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7.19.2026

Nineteenth Sunday

Parish Information

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM Holy Family
Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12 PM HF Spanish
Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions
Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sacred Heart
First Saturday of each Month: 8:30 AM Holy Family

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 (July 12)	\$2,307.69	\$240.38	\$1,538.46	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$2,240.00	\$162.00	\$1,255.00	\$30.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$67.69)	(\$78.38)	(\$283.46)	(\$37.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$4,615.38	Capitol	\$3,076.92	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$3,542.00	Funds	\$2,101.00	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$1,073.38)		(\$975.92)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$5,827.70		\$4,406.54	
Expenses for the year to date	\$5,785.26		\$4,020.47	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$42.44)		(\$386.07)	

Parables

The power of the Parable is the twist within the parable. Its direction purposely confuses the reader or better yet the listener. It is designed to create a conundrum and this puzzle invites us to solve the riddle.

What is the riddle? The riddle really is your reaction to it. Some ignore the parables, not wishing to understand them. Others understand them, but do not want to follow them. Finally, others want to understand them, but more importantly live the meaning within them.

Our culture today concretely rejects Jesus and his parables because of the hardness of sin. They are obsolete, outdated, and outmoded. They no longer are fashionable.

This attitude of obsolescence is rooted in the Fall of Adam and Eve. It has spiked with the philosophical movement of the New Enlightenment. It has raised its ugliness in the great wars beginning with the French Revolution. Today, we continue to confront this mediocre attitude of Religion. As St. Kolbe tells us, Mediocrity is the worst sin of our age. For us, however, who embrace the parables, we receive the power contained within them to give witness to their author: Jesus Christ, and live lives of magnanimity.

**Though you are the master of
might, you judge with
clemency,
and with much lenience you**



**You gave your children good
ground for hope
that you would permit
repentance for their sins**

The only argument
the world will listen
to now is the
argument of
personal holiness.
It has heard
all the rest and
rejected them.

Fulton J. Sheen

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. July 18 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Lynda Rudd† by T. Wise
Sun. July 19 Sacred Heart	8:00 AM: James Linnebur† by M. Musgrave
Sun. July 19 Holy Family	10:30 AM: Seth Clark† by S. Dwyer
Sun. July 19 Holy Family	12:00 PM: Parish Family
Mon. July 20	No Mass Here
Tue. July 21 Sacred Heart	6:00 PM: Michael Green by Parish
Wed. July 22 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Ruthann Wilkinson by E. Green
Thu. July 23 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Jacob Workman by C. Workman
Fri. July 24 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Rene Buchholz† by P. Buchholz
Sat. July 25 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Parish Family

† indicates Memorial Mass



Jul 1-24 Parish Office Closed

Jul 26 Bethlehem Handicrafts at all Masses

Aug 16 CCD Registration begins

Aug 25 Catechist Training, 6-9 PM, Ft. Morgan

Aug 29 Holy Family Fiesta, Lochbuie

Sep 13 CCD Classes begin



Pray for Them

Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhaufen, Mary Ockenfels, Bowman Family, Bill Epple, Theresa Schindledecker, Roseann Erker, Leticia Paz, Rodney Rhoades, Easton Vigil Rick Gerkin, Geri Green, Dennis Buchholz



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

The Prophet presents God's love to us and this love is wrapped in mercy — the ability to forgive all sin. Yet, Jesus begins to speak in parables because the people listen, but do not and would not understand; see but chose to be blind; so Jesus reveals the hardness of their hearts. Their hearts are gross, for they refuse to follow the command of love.

The hardness of the heart of the Pharisees went so far as to accuse Jesus as evil and not just evil but its source: Beelzebub, Prince of Demons.

Jesus now speaks in riddles, parables, because his listeners refuse to repent. They, hardened, accuse Jesus of the very sins they are committing. This is demonic! When one accuses another of the sins they commit. It is transference so one does not have to face the sinfulness of their own lives.

Jesus, in turn, thwarts their authority through his deeds, curing lepers, sight to the blind, lifts up the lame, raises the dead, and casts out demons. His teaching and actions were not like the Scribes and Pharisees, but as One having the power of God.

He exposes the insincerity of the spiritual leaders showing they only have their own interests at heart; while Jesus sincerely reveals He has sinners and their plight at heart. This power struggle creates the drama of God's love. Despite the cruel crucifixion that the despotic leaders of the Jerusalem Temple planned for Jesus, Jesus uses this drama as the means of salvation. He takes what is absolutely evil: the crucifixion, and brings forth absolute goodness. He forgives the evil they intended.

The battle continues. Jesus reveals not only is He the beloved Son of God; but through his death and resurrection, we are offered divine adoption, to become sons and daughters of the Father too. Jesus speaks the ultimate parable:

Though enemies, you are my friend!

Forgiveness is a two-edged sword. It cuts and exposes our sinfulness. It shows the weeds and tares in our lives. This Word cuts our heart and exposes our toxic behaviors: lust, greed, gluttony, pride, envy, anger, and sloth.

Jesus exposes our sinfulness, not to condemn but to reconcile us, for the other side of the sword sears and seals the wounds of our sinfulness so that it heals, leaving only a faint scar.

Our hearts must respond to the parables of Jesus. We read them not as quaint stories to give a charming message, but realize Jesus speaks to us in parables because our hearts are sick. The sword of Christ cuts and exposes the hardness displayed in all its ugliness through willfulness; so in exchange, He may purify our heart from the toxins of the tares that Satan seeks to plant within.

This is the great mystery of Divine Love. He allows both to grow within his earthly kingdom. The Church is filled with sinners and saints, tares and wheat. Instead of a pristine Church with unspoiled souls worshiping, our Church is spoiled by those hardened in sin. The question is:

Whom do you love more: your sin or your God?

Discernment of Spirits

CALL TO ME AND I WILL
ANSWER YOU, AND WILL TELL YOU
GREAT AND HIDDEN THINGS THAT
YOU HAVE NOT KNOWN.

JEREMIAH 33:3

The human heart, who can understand it. It is deceitful and desperately corrupt (Jer 17:9). Becoming aware that my heart is sick, filled with perversion, deception, and corruption demands

intense examination of conscience. St. Ignatius wrote fourteen rules to discern our consciences.

To examine our heart, we need to be aware. Beware of the feelings, desires, frustrations, along with passions, joys, and hungers. Many never examine their heart. They never take time to look within their heart, realizing that to heal the deceit and duplicity, we must enter into the very depths of our being: physical, emotional, psychological, moral, and spiritual. Becoming aware of our heart, Jesus tells us, where the heart is there is your treasure. Our heart guides our choices and our choices become actions and those actions reveal our self.

Awareness looks at our actions and examining the feelings behind those actions is the first rule from Ignatius, especially if I am going from sin to sin; vice to vice, addiction to addiction.

Becoming aware of my actions, knowing if they are sinful or not gives clear guidance if I am seeking Christ, or blocking and denying Him.

How do I know if my actions are of Christ or not? Become aware of our default disposition. How do I respond typically? If my actions are of the Evil One, then I rush, push, and feel confused. Stressed, discouraged, frightened, and fearful, I accuse, attack, become abusive, angry, and have all sorts of indiscretions. I am oppositional and disobedient. On the other hand, if I am typically calm and peaceful despite struggles, it speaks volumes.

The one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. (Rom 8:26) The second step understands the causes, reasons, and sources for these feelings and actions. It is not enough to be aware; I have to understand why I do the things I do. This takes reflection and meditation. It takes conversation and counsel. It takes courage to expose my heart to another and more importantly expose my heart to myself.

Understanding answers the question: Why do I do the things I do? The first step answers: What am I doing? In this second step, I clarify if I am living in consolation or desolation: grace or sin.

Desolation is darkness, disturbance, despair, and disobedience. I accuse transferring my guilt, shame, and humiliation onto another because my heart cannot fathom the depths of my ugliness.

Consolation inflames my heart with virtue, disciplining the desires, controlling those drives so they pull me forward under control of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, generosity and self-control are the behaviors of a person living in consolation.

Don't Stop

THE LORD WANTS US
TO ASK WITH PERSISTENCE,
EVEN STUBBORNNESS.
SO IF THE GIFT DOESN'T
COME RIGHT AWAY,
DON'T DESPAIR; RATHER,
FEEL YOUR VERY SOUL
*expanding
in anticipation.*

-Bishop Barron

The difference between success and failure is the finish line. Some, actually most, finish too soon and never complete their task. They leave opportunities and occasions open. They work, but they do not do their best work. They become average, not great.

A professional, in whatever field or vocation, spends everything on doing what is best, seeking perfection, not in the eyes of others, but in the eyes of God.

Success then does what you need to do even when you do not feel like doing it.

We live in a world of mediocrity and superficiality. Most quit and never reach their full potential. They do not exhaust or spend themselves to reach a higher level, but are satisfied with pedestrian, ordinary, and have a second rate attitude.

Pushing against the wall of mediocrity cuts open the walls that prevent us from breaking through. This, as St. Thomas Aquinas tells us, is virtue.

Virtue's true reward is happiness itself for which the virtuous work and work hard!

Virtue drives out vice for it demands excellence. Excellence seeks fulfilment by reaching our full potential so one always grows and matures.

Maturity displays the fullness of life. As seeds are planted and we see their growth, we recognize when they are mature for they are full of life. They have reached their potential.

God's Word is that seed which demands maturity so we may become virtuous, reaching our full potential, being fruit that lasts unto eternity.

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