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April 29, 2018

5th Sunday of Easter

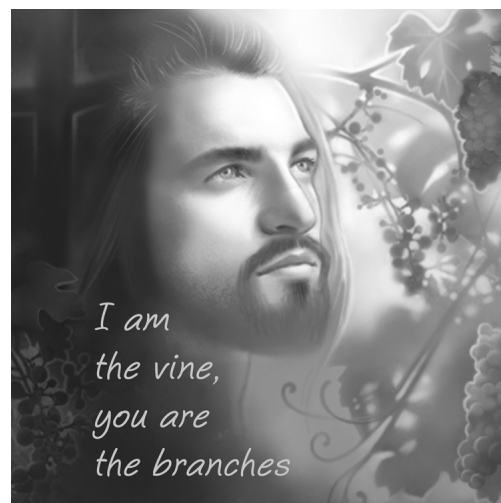
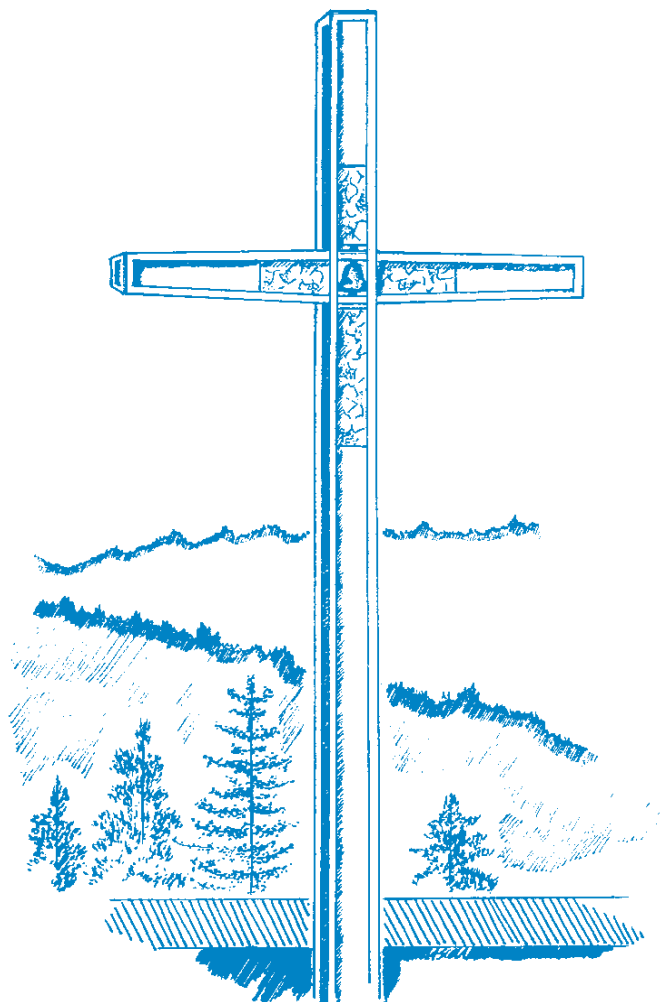


WORSHIP. COMMUNITY. SERVICE.
SACRED HEART PARISH

*OUR VISION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH
IS TO BE THE HOME THAT NURTURES
YOUR FAITH JOURNEY WITH JESUS CHRIST.*



*OUR MISSION IS TO
WELCOME THE COMMUNITY,
GROW OUR CATHOLIC FAITH,
WORSHIP TOGETHER,
BUILD OUR PARISH FAMILY AND
ACT AS CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD.*



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM VIGIL
SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
DAILY: 7:30 AM (M, Tu, W, F, S), 8:00 AM (Th)
FIRST FRIDAY: 7:30 AM MASS
8:30 AM BENEDICTION IN CHURCH
HOLY DAYS: 7:30, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

St. Julie Billiart Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Mon-Fri

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Welcome

We welcome visitors and newcomers to Sacred Heart. We encourage new parishioners to register as parish members and become active in our parish community. Registration forms are available at the parish office, vestibule of church or on our website, www.sacredheartsaratoga.org

Faith Formation Office (408) 867-1530

Hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Monday—Thursday
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 PM

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptismal preparation. Baptisms are celebrated monthly except during Lent.

Initiation

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or preparing for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.

Weddings

Arrangements need to be made at least six months in advance. Call the Parish Office.

Renewal

Small scripture reflection and faith sharing groups meet each Fall and each Lent.

Rosary

The rosary is recited after the daily 7:30 AM Mass.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If you or a loved one would like a visit or to receive communion, please contact our parish office at (408) 867-3634.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE APRIL 30-MAY 6

Day	Time	Activity/Event	Location
Monday 4/30	11:00 AM	Bible Study	Parish Center
Tuesday 5/1	3:15 PM	Music Spirit Team	Church
	6:30 PM	<i>Angst</i> Movie Screening	Geary Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Church
Wednesday 5/2	8:30 AM	Yoga	Geary Hall
	7:00 PM	Women's Club	Parish Center
	7:00 PM	Music Spirit Team	Church
	7:00 PM	Confirmation Prep for Adults	Parish Center
Thursday 5/3			
Friday 5/4	6:00 PM	Lady of Fatima Mass/Statue	Church
Saturday 5/5	5:00 PM	First Communion at Mass	Church
Sunday 5/6	11:00 AM	First Communion at Mass	Church

WELCOME THE COMMUNITY

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus refers to Himself as 'I am' on seven occasions in John's Gospel. Where last week, he states 'I am the good shepherd,' today he refers to Himself as 'I am the vine.' We, as a parish, have the benefit of enjoying the blessings of our own vineyard that is maintained and tended to by our Men's Club. The metaphor of Christ as the source of our lives expressed as the vine, is both rich in symbolism and reality. The branches of the vine fulfill their purpose by their attachment to the vine. The branches are part of the vine system. It is the vine that makes it possible for the branches to supply the fruit, so the vine and the branches of the vine are one. They are not separate.

We are one with God. We are tied together through God's creation of us. Though there is a distinction between vine and branches, both are part of the vineyard system. We are no less a part of God's system. We can only bear fruit through our tie with God. For what other reason should our lives be productive, other than to be in union with God? There are many who are productive both for self centered reasons and other centered reasons. There are many good people who live, act, and do good for reasons that do not necessarily involve a relationship with Christ, the Vine. When we are compelled by a divine purpose, it is then that we are cooperating in our ultimate mission—to know, love, and serve God and our neighbor in order to live with Him forever in Heaven. Our tie to Christ the Vine makes us potentially more life giving and also more accountable. If we know God or claim to know God, then we must hold ourselves accountable to God. Accountability is not a "nice" word in today's culture, but to practice it is the remedy against the gross disorders that our society chooses not to acknowledge, for to do so requires profound conversion and a surrender of our sins.

Many thanks and congratulations to our parish Men's Club for the terrific pasta dinner event that took place last Saturday, April 21. More than 225 parishioners and friends of parishioners participated in an evening of food, friendship, and fellowship. I am once again grateful to the Men's Club for their support of the social and communal life of our parish.

—Father Gary Thomas

Welcome New Parishioners

*Timothy & Lei Green
And son John*

*Dan & Catherine McGovern
And child Emilia*

CALENDAR

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Henry Clarke †
Tuesday	Nora Family Intention
Wednesday	Sheila Brennan †
Thursday	Naren & Raynah Prabhu † Eduardo Falcocchia †
Friday	Deceased Benefactors
Saturday	Aurelia Delgado Intention

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Daniel Adler	James LeFevre
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Shan Berry	Julia Martinez
David Bishop	Michael McKenna
Jeannie Brown	Anita Montgomery
Ryan Christensen	Hong Ngo
Bill Church	Paula Nicolas
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Ignacio Corrales	Gustavo Ortiz
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Euna Fought	Nancy Polisso
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Patrick Green	Lorna Ritter
Mary Guarjardo	Purnell Sabky
Frances Heininger	Bryan Shiver
Helen Hodge	Barbara Souza
Ronald Jacobson	John Souza
Kathy Johnson	Julie Wright
Stephanie Kelly	Stephen

SUNDAY READINGS

This Sunday: Acts 9L26-31;
1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;
1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Second Collections

May 13—Catholic Communications
May 20—Catholic Charities
May 27—School Support

Mass Presider Schedule May 5/6

5:00 PM (Sat.) Mass—Fr. Gary Thomas
7:30 AM Mass —Fr. Robert Leger
9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Gary Thomas
11:00 AM Mass—Fr. Gary Thomas
11:00 AM, SRC—Fr. John Sandersfeld

ACT AS CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD

The End of Human Trafficking Begins with God's People

Please join us after the 9 AM Mass on **Sunday, May 6th** in the Little Shepherd's Room (in back of church) to learn more about the evils of modern-day slavery and pray for an end to human trafficking. This event is endorsed by Bishop McGrath and sponsored by International Justice Mission and the Catholic Network to End Human Trafficking.

You are also invited to pray with us! Join us on **Wednesday, May 9th** in prayer for the victims of trafficking. All are welcome!

- ♦ Sacred Heart Church - Saratoga
- ♦ Reception - 7:00 PM, Program - 7:30 PM
- ♦ Please sign-up (free) - <http://bit.ly/BAPG18>

Sacred Heart Community Service

Last year, over 10,000 volunteers walked through the doors of Sacred Heart Community Service! The volunteers accomplished so many things. They distributed **3.5 million** pounds of food. They ensured **3,300** students were ready for their first day of school. They provided flood relief to our neighbors experiencing homelessness who lost everything in last February's devastating Coyote Creek Flood. Volunteers showed up to City Hall to fight for renters rights in San Jose. The SHCS Income Tax Assistance program is made possible by the amazing volunteer tax preparers. Last week SHCS joined in celebrating National Volunteer Week by thanking all of its dedicated volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities:

<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
Sacred Heart Comm. Svc.	Mon., May 14, 8:30 AM
Martha's Kitchen	Every Tuesday, 3:00 PM

Re: Sacred Heart Community Service:

Join our volunteer team to help distribute food and clothing to those in need in our community. For more information please contact Bill Kroenung at (408) 255-6529 or email Bill at billkroen@aol.com.

Re: Martha's Kitchen visits:

If you would like to join us, please contact Sue Sullivan at (408) 230-2198.

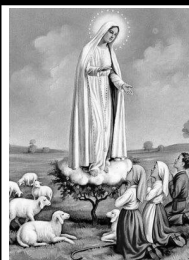
Re: West Valley Community Services:

Volunteer opportunities include sorting food, serving clients in the food pantry, picking up donations of food, administrative and IT support. For more information please contact Len Perrone at (408) 515-8458.

Respect Life Committee Thank You

The Respect Life Committee thanks each of you who took part in the 40 Days for Life Spring campaign. Dedicated volunteers and prayer warriors partnering with 40 Days for Life are working to return our world to one that cherishes the sacredness of life beginning at conception. Since 2007, 14,643 lives been saved, 177 abortion workers have left the abortion industry, and 96 abortion facilities have been closed. With campaigns in 50 nations and 769 cities, 40 Days for Life has 5605 sites where peaceful prayer vigils are held. We are grateful to God who hears and answers prayers of the faithful. We appreciate each of you who lead rosaries and prayed with us at Sacred Heart each Friday during the campaign.

WORSHIP TOGETHER



The Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima Statue will be stopping at Sacred Heart Parish on Friday, May 4th as part of a pilgrimage through the Diocese of San Jose. Join us for Mass at 6:00 PM followed by veneration where those present will be enclosed in her mantle. The statue was blessed by

Pope Francis at the Vatican in Oct 23, 2013 and had been visiting parishes all over the country since then. The visit will emphasize knowing and loving Mary as a means to loving Jesus, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart for the conversion of sinners, reparation for sins and peace in the world as it will triumph in the end.

This pilgrimage is a ministry of the World Apostolate of Fatima.

Following, we will kick-off our monthly Family Rosary Night where families will gather to pray the Rosary and then share in fellowship.

St. Julie Billiart Chapel

The St. Billiart Chapel, next to the Parish Center, is now open for Adoration and prayer. The hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” —*Matthew 18:20*
Mass Attendance 4/22/18: 704

GROW OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH,
ON DEMAND.

DID JESUS CONDEMN PRAYING THE ROSARY?

Catholic Answers
READY REASONS

Jesus Says No Repetitious Prayer... Rosary?

Protestants often claim the Catholic practice of praying the Rosary is condemned by

Jesus when he teaches against "vain repetitions" in Matthew 6:7. But is this true? Karlo Broussard gives the reason why the answer is no, and explains what Jesus meant by these words. There are some angels who pray without ceasing Holy, Holy, Holy...

Not registered on Formed.org? Go to our parish website and click on the blue tab at the top of the page, "Access Formed." Follow the instructions to register. Our Parish Code is G7DNKJ.

Be sure to click "Community" tab on the top in Formed, for quick links to highlighted talks/videos/info for our parish. Spend some time! Enjoy all the site has to offer!

BIBLE STUDIES

Monday Mornings 11:00 AM - Noon (Parish Center)

April 30, May 7 & 14: *An Epistle for the Glory of God*

I Peter speaks about pain, suffering, persecution & casting all our anxiety upon Jesus. Saint Theresa the Little Flower's spirituality was influenced by this epistle—do all things for the glory of God.

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CRS Rice Bowls Donations

Thanks to all the parishioners who donated to the CRS Rice Bowls to help the needy in 3rd world countries and parts of the US, and, in the process, learn about their situation so that we can better be in solidarity with them. Donations totaled \$2,605.74. 75% goes overseas while 25% if used within our local community. Thanks so much.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

M-F June 11-15

8:45am-Noon

Extended Camp Noon-3 PM, Includes Lunch

For CAMPERS, Ages 4 yrs-Entering 6th Grade

Half Day \$155, Full Day \$245

For COUNSELORS, Entering 7th Grade-College

Half Day \$35, Full Day \$55

REGISTER ONLINE @

parish.sacredheartsaratoga.org/vbc/

Come sail away...



The best week of the summer!

- New friends ● Amazing experiments
- Creative games ● Tropical treats
- Surprising adventures ● Incredible music

New! Special Pricing: 50% Camper Registration Fee

Refund for parent volunteers who can be on-site until noon for all 5 days of camp week!

Music Spirit Team will be back at the 5PM

Mass May 5 and 11AM Mass May 6!

All Elementary & Jr. High ages are welcome! This is a great way to earn community service hours too!

Contact Vicki Wyant, Director, at (408) 867-4103

Adult Confirmation

Registration Deadline: MAY 1

Confirmation preparation sessions for Catholic adults will be held on Wednesdays, May 2, May 9 and May 16, from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Parish Center. Registration deadline is May 1. To register, please contact Jeannine Lechner, RCIA Coordinator, at j.lechner@sacredheartsaratoga.org or call (408) 867-3634 x505. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph on Sunday, May 20, at 3 PM. Why not take this opportunity to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and complete your Christian Initiation?

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BUILD OUR PARISH FAMILY

Discernment Process for the Selection of Pastoral Council Members for Sacred Heart Parish, Saratoga

Annually, the parish utilizes a nomination process to invite individuals to consider serving as a member of the Pastoral Council. Individuals can self-nominate, or nominate other members whom they feel would embody the spirit of the council and the Parish vision. Our nomination period has begun and continues through May 1. For your convenience, nomination boxes and forms are located in three locations: the vestibule of the Church, and the offices in the Parish Center and the school. Please contact the parish if you would like the detailed discernment document. If you would like to learn more about the role of the council and a pastoral council member please contact us at:
parishcouncil@sacredheartsaratoga.org.

Sacred Heart Women's Club Meeting Wednesday, May 2 | 7:00 to 9:00 PM Join Us in the Parish Center

**An Evening of Recollection with
Sr. Michele Randall, Daughter of Charity**
Sr. Michele will focus on the Gifts of Mary and our devotion to her as the Mother of us all.

Mother's Day is almost here.
Take an evening to join us and
reflect on the Gifts of Mary and her impact on our lives.
Meetings are open to all women of the Parish.

YLI Retreat May 14

Parish Center, 9:30-11:30 AM
Sr. Eloise Rosenblatt, Presenter
All are welcome.
Reservations to Mary Levis, (408) 867-6119



San Jose Giants Baseball Tickets Saturday, May 12, 2018 5:00 PM

The Santa Clara County Serra Club is sponsoring complimentary tickets for the San Jose Giants Star Wars Night on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 5:00 PM at San Jose Municipal Stadium. Tickets are available at the parish office. Stop by during office hours or call the office to hold your tickets. (408)867-3634, x501.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation is coming up on May 12!

Please continue to pray for our 28 youth as they complete their preparations.

Dear young people do not bury your talents, the Gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things! - Pope Francis

REGISTRATION is OPEN for Summer Diocesan Youth Programs!

High School Diocesan Youth Retreat (DYSR)

For rising 9th grade through 12th grade

Middle School Diocesan Youth Retreat (MSDYSR)

For rising 6th through 8th graders.

www.dsj.org/youth/

2018 Leader in Training (LIT) application

For the Middle School Diocesan Youth Retreat. July 1st deadline (other important dates and information on Youth Ministry website)

Liturgical Musicianship Camp for Music Making and Composing - June 11-15 & July 25-27

Welcome to Our Youth Ministry Community

When our youth join together in Youth Ministry they are joyful, growing in their faith, and creating strong relationships with Jesus Christ. They make each other happy and they make all involved in Youth Ministry happy. Consider joining us as a leader or member. All are welcome in Youth Ministry.

Sacred Heart School Presents

A Parent Education Night Documentary Screening

"Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety"

May 1, 2018 • Geary Hall (Gym)



Doors open 6:30 PM, movie begins promptly at 7 PM

8 PM - 9 PM Panel Discussion with:

Karin Gornick - Producer & Jenny Howe - Therapist in the movie

<https://angstmovie.com/trailer/>