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**10.5 2025**

# Twenty-Seventh 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 (Sep 28)		
Actual Collection		
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget		
Year-to-Date Budgeted	Capital Campaign	Capital Campaign
Year-to-Date Actual Collections		
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget		
Expenses Budgeted for the year		
Expenses for the year to date		
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget		

### Obligations

Commitment today is a challenge word. Shirking and evading our obligations is habitual, as many today are driven by their emotions and passions and not their reason and will.

This attitude begins with childhood. If not corrected, as adults we easily avoid obligations, especially those that challenge us. But challenge is exactly when we grow.

### **To be a person of my word makes me mature!**

We don't stop or quit until we are done, until we have accomplished the task we promised to do, even if it costs us more than what we expected. This is maturity!

Being a person of maturity demands our words and actions match. If we promise to do something — such as marital vows — we promise with words to be faithful for life; but it is in our actions that prove our promise.

### **Obligations test our wills. This test strengthens our will to be a man and woman of our word — always.**

The challenges I face may not be my fault, But it is 100% my responsibility choosing how I will deal with it.

**Deal with it; Don't Fear it.**

**Maturity conquers fear.**

**God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.**

The greatest day in your life and mine is when we take total responsibility for our attitudes. That's the day we truly grow up.

~John Maxwell

**Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.**

October 5, 2025



Evil and Violence versus Mercy and Forgiveness

History is riddled with gruesome acts of violence. It started with Cain killing his brother Abel in the most heinous crime of fratricide. Violence and crime continues throughout history, and most people become hardened, bitter, and even evil themselves, returning evil for evil.



Jesus teaches a completely contradictory and counter-intuitive way in dealing with evil.

**“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing” (1 Pet 3:9).**

He tells us to love our enemies, do good to those who insult us, that when we are persecuted for righteousness we are absolutely blessed.

When evil strikes we feel ruined, though we are not. Nor should we become hardened and bitter as did the Israelites in the desert, blaming God and taking revenge against others, especially Moses. Attacking others empowers evil to take control and spread. We see this in our society today. Evil promotes evil and others copy it thinking it is the real solution to the injustices we face. Rather it is an atheistic mindset. The Christian mindset tells us to convert evil with goodness and forgiveness.

Woundedness and hurtfulness create deeper wounds and hurts. Instead of staying wounded, Christians ask, what must I do to heal this evil in my life? What is God asking me to learn and do in confronting this evil?

We act as Christ did, forgiving the evil doers knowing that it is in the act of mercy towards our enemies that heals and changes us, so we grow Christlike. Our love is no longer human; but transformed into divine love.

Christians are to Christify the world and to do so, we listen to the voices who have confronted evil. Those who have experienced the evil spirits raging. Pope Benedict was one such man who lived in Nazi Germany and endured the holocaust. He encourages:

**Dear Friends,** may no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor the future, nor your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history; so that by your faith, his will continues to resound throughout the world.

We too have evil thriving in our society. Terrorism, abuse, addictions, human-trafficking, political, social, and ecclesial corruption, and the list continues.

Bitterness, cynicism, and hostility are the way the world expects us to respond. We, however, embrace this evil as our cross; our road through Calvary into Glory.

This teaching is understood to those whose hearts are pure. As St. Justin the martyr writes: “Sound Doctrine does not enter a hard and disobedient heart.” So we pray for a humble heart: “Oh, that today you would hear his voice: Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”

## Mass Times & Intentions

- Sat. Oct 4 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Josef Schweitzer †
- Sun. Oct 5 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: Matt & Caitlin Buchholz
- Sun. Oct 5 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Parish Family
- Sun. Oct 5 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Petra Mariscal
- Mon. Oct 6: No Mass here
- Tue. Oct 7 Sacred Heart 6:00 PM: Robbie Kemp
- Wed. Oct 8 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Sheila Hurst
- Thu. Oct 9 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Evelyn Green
- Fri. Oct 10 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Janice Green † & Extended Family
- Sat. Oct 11 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Chelsea Kemp

† indicates Memorial Mass



## Upcoming Events

- Oct 7 Healing Mass, Anointing of the Sick 6 PM SH
- Oct 7 Safe Environment Training 6:45 PM SH
- Oct 7 TMIY 6:45 PM SH
- Oct 9 Bible Study 6:45 PM SH
- Oct 11 HF Maintenance Day 9-Noon HF
- Oct 12 Pictures for Parish Directory 7:30 AM SH
- Oct 12 Welcome Breakfast for all new families in 2025 11:30 AM HF
- Oct 14 TMIY 6:45 PM SH
- Oct 16 Bible Study 6:45 PM SH
- Oct 20-30 Fr. Tom gone (No Bible Study, Daily Mass or Spanish Healing Mass)
- Oct 21 TMIY 6:45 PM SH
- Oct 25 SH Maintenance Day 9-3pm SH
- Oct 25/26 Food for the Poor priest visit all Masses
- Oct 28 TMIY 6:45 PM SH

## Pray for Them

Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhalfen, Mary Ockenfels, Ralph & Jo Gassman, Bill Epple, Cecilia Aichelman, Charles Klausner, Sallie Linnebur, Geri Green, Claudia Varela, Manuel Varela, Irma Mendoza, Zi Leitch, Kendall & Keith Bowman



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

## Civil War!

Telling a person what to do is a flip of the coin. As Scripture tells us (Pro 9:8),

**“Do not reprove a fool, for he will hate you; Reprove a wise man, he will love you.”**

Scripture is full of fools. It is an ugly word that means more than just imprudent or silly. Many of us think of April fools when we hear the word fool. Yet, Scripture has a much sharper and cutting meaning.

TO LEARN,  
YOU MUST LOVE  
DISCIPLINE;  
IT IS STUPID  
TO HATE  
CORRECTION.

PROVERBS 12:1  
(BIBLE, NLT)

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**Fools are unwise (Dt 32:6)**

**Fools are immoral (Prov 10:18)**

**Fools are prideful (Prov 14:3)**

**Fools despise parents (Prov 15:15)**

**Fools reject God and his teachings (Prov 12:15)**

**Fools are easily deceived and deceive (Prov 26:11)**

**Fools should be avoided (Prov 9:6)**

**Fools reject correction! (Prov 9:8)**

**They attack those who correct!**

It is obvious we live in a foolish world. People believe the sound bits and the headlines, and the rumors.

They fail to read the details, listen and understand the other's point of view and the reasons why they think or believe what they do. It is a civil war!

Charlie Kirk was martyred because he voiced a different view than the world's view. He spoke the truth yet, the world's view does not seek the Truth even though it sets us free!

**How foolish not to seek the Truth!**

Christians differ. We listen to the voice of our Master who commands us and we do his will — Not our own.

This is the ultimate act of foolishness, thinking we know better than God, Our Father. Yet, this is what a fool does. He rejects God, his Truth, his Commandments, his Counsel, only to find himself shattered and broken, attacking the problems with the very causes of the problem, hatred and violence towards God and others.

Atheism rejects God and hardens our hearts. Christians accept God, his truth and commandments. Both are hard, yet, doing our will our way destroys. God's way is the way of the cross, saves.

**By his Cross we are free!**

## Parish Directory Pictures:

Sacred Heart 8am Mass 10/12 begin 7:30am

\*If you can't come to this remaining day for pictures, you can send in a digital picture of your family.

Email it to: [sacredheart@rtebb.net](mailto:sacredheart@rtebb.net)

## Hardships Don't Reject Them

Being a Christian is hard. We face real hardships, for we know that the world and those who are of the world hate Christians.

**Have you ever noticed how the world demonizes Christians?**

We know the world and worldly religions will reject us. Do not be riled when it happens, expect it.

**“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.” (Jn 15:18)**

Rejection is part of life, but when we know why we are rejected, we accept and even embrace it. Being rejected because we are Christian makes us Christ-like.

- ◆ We avoid sin; whereas the world promotes sin, especially sins of selfish pleasure.
- ◆ We seek virtue; whereas the worldly seek vice, embracing weakness of character, behaving selfishly while hurting others.
- ◆ Christians are not of this world, but of God's. Worldly people make this world their hope and do anything to save it.

Those who seek to save this world forget God already saved it by promising a new world, not one that evolves from earthly ashes, but one that comes down from heaven

Doing the will of the Father, as Jesus did, we know it entails a cross. The cross embraces the injustices and violence not as definitive but as directives, leading us to combat them through prayer to change them into hope.

For Christians faithful stewardship is powerful. It cuts through the emotions, passions, and drama that evil and injustices create. Then it chooses to live under the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, Who gives us courage.

**The Holy Spirit is not a spirit of foolishness,**

**but one of strength and self-control creating trust.**

Christian Stewards, St. Paul tells Timothy,

**“Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us” (2 Tm 1:14).**

God's strength dwelling within guards Divine Wisdom.

Today, our world attacks Christians for our choice to do the will of the Father rather than the will of the world. This perennial problem embraces the rejection knowing God's justice will surely come. It will not be late.

Habakuk struggling with evil, questions God. God's response is clear:

**“The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live”**

(Hab 3:4).



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MATTHEW 6:33

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