



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter- April 17th, 2016

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MASSES

Monday to Saturday
9:00 AM in the Chapel

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM in the Church

Sunday
English Mass
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Creole Mass 12:45 PM

Holy Days
English Mass 9:00 AM
Bilingual Mass 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Saturdays at 4:00 pm in the Church
Every 1st Friday after the 9 AM Mass



Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Church, Cambria Heights is a diverse, vibrant, family united in faith. Drawing from our rich cultural backgrounds, we proclaim Christ as Lord, celebrate His living presence in the Sacraments, and serve others in his name.

Good Shepherd Sunday

In the Old Testament, the image of the Shepherd is often applied to God as well as to the leaders of the people. The book of Exodus several times calls Yahweh a shepherd. Likewise, the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel compare Yahweh's care and protection of His people to that of a shepherd. "He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against His breast and leading the mother ewes to their rest." (Is. 40:11).

The Good Shepherd in the New Testament: Introducing himself as the good shepherd of his flock, Jesus makes this claim. He knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice: Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, even so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. Of course the knowledge talked of here is not mere intellectual knowing but knowledge that comes from love and leads to care and concern for the other. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and he expects us to receive and return his love by keeping his words. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Bible, through our pastors, through our parents, family and friends and through the events of our lives.

Let us become good shepherds and good sheep. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all shepherds. Since shepherding a diocese, a parish, a civil community or a family is very demanding, dedication, commitment, sacrifice and vigilance are needed every day on the part of the shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds by becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

Let us pray for vocations to priestly and religious life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community. Christian thinking on vocation has been summarized in one profound saying: "All are priests, some are priests, but only one is the Priest." Christ Jesus is the Priest in the full sense because he is the one mediator between God and humanity who offered himself as a unique sacrifice on the cross. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood.

It's been said that every pastor ought to have six weeks of vacation each year, because if he is a real good shepherd, he deserves it; and if he is not a very good shepherd, his congregation deserves it.



Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Pray For

Dominique Gustave, Mie Antoinette Ferere, Marguerite Etienne, Ms. Anglade, Christiane Bellot, Raymond Cleoplat, Terry Gilbert, Kate-na Charles, Evelina Malebranche, Cecille Lingoard, Delreta Mason, Claudette Perrin, George L. Jordan, Elizabeth Kingston, Joane Zamy, Celine Duverger, Edrice Enayo, Nicole Crispin, Alice Anderson, Robert Gaetan, Wilford Shillingford, Sr Myrtha Polycarpe, Fabiola Emeus, Renaud Kersaint, Anne Marie Mathelier, Marguerita Johnson, Ina Johnson, Frederika Vaupen, Saintecil Joseph, Edward P. Johnson, Marie Clise Raymond Cadet, Isabelle Michel, Edward Johnson, Elise Lee, Max Roger, Viola Bazile, Rolande Adolphe.

Facility

Wish to reserve a room for your next function?
Please call Fritz Kernizan at 718-406-5277.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 16th, 2016

5:00 pm Anselme Conor (D)

Sunday, April 17th, 2016

8:00 am The Joseph Family (*In Deliverance*)

10:00 am Marian Defour (B)

Auston Charles Jr. (D)

12:45 pm Maxwell Fisher (B)

Monday, April 18th, 2016

9:00 am Berenice Auguste (D)

Tuesday, April 19th, 2016

9:00 am Michael Richard (*In Thanksgiving*)

Wednesday, April 20th, 2016

9:00 am Patrick Williams (B)

Thursday, April 21st, 2016

9:00 am Joseph Fisher (B)

Friday, April 22nd, 2016

9:00 am Marie Chantal Desravines (*In Thanksgiving*)

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

9:00 am Lyrie Elve (B)

Jazzy 55+ would like to remind everyone that the weekly exercise Aerozumba classes have been updated to 11 AM every Monday in the lower level of Martin De Porres. The classes are free and everyone who's 55+ is invited. Please be sure to bring water. For more information you may contact Suna Hunter 718-468-5830 or call the rectory

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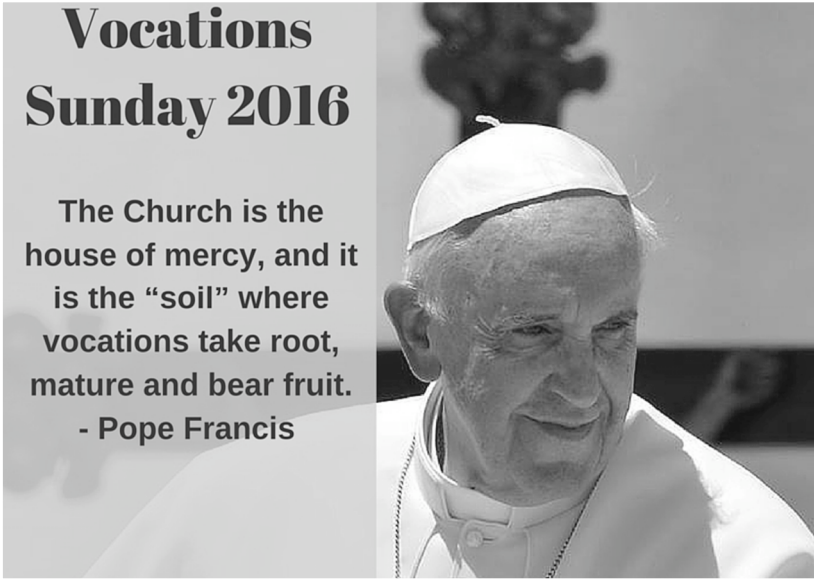
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POPE'S FRANCIS MESSAGE FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2016: THE CHURCH, MOTHER OF VOCATIONS

Vocations Sunday 2016

The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the "soil" where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit.
- Pope Francis



Pope Francis has published his traditional message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Vocations Sunday), which this year falls on Sunday 17 April. The theme of the 2016 message is 'The Church, Mother of Vocations'. In his message Pope Francis urges all the faithful to assume their responsibility for the care and discernment of vocations. He also shares his hope that "during the course of this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, all the baptized may experience the joy of belonging to the Church and rediscover that the Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of divine mercy. The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the "soil" where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit." Pope Francis goes on to focus in on three specific points about vocations:

Vocations are born within the Church: From the moment a vocation begins to become evident, it is necessary to have an adequate "sense" of the Church. No one is called exclusively for a particular region, or for a group or for an ecclesial movement, but rather for the Church and for the world. "*A sure sign of the authenticity of a charism is its ecclesial character, its ability to be integrated harmoniously into the life of God's holy and faithful people for the good of all*" (ibid., 130). In responding to God's call, young people see their own ecclesial horizon expand; they are able to consider various charisms and to undertake a more objective discernment. In this way, the community becomes the home and the family where vocations are born. Candidates gratefully contemplate this mediation of the community as an essential element for their future. They learn to know and to love their brothers and sisters who pursue paths different from their own; and these bonds strengthen in everyone the communion which they share.

Vocations grow within the Church: In the course of formation, candidates for various vocations need to grow in their knowledge of the ecclesial community, overcoming the limited perspectives that we all have at the beginning. To that end, it is helpful to undertake *some apostolic experience together with other members of the community*, for example: in the company of a good catechist, to communicate the Christian message; together with a religious community, to experience the evangelisation of the peripheries sharing in the life of the cloister, to discover the treasure of contemplation; in contact with missionaries, to know more closely the mission *ad gentes*; and in the company of diocesan priests, to deepen one's experience of pastoral life in the parish and in the diocese. For those who are already in formation, the ecclesial community always remains the fundamental formational environment, towards which one should feel a sense of gratitude.

Vocations are sustained by the Church: After definitive commitment, our vocational journey within the Church does not come to an end, but it continues in our willingness to serve, our perseverance and our ongoing formation. The one who has consecrated his life to the Lord is willing to serve the Church wherever it has need. The mission of Paul and Barnabas is a good example of this readiness to serve the Church. Sent on mission by the Holy Spirit and by the community of Antioch (cf. *Acts* 13, 1-4), they returned to that same community and described what the Lord had worked through them (cf. 14: 27). Missionaries are accompanied and sustained by the Christian community, which always remains a vital point of reference, just as a visible homeland offers security to all who are on pilgrimage towards eternal life.

Highlighting the importance of priesthood as a vocation, Pope Francis says, "Among those involved in pastoral activity, priests are especially important. In their ministry, they fulfil the words of Jesus, who said: "I am the gate of the sheepfold [...] I am the good shepherd" (*Jn.* 10: 7, 11). The pastoral care of vocations is a fundamental part of their ministry. Priests accompany those who are discerning a vocation, as well as those who have already dedicated their lives to the service of God and of the community."

Pope Francis concludes his message by reminding us that "the Church is the mother of vocations in her continual support of those who have dedicated their lives to the service of others".

Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement

The Ministry of Consolation is a group of caring and compassionate volunteers who assist you and your family in planning the funeral liturgy of your loved ones. If you have recently lost someone, we invite you and your family to join us for prayerful support on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in Father Nolan's Unity Room. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Gwoup Konsolasyon

Gwoup Konsolasyon la pou sipòte w ak fanmi w lè nou gen lanmò. Nou ede w prepare litiji antèman an, e nou gide w pandan sèvis yo. Nou la tou pou sipòte w ak fanmi w menm apre antèman an. Nou rankontre chak dènye Jedi nan mwa a anba presbitè ya a 7è diswa. NOU PAP LAGE W!

Rituel de L'initiation Chrétienne Des Adultes

Si vous voulez devenir Catholique, ou si vous avez été baptisé et n'avez pas encore reçu les sacrements de la Sainte Communion et la Confirmation, inscrivez-vous au programme «RCIA ». Durant ce processus, les candidats et les catéchumènes se rapprochent du Seigneur et se joignent à la communauté chrétienne. Les cours sont offerts chaque mercredi soir à 7:00. Pour plus d'informations ou pour vous inscrire, appelez ou écrivez au presbytère et quelqu'un vous rappellera.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Reconciliation/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 PM in church, or by appointment in the rectory.

Matrimony

If you are planning to get married, please schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. If you are not in a valid marriage (a marriage not celebrated in church by a priest or deacon), please call or write the rectory for an appointment to see a priest.

Baptism

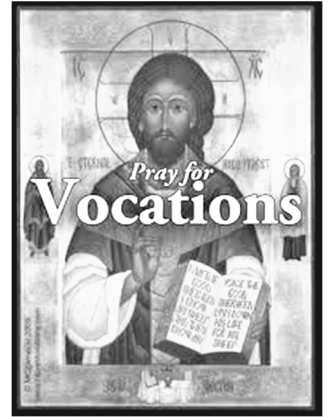
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in English on the 2nd Saturday at 1:00 PM, and in Creole on the 4th Saturday at 1:00 PM. If you are planning to have your child baptized in the parish, please call the rectory.

Communion for the Homebound

Anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Please call the rectory.

*All Are invited
to the vespers for
an Increase of
Vocation to
Priesthood and
Religious life on
Sunday 17th, at*

5:00 PM



Our Parish Feast Day is Friday, June 3rd

Our pre Feast celebration will start with 8 nights of prayer, praise and worship in Creole called **Jericho from May 20th to May 27th in the Church at 7:30 PM.**

Followed by our **Feast Triduum from May 30th to June 1st at 7:30 pm in church.**

Thursday, June 2nd at 7:30 pm will be our Young Adult Special Event in the auditorium. As everyone knows, young people can celebrate like no one else can. More details about that special event will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

FEAST DAY IS FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD: Masses will be celebrated in the church at 9 am and noon in English (Please be sure to request a special mass for your loved ones by filling out the form in the back of the church or in the rectory).

The official Feast Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 PM with Archbishop Bernadito Auza, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.

Saturday, June 4th is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There will be a bilingual mass in the church at 9:00 AM. All Marian groups and everyone with a special devotion to the Blessed Mother are invited to join us dressed in blue and white for a grand celebration.

June 4th is also our Parish Festival – A day filled with fun and activities for the entire parish from 11 AM to 7 PM (games, music, food, competitions, etc.). Vendor applications are available in the back of the church and in the rectory.

On Sunday, June 5th, there will be an 8:00 am English mass, and an 11:00 am Bilingual closing mass of the parish feast, followed by an our annual **All White Luncheon**. Tickets for the luncheon are on sale after each mass and in the rectory (\$40 for adults and \$25 for children).

Do take home a copy of the Save-the-Date card!