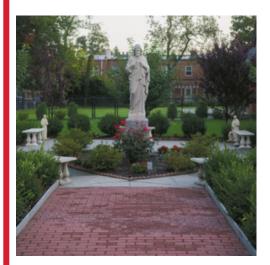
# SACRED HEART OF JESUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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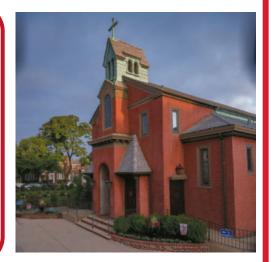


SUNDAY MASSES Saturday 5:00 P.M. Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday-Saturday 8:30 A.M.

**Holy Days of Obligation** 7:00 P.M. (Eve) & 8:30 A.M. (Day)

> **OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday** 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Sunday—Closed



**Sacred Heart Catholic Academy** 

Michael Callaghan("Mr. C"),

Principal

Rev. Kevin F. McBrien — Pastor ext. 1 Rev. John J. Fullum — Pastor Emeritus ext. 2 Deacon Peter Stamm — ext. 3

**Parish Secretary** Susanne Wolfe ext. 0 Eileen Cocchini ext. 0 Financial Secretary Stacy Andrews ext. 4

**PARISH MINISTRIES** 

**Parish Pastoral Council** Rosemary Lazenby-President

**Organist** Markus Kaitila

Faith Formation Theresia Stalzer-Director Donna Czak-Assistant

**Parish Ministries** Tara Baer Gina Lehman info@sacredheartreligion.org sacredheartparishministry@yahoo.com

mcallaghan@sacredheartglendale.org

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Trustees Irene Gerhards John Schatz

**Confessions** 

Saturday 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Monday - Saturday at 8:00 A.M.

Miraculous Medal Novena &

Veneration of the Relic of St. Catherine Laboure Mondays after 8:30 A.M. Mass

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 

First Friday of the month in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus - after the 8:30 A.M. Mass until 10:00 A.M. Saturday following the First Friday of the month in honor of The Immaculate Heart of Mary - 7:00A.M. to 8:00A.M.

**Celebration of Baptism** 

Third Sunday of each month at 1:00 P.M.

Registration: By appointment; Please contact a Priest or Deacon at the Rectory at least 1 month in advance of the Baptism. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate to Registration.

**Instruction:** Arrangements will be made at the time of Registration.

**Celebration of Marriage** 

Arrangements should be made at the Rectory at least six months in advance, prior to the proposed wedding date. Then log on to http://www.bqprecana.org

for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

#### **Parish Mission Statement**

We, the parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, established in 1929,

are blessed with the responsibility to God, ourselves and to others to share our faith through actions, ministries, witness and prayer. We will love, respect and support each other and our community by being responsive to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

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917-612-6231 KofC5103@gmail.com



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22

5:00 p.m. Alma Haller

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

8:00 a.m. Frieda & Johann Petschauer

9:30 a.m. Kazimierz Radlinski

11:30 a.m. For The People of The Parish AND

Teresa DiFiore; Carl Melvin; Edwin Brinskelle; John Francis

Bernardone

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24 8:30 a.m. Robert Cononico

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25

8:30 a.m. Sophia, Elizabeth, Danusz Siusta

(Living)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

8:30 a.m. Sybille Louis (Living-Birthday)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27

SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK Abbot and Doctor of the Church

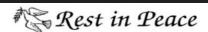
8:30 a.m. Dorothy Kutzman

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28 8:30 a.m. Rosa Terrasi (Living)

SATURDAY MARCH 1

8:30 a.m. SH Purgatorial Society Members

5:00 p.m. Patricia Mary Polesko



Let us pray for all the men and women who are serving in our Armed Forces especially: John David Schatzle, US Navy; SGT Jonathan Femenella, US Army; SP4 Cody Nelson, US Army Infantry; Kevin Shaloo, US Air Force; LT Mark Foris, US Navy; LTC Eileen Frances Gillespie, US Army; Capt Jeanmarie Kratzer, US Army; Paul Eric Krische, US Navy; ILTC Keith Nonnenmann, US Navy; Joshua R. Ruiz, US Marine Corp; Cpt. Alex Spiegel, US Army; Cpt. Seamus McCaffrey, US Air Force; Romeo Soria; Robert Soria; Cpt. Zachary Kurre, US Army; Kevin Patrick Mullin, U.S. Navy.

#### MEMORIALS THIS WEEK



FLOWERS for the
BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR
in loving memory of
PATRICIA MARY & GEORGE POLESKO
AND FAMILY

FLOWERS for the ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
in loving honor of
ROSEMARY LAZENBY
by Sisters of St. Dominic





The CHURCH BELLS will ring in loving memory of CARMELO LOFARO by His Daughter



#### SACRED HEART PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Mass will be offered for those enrolled in the Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society during the month of February on Saturday, March 1st @ 8:30am.

Marilyn Rogan
Juan Urian, Jr.
John B. Caramagna
Patsy Atkinson
Carl Melvin
Dr. Elba Garcia
Bastina Vassallo
Bruce Domagala
Kathleen Giananti

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29 TUESDAY: Sir 2: 1-11; Mk 9:30-37 WEDNESDAY: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40 THURSDAY: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50 FRIDAY: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

SATURDAY: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

SUNDAY: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

February 16, 2025.....\$4,783.00 Give Central.....\$1,175.00

Everything we have is a gift from God. And you share your giftedness with others. Thank you!

#### FEBRUARY 23, 2025—THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Finance Council, parish trustees and I present the following "Statement of Revenues and Expenditures" from August 31, 2023 to August 31, 2024. We have much to be thankful for regarding our parish while unfortunately operating with a deficit of \$181,986 over the last year.

Following my arrival on July 1'2024 and installation as pastor on September 29<sup>th</sup>, I have sought ways to decrease the deficit and prudently use the resources we have for the good of the parish. Reduced costs and utility usage, increased church membership, formation of a Parish Fund Raising Committee and transparency are some of the ways I believe we can move in the right direction.

Thank you for supporting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal and for your weekly contributions. You are wonderful. I encourage everyone to register in the parish and share in the sense of belonging with each other. If you do not receive the parish mailings please call the Rectory Office.

Sacred Heart Parish is a strong and vibrant parish that is dear to us. Our ideal is always to see it grow and become stronger with new families and expanding programs-spiritually, educationally, pastorally, socially and much more.

I kindly ask your help to reduce this deficit by prayerfully making a sacrificial increased offering of 20 percent. Could you increase your \$10.00 weekly offering to \$12.00, \$15.00 to \$18.00, \$20.00 to \$24.00, etc.? Such added gifts over the next year would exceed the amount of deficit listed below.

I thank you for everything you do and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. God bless you for all your goodness.

Sacred Heart RC Church Statement of Revenues and Expendite For the Year ended August 31, 202		Father Mc Bruin
INCOME	ф	260.062
Sunday and All Other Collections	\$	368,063
Christmas and Easter Collections		13,044
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Revenue		376
Votive Shrines		21,888
Interest/Dividends		3,784
Rental Income including rent from school		250,500
Clergy Fund		43,635
All Other Auxiliary Receipts		3,992
Poor Boxes		2,163
Fundraising (Net)		40,131
Parish Programs	\$	<u>172,425</u>
Total Income	2	920,001
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EXPENSES	ď	2(0.021
All Salaries	\$	360,921
Rectory Priest Expenses		70,094
Lay Employee Benefits Office		147,761 43,592
Parish Programs		140,613
Altar Supplies Choir books and supplies		38,829 3,699
Utilities		77,581
Ordinary Repairs and Maintenance		107,260
Donations and Charity		5,657
Insurance		84,437
Miscellaneous		11,820
Diocesan Assessment		44,900
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Expense		7,500
Total Expenses	\$	1.144.664
Total Operating (Loss)	Ψ	(224,663)
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EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE		
Donations		27,620
Unrealized Gains		9,237
Bequest		61,603
Annual Catholic Appeal		7,505
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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		
Major Repairs and Renovations		59,868
Furniture and Equipment		3,420
Total Net (Loss)	\$	(181,986)
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#### IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

The Sacred Heart Pray for the Sick List will soon be returning to the Church Bulletin. We will begin anew.

If you know someone who is sick, homebound and/or hospitalized and you would like their name to be included in the bulletin, please call the Rectory Office and let us know. The names will remain on the list for three months. If you wish to have their name put back on the list, please contact the Rectory Office. In the event the person recovers, we ask you to notify us, so we can keep our sick list updated. Thank you!

**RADIO BINGO** is here! Join us on Saturday, March 8th at 7:00 PM in the Sacred Heart Bingo Hall (aka church basement) when "Bingo" meets "Name that Tune!"

The night will feature games of bingo, music of the 70s, 80s, 90s and the tunes of Motown, Disco and more. There will be beer, wine, soda and snacks and feel free to bring your own finger foods to share. Form your own table with friends or couples, neighbors and coworkers, etc.

There'll be raffles and plenty of fun and dancing! Tickets are only \$35.00 per adult (\$40.00 at the door) and tickets are now available at the Rectory Office and available for purchase in the church vestibule next weekend after all the Masses.

Come and join in this unforgettable night for "this ain't your grandma's bingo!"

#### MARCH MADNESS RAFFLE

The first raffle drawing takes place this coming Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and the winner will receive \$250.00! In addition, the ticket will go back in the drum for the chance to win again! Get in on all the fun and excitement and everybody has a chance to win cash prizes totaling \$5600.00 throughout the whole month of March. The raffle will have 31 daily drawings and prizes will range from \$125.00 to \$1000.00.

The raffle form and calendar are printed in today's bulletin and you may return your payment in the collection or to the Rectory Office. Good luck!

# FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION



On Friday, March 7th Sacred Heart Parish will have a Holy Hour after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 9:00

to 10:00 a.m. concluding with Benediction. All are invited to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus every 1st Friday.

On Saturday, March 8th following 1st Friday, there will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in honor of The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**ALLARE WELCOME!** 

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If you would like to have a record of your Church contributions for 2024, please let us know by filling out the form below and returning it to the Rectory Office.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY WITH COMPLETE ADDRESS)

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Name:		
Address:		
Phone Number:	Church Envelope Number:	



# March Madness Calendar Raffle

Over \$5,600 in Prizes - 31 Prizes to be Awarded



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Ticket for \$10		4 Tickets for \$35		,		March 1
8 Tickets for \$65	ckets	12 Tickets for \$85 for \$100	Thai	Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish!	ting arish!	Prize \$300
March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5 Ash Wednesday	March 6	March 7	March 8
Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125
March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15
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March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22
Tournament begins Prize \$375	St. Patrick's Day  Prize \$250	Prize \$125	St. Joseph's Day  Prize \$250	Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125
March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29
Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125	Prize \$125	NCAA Finals <b>Prize \$500</b>	Prize \$125
March 30	March 31					
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31 Daily Drawings each day of March

#### Prizes range from \$125 to \$1,000

Please return to the Rectory Office or Collection Basket at Mass by February 28th

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#### **PARISH EVENTS**

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

10:00 a.m.-Discussion Group-Cronin Meeting Rm

3:00 p.m.-Variety Show Practice-Church Basement

5:00 p.m.-Daisies-Church Basement

6:00 p.m.-Brownies-Church Basement

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

10:00 a.m.-Discussion Group-Cronin Meeting Rom 3:00 p.m.-Variety Show Practice-Church Basement

3:30 p.m.-Centering Group-Cronin Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.-Book Club-Cronin Meeting Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

3:00 p.m.-Variety Show Practice-Church Basement 7:00 p.m.-Discussion Group-Cronin Meeting Room

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

11:00 a.m.-Senior Guild-Church Basement

2:00 p.m.-Prayer Shawl-Parish Ministry Office

3:00 p.m.-Variety Show Practice

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3:00 p.m.-Cadets-Church Basement

7:30 p.m.-Boy Scouts-Church Basement



The Sacred Heart Senior Guild will meet Thursday, February 27th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church basement. Deposits for the May 19-23 trip to Woodloch Pines will be accepted. Reservations and a \$75 deposit for trips to Boston in August and Niagara Falls in September will be accepted.

#### **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Thursday, February 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministry Office.

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Any Catholic adult who has not received the sacrament of Confirmation is invited to participate in a program of catechesis and preparation. The Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be administered on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. Please contact the Rectory Office with your name and phone number by March 24th and more details will follow.

<u>OLD PALM BRANCHES</u> may be left in the designated boxes in the Vestibule of the church. These branches will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER will be on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the church basement. Please join us for a simple meal of soup and bread as part of our Lenten observance. The suggested donation \$10.00 per person and all the proceeds will be donated to the parish. Registration forms are in the church vestibule and kindly return your registration and donation to the Rectory Office no later than Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **GETAWAY TRIPS**

Sacred Heart Seniors are sponsoring two wonderful trips. From August 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup> there will a motorcoach ride to Boston for three days and two nights. The cost is \$415.00. From September 8<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a fabulous bus trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada for five days and 4 nights. The cost is \$795.00. For more information and reservations please call Carol Gressert at (718) 497-1223.

#### **LADIES GUILD**

The Ladies Guild will not meet in the month of February. The next meeting is March 4th at 7:00 PM.

THE WORD AMONG US is a periodical that offers daily reflections on the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass. There is a special Lenten edition entitled, "Dying and Rising with Christ This Lent" and available for purchase in the church vestibule. What a unique way to enter the holy season of Lent by reading the daily scriptures and reflection alone or with the family. The listed price is \$5.95 but at Sacred Heart they are available for only \$2.00. Please use the white envelope and return your payment in the collection or at the Rectory Office.



#### **SCOUT MASS**

Scout Mass will be held on March 9, 2025 at 9:30 AM.



All scouts, girls and boys, are welcome to attend and wear their uniforms.

Any Scout leader who wishes to have their troops actively participate in the Mass, please contact Mark Falkner via the parish rectory office for more information 718-821-6434.

#### **50/50 RAFFLE**

50/50 RAFFLE. How about taking a chance and winning some extra cash? 50/50 Raffle envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church today. Each raffle is \$5.00 and already the drawing has grown over \$460.00. Feel free to drop your envelope into the collection basket or at the Rectory Office. The next drawing will be tomorrow Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Please support Sacred Heart Parish and Good Luck to all!

#### **DIOCESAN VOCATIONS EVENT**

#### BISHOP BRENNAN'S ANNUAL VOCATION

**RETREAT** takes place February 28th to March 2nd for men ages 16 to 22 at Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, Long Island. The retreat will include Mass and private prayer, inspirational talks from Bishop Brennan and much more to help participants discern their future vocation and consider whether God may be calling them to the priesthood.

**PROJECT ANDREW** is an opportunity for young men (high school and older) to learn more about the priesthood by joining Father Chris Bethge, Vocation Director and other priests and seminarians for prayer, dinner and conversation. The next Project Andrew gathering will be on Sat. Mar. 22nd at 5:00 PM in St. Fidelis in College Point.

FRATERNITAS, fraternal group for middle school students who are striving to live a model life of good Catholic gentlemen through the discernment of God's will in their lives, meets at Cathedral Preparatory School and Seminary, Elmhurst on Sat. Mar. 29th from 1 PM to 5 PM.

For more information on these events speak to Father McBrien, Father Fullum, Deacon Peter or call the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or go to brooklynpriests.org

#### **MASS BOOK**

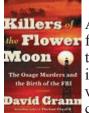
The Mass Book will reopen THIS Wednesday, February 26th for those who wish to have Mass intentions from July to December 2025. You are welcomed to come to the Cronin Meeting Room at 9:00 AM. Please note the stipend for each Mass will be \$20.00 throughout the Brooklyn Diocese as recently indicated by Bishop Brennan.

- All Sunday Masses at 11:30am are "Multiple Intention Masses."
- The cost for Bread & Wine, Tabernacle Candle and Altar Candles, and Bells is \$30.00 each.
- The cost of Flower Memorials is \$50.

#### NO PRIVATE INTENTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Thursday, September 11th, 911 Memorial; Saturday, November 1st, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 2nd, All Souls Day; Tuesday, November 11th, Veterans' Day; Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving; Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve; Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day; 1st Saturday of each month (Purgatorial Society Members)

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors as this is a change from what has been done in the past. Thank vou!



#### MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

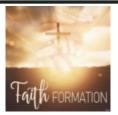
Killers Adults are welcomed to the newly-Flower formed parish Book Club that will meet **Moon** this Tuesday, February 25th at 7:00 PM The Osage Murders and in the Cronin Meeting Room. Those who enjoy reading and sharing are encouraged to read "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann.

If interested text Trish @ 646-785-7278 and invite other parishioners and friends to join our new Book Club!

#### FEBRUARY 23, 2025—THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We hope everyone enjoyed the mid-winter break last week!

Grade/Level 7 Saint reports were due January 31st. Letters to the Pastor are now being collected from our Grade/Level 7 Academy and Faith Formation students. Students should work towards completing their community service hours. All Grade/Level 7 requirements must be met in order to receive a confirmation interview appointment in June.



Our next Faith Formation Catechist ZOOM call has been rescheduled to March 11th for Grades 1-4 at 7 PM and Grades 5-7 at 8 PM. Call details to be provided closer to the date.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Sunday, March 2nd is our mandatory Grade/Level 2 class mass for Academy and Faith Formation students which will be followed by a meeting in the Church basement to discuss the upcoming sacrament of First Reconciliation. The 2nd proximate prep project will be explained and handed out at this meeting. This project will be used during the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Grade/Level 2 Academy and Faith Formation children will have their mandatory 2nd mini-retreat on Saturday, March 8th at 9 AM - Noon to prepare them for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. A parent/guardian must accompany their child to this retreat.

Lent confessions for Faith Formation Grades/Levels 3, 4, 5, 6 will be held on Saturday, March 8th at 1 PM. Confession procedure sheets will be available in the Church vestibule.

This Sunday, February 23rd, the Church celebrates the life of Saint Polycarp. Polycarp was a disciple of John the apostle. Polycarp was the bridge between the disciples who lived with Jesus on earth and those who would know and love Jesus by faith. Polycarp was a Christian leader in a pagan world. He passed on the message he was given by John, who had seen, heard and followed Jesus Christ. In his letter to the Church at Philippi, Polycarp stressed patience following Christ's example. He pointed out the need for following the Gospels, charity and prayer for rulers, enemies and persecutors alike.

"Let us, therefore, foresake the vanity of the crowd and their false teachings, and turn back to the word delivered to us from the beginning." - St. Polycarp

#### A quick look back.

Tuesday, February 11th was the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Sacred Heart celebrated this special day by honoring our Blessed Mother by hosting the North American Volunteers of Our Lady of Lourdes Volunteers. Sacred Heart families and friends were led through a beautiful presentation on Lourdes, the life of St. Bernadette while also being able to touch and pray before a piece of the Grotto rock that Our Blessed Mother stood on as well as receiving Lourdes water from the spring in France! See photo below showing our volunteers holding a piece of the Grotto rock as everyone prepares to go forward to touch the Grotto Rock! Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!



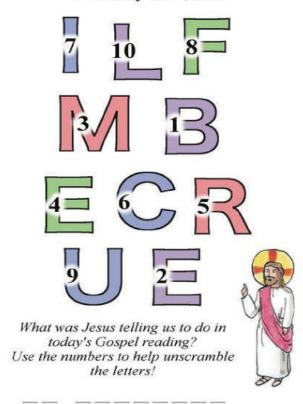
#### PARISH/SCHOOL WEBSITES

Visit www.sacredheartrccglendale.org and see an abundance of information about our parish including parish ministries, special events, the weekly bulletin, C.Y.O. and much more.

Visit www.sacredheartglendale.org and find out important information about Sacred Heart Catholic Academy. Happy surfing!

# The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23rd, 2025



# **Being Merciful**

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU? In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

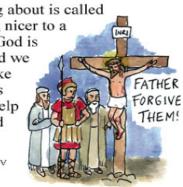
Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that

person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.

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#### David and King Saul Word-Find

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T S O I V E D A V I D U
A L N S W A S U M M Y R
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T E W A R R I O R W I I
E P L E C O U R C E N N
D I O L H U N T I N G G
E N V I O U S E F T O A
A G E T S N F O U N D W
G E D E E M R U L E R A
O I N S T E A D I E S Y

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING,

David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.

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