to eternal life is open to all, but it is "narrow" because it is demanding: it requires commitment, self-denial, the mortification of one's selfishness, a humility of spirit to bow before our God.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. Aug 23 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Parish Family

Sun. Aug 24 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Janice Green †

Sun. Aug 24 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Lois Chiappe †

Sun. Aug 24 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Dolores Gordillo †

Mon. Aug 25: *No Mass here*

Tue. Aug 26 Sacred Heart 6:00 PM: Mark & Sonya Buchholz

Wed. Aug 27 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Joshua Green

Thu. Aug 28 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Bill & Linda Epple

Fri. Aug 29 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Geni Green

Sat. Aug 30 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Parish Family

† indicates Memorial Mass



Upcoming Events

Aug 26 Spanish Healing Mass, Anointing of the Sick 7 PM HF

Aug 28 Bible Study 6:45 PM SH

Aug 30-31 Fr. John Croghan visiting for all Masses

Aug 30-31 Bethlehem Handicrafts at all Masses]

Sep 1-5 Fr. Tom gone (No Bible Study on 8/4)

Sep 6 First Saturday Devotions 8:30 AM HF

Sep 7 Pictures for Parish Directory 10:00 AM HF

Sep 11 Bible Study 6:45 PM SH

Sep 13-14 Mission Appeal priest visit (Fr. Tom gone)

Sep 13 Pictures for Parish Directory 4:30 PM HF

Sep 14 First Day of CCD Classes at both churches

Sep 16 OCIA Kickoff 7 PM SH

Sep 18 Bible Study 6:45 PM SH

Sep 21 CCD Parents Meeting at both churches 9 AM

Sep 25 Bible Study 6:45 PM SH

Sep 28 Ministry Fair at both churches

Oct 12 Welcome Breakfast for new families HF

Pray for Them

Crystal Crowley, Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhaufen, Mary Ockenfels, Ralph & Jo Gassman, Gemmah Sell, Bill Epple, Cecilia Aichelman, Juli Zimbleman, Linda Conter, Janet Klausner



(Please let the parish office know if you or someone you know needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.)

All Are Saved! Or Are They?

Celebrating life brings intense joy especially when a child is born. Yet, there is more rejoicing in heaven over one soul that repents than any other event.

Repentance brings life for we were dead in our sins and through reconciliation, we, restored with mercy, now have divine life. We are reborn in Christ.

Christ comes to personally invite us to repent and if we allow his presence to touch our lives, He guides us.

Repentance, however, challenges us. We rather

live the way we choose rather than change our lifestyle. Comfort creates mediocrity and instead of excelling, we settle. Settling, we soften and lose the sense of sin. Without a sense of sin, repentance is foreign, in fact alien.

Universalism, the notion that all are saved no matter what, deafens our ability to hear Jesus' his hard teachings. "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you will seek to enter and will not be able" (Luke 13:24).

Commenting on this passage Pope Benedict clarifies the correct understanding of salvation for all.

"Everyone may enter life, but the door is "narrow" for all. We are not privileged. The passage to eternal life is open to all, but it is "narrow" because it is demanding: it requires commitment, self-denial and the mortification of one's selfishness" (Benedict Angelus 8.26.2007).

True friendship with Jesus expects more than acquittance. It begins with the Eucharist, in which Jesus tells us "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (Jn 15:14). Friendship has expectations. Jesus' friendship expects much because the door to his heart is narrow and precise. Narrow does not mean limited. It means meek and humble. Meekness and humility see our faults and correct them, not out of censure but love.

True friendship loves the other seeking not just any good, but eternal goodness. As Pope Benedict writes:

"It is expressed with goodness of heart, with humility, meekness and mercy, love for justice and truth, a sincere and honest commitment to peace and reconciliation" (Ibid).

Such a definition clarifies for us the expectations Jesus places upon us for salvation.

Having a feign friendship with Jesus promoting the false merits of eating and drinking with Jesus as sufficient for salvation cheapens grace. Grace converts and restores our friendship with Jesus without compromising his expectations.

If Jesus willingly laid down his life for our sins, the expectation demands we lay down our sins for salvation.

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Missionary Appeal

The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 300 priests. They are working in eleven countries of Africa: South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, Central African Republic, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya, and Southern Sudan, also in Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England, Sweden and Ireland. They also have over 130 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support to children in rural areas. They assist with the education of ex-street children in South Sudan and also run elementary schools to cater for the educational needs of children from poor families.

Our community uses funds to: 1) provide freshwater wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya, and Nigeria; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your prayers and financial support will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul. The needs are many, but the resources are limited. May God bless you!

The apostolic disposition of the Society of St. Paul of Nigeria hinges on the appeal that our Patron, St. Paul, makes for the world to be reconciled in Christ (2 Cor. 5: 25). Our missionary apostolate is borne of the zealous endeavour to bring Christ's salvific message to people all over the world, through ministry that is undertaken in accordance with the Gospel, and in docility to the Holy Spirit. Under the Church's hierarchy, we, both as individuals and as a Society, strive for a universal love for all men and women of all races and creeds, especially the poor, through faithful living of the evangelical counsels.



Parish Directory Pictures:

Sacred Heart 8am Mass 8/24 begin 7:30am
Holy Family 5pm Mass 9/13 begin 4:30pm
10:30 & 12pm Masses 9/7 begin 10am

Raising Children: A Family Affair

Much is expected of schools and counselors to teach our children. So too, many parents expect the Church to educate and explain the faith to their children. Yet, children are the parent's responsibility. As the Catechism teaches:

"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule" (CCC 2223).



It is not a village, nor system that teaches our children. It is the family both immediate and extended. Family gives children as well as the parents and grandparents structure and security. In the family, members come to know love, receive correction, and show mercy. Members find a home where peace dwells, knowing that their world is safe and others do not abandon them.

Strong families create strong children Strong children create strong families.

Today, families need more than ever to stay strong, despite the challenges of family life. Divorce is never the answer, unless life is threatened, nor is cancelling another family member. Holding on to the truth of Jesus Who is the Way, is the answer. He teaches reconciliation as the way as well as accountability. Accountability to family bonds protects as it creates trust.

To strengthen bonds, families worship together on Sunday. They pray together during the week. They vacation and visit other family members. They correct each other with charity, though also with justice. They discipline and disciple each other always excelling.

Much has been said about family life as it has been cancelled by social engineering. Yet, God Who created humanity created us to be family: male and female, joined together being fruitful and multiplying.

Living God's design for family life, creates true prosperity. Children, parents, and grand parents all living in harmony sharpening each other with familial love.

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