

Sacred Heart Church: 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time - September 20, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS		
(The Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before Mass)		
Mon: 8:30 a.m.	Sept. 21: Mass:	ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE † Eduardo and Louise Benavides By Delia Dela Rosa
Tue: 8:30 a.m	Sept. 22: Mass:	For David Charles By Michael Burks
Wed: 8:30 a.m.	Sept. 23: Mass:	ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST For Victor Hernandez, Jr. By Delia Dela Rosa
Thu: 5:30 p.m.	Sept. 24: Mass:	For Ruth Huse By Mike & Trish Huse
Fri.: 8:30 a.m.	Sept. 25: Mass:	† Tammy Adamson By Michael Burks
Sat: 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sept. 26: Mass: Mass:	St. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs Special Intentions † Jilda Jimenez By Elena Avila
Sun: 8:30 a.m.	Sept. 27: Mass:	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † Dorothy & Garland Taylor By Ester Taylor

 PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR POPE LEO, BISHOP SIS, ALL PRIESTS & OUR SEMINARIANS in our Diocese. May God keep them safe and free from all harm. Amen.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Tue: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wed: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thu: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Fri: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Sat: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45
Sun: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:2-32

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Private Special Intentions	Special Private Intentions
Becky Rendon & Family	Cindy Aldrete & Doug DelaRosa
Sandra Tran	Richard Dulin
Richard & Mary Arredondo	Josef Kaderka
Maria (Rendon) Spivey	Maria Hernandez Morris
Dalia Alonzo	Rose Kalambadan
Melissa Cortez	Leah Hymel
Susie Stamper	Adel Hunter
Connie Salas	Kye Carrillo
Judy Castanuela	Marcus Correa
Special Intentions	Susie Stamper
J.L. Chasteen	Alex De Leon, Jr.
Victor Hernandez, Jr.	

Our Monetary Gifts to God Last Week:
Loose: \$ 1,310.00 Envelope: \$ 1,159.00
Total: \$ 2,469.00
**We thank you for your continued support to the parish!
May God reward your generosity, always. Amen!**

Meditations . . .
“To me life is Christ, and death is gain.”
(Philippians 1:21)

When he wrote these words, Paul wasn’t just creating a catchy slogan for the Christian life. He was sharing his deepest conviction—how he was torn between the prospect of being united with Jesus in heaven and continuing to fulfill the mission God had called him to during his earthly lifetime. His heart and mind were so united to Jesus that he was consumed by these two seemingly conflicting desires: “to depart this life and be with Christ” or to “remain in the flesh” (Philippians 1:23, 24).

Most of us would probably rather not think of death. Perhaps it makes us recall the loved ones whom we miss. Or maybe thinking about our own death makes us consider how we will be separated from our friends and children, or from the purpose and satisfaction we feel in serving the Lord in our parish or in our community. In either case, death certainly doesn’t seem like a real “gain.”

So what can we learn from St. Paul’s perspective? First, heaven is something that we can wholeheartedly look forward to. While we may initially think of all that we might lose when we pass away, the truth is that we can expect to experience far more joy and satisfaction in eternity than we ever could in our earthly lives.

Second, we can experience a foretaste of the joy that awaits us in heaven right here and now. We can be so consumed with Christ that we say, with Paul, “To me life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). How can we be consumed with Christ? Like Paul, we can spend our lives in “fruitful labor,” serving others and pointing to Jesus in all we do (1:22). As Paul delighted in seeing people grow in their faith, so, too, can we find joy in seeing our lives draw others closer to Jesus, even as we await the fullness of life in heaven.

“Lord, open my
eyes to the beauty
of this life,
today and
in eternity.”



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PARISH FESTIVAL 2026:
The date for our 2026 Parish Festival will be on **Sunday, October 25, 2026**. The Raffle tickets for the Raffle are also available **every** weekend. We encourage everyone to please support this annual fund-raiser in any way possible. For more information on the Raffle, please contact Kristi Greaves at (325) 513-6151, or Carlos Barrios at (325) 636-7268. For other donations for the Silent Auction and other festival events/activities, contact Kristi Greaves. Thank you and God bless you for all that you do for our parish.

ACCORDING TO GOD’S WILL
(Part 7)

Mary: Hidden and Humble before the Lord

We can detect pride in our hearts whenever we are reluctant to admit our faults or to ask another person for forgiveness. Pride manifests itself when we think we are always right or when we fail to consider the needs or feelings of those around us. Whether in big ways or small ways, whenever we see pride rearing its ugly head, we should bring it into the light. This means confessing our sin to the Lord in prayer and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Perhaps we can also share our weakness with a spouse or close friend and ask for their prayers. Such actions have the power to deal a blow to our pride because they are a choice for humility.

Following in Mary’s Footsteps. So what should I do when I see pride and arrogance in society, in my workplace, in my family, or in my own life?

❖ 1) I will pray to God with Mary’s own words: “May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). No matter what is going on in your family or in your life, submit your will, your choices, and your future to God. Pray Mary’s fiat often. Pray, also, as Jesus taught us: Let your will be done on earth (in my life, in my family, in my parish, in the Church, and in the world) as (perfectly as) it is in heaven.

(To be continued...)

(Excerpt from “The Word Among Us”)

Please Pray For Those Serving In The Military	
Donald Anthony Salas, Army	Patrick Kerr, Major, Lt.
Ricky & Julietta Nuñez, AF	Col Space Force
Michael P. Stallings, Major, Army	Matthew Hurtado, Marines
AMN, Paul L. Rosales, Air Force	Benjamin Orosco, Green Beret
Jacob Hoyumpa, OCS, Marines	Teresa Rolfe, Lt., Navy
David Hernandez, Jr., Army	Marty Siller, Army

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:
Today, **Sunday September 20th**, we honor our CCD Staff at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We express our appreciation to our CCD CRE Director, Teachers, and Aides for their dedication and for all they do for our parish youngsters and youth. May God continue to bless them for all they do! Again, even though we have already started our 2026-2027 classes, volunteers are welcome to help with teaching our parish’s young children as either a teacher or an aide. This is a ministry that brings great reward to both our parish and to our community. You may contact Margie Mitchell, CRE at (325) 660-5512 for more information.

DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS EDUCATION COLLECTION:
Next weekend, **September 26-27, 2026**, we have a second collection in benefit of the Diocesan Seminarian’s Education. We ask for your generous donations and also for prayers for each of our Seminarians. God bless you for all you do!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE, ESPECIALLY IN OUR SAN ANGELO DIOCESE.

Looking Ahead

HOLY HOUR (ADORATION & BENEDICTION):
Thursdays: 3:00 p.m.
Mass: 5:30 p.m.

CCD Classes Registration:
Late Registration is accepted on Wednesdays

All CCD Classes Resume:
Wednesday: September 9, 2026 - 6-7:00 p.m.

Parish Youth Meeting Resume:
Wednesday: September 9, 2026 - 6-7:00 p.m.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:
Sunday: September 20th—8:30 a.m. Mass

Diocesan Seminarians’ Education Collection:
Weekend: September 26-27, 2026

Commnio Diocesan Cup:
Weekend: September 26-27, 2026
University of Dallas

PARISH FALL FESTIVAL!:
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