

August 16, 2026

Pastor Message



When Our Hearts Refuse to Become Indifferent

One of the greatest dangers in our spiritual life is not always doing something wrong; sometimes it is becoming indifferent to what is wrong. When we repeatedly see suffering, injustice, gossip, dishonesty, or people turning away from God, we can slowly become accustomed to it. At first, something bothers our conscience, but after seeing it again and again, we may begin to say, that is just the way things are. Our hearts can become hardened without us even realizing it. The passage from the Book of Ezekiel presents a powerful image. The Lord tells the man dressed in linen to go through Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who moan and groan over all the abominations being committed in the city. This mark identifies those who belong to God. They are not indifferent to the evil around them. Their hearts are still sensitive to sin. They are saddened because people have turned away from God and His commandments. This gives us an important lesson for our own lives: a person of faith should never become indifferent to evil. We are called to care about what is happening around us. Sometimes we see someone being treated badly and say, It is not my problem. We hear someone spreading gossip, but instead of stopping the conversation, we join in. We see injustice but remain silent because we do not want to get involved. We know that someone is making destructive choices, but we tell ourselves, That is their life. There is a difference between respecting another person's freedom and becoming indifferent to what is harmful. This truth is beautifully illustrated in the story of Cain and Abel. After Cain kills his brother, God asks him, where is your brother Abel? Cain responds, Am I my brother's keeper? Cain tries to separate himself from his brother's life. But the message of Scripture is clear: we are responsible for one another. We cannot simply close our eyes to the needs and suffering of others. Jesus gives us the same message in the parable of the Good Samaritan. A man is beaten and left on the side of the road. Several people see him, but they continue walking. The Samaritan, however, stops. He sees the man's suffering and helps him. Jesus does not praise the people who simply noticed the suffering. He praises the one who allowed compassion to move him to action. For example when we notice an elderly neighbor living alone. We may think, someone else will check on him. But a simple phone call, a visit, or bringing a meal can make a great difference. Christian love does not always require something big. Sometimes it simply means noticing someone who is hurting and refusing to walk away. So dear friends, today let us ask ourselves: Have I become indifferent to the suffering of others? Have I become comfortable with things that are against God's commandments? Do I remain silent when I should speak with love? May God give us hearts that are sensitive to sin, compassionate toward those who suffer, and courageous enough to stand for what is right. May we never become so accustomed to evil that it no longer bothers us. Instead, may our lives show clearly that we belong to God.

Amen.

Fr. Joseph Puthen

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK



Mass
Schedule

Saturday, August 15

5:00 p.m. † Maria Josephina Springhart & Mary Helen Garcia by Mari Lopez
† Nora Cruz Reyes by Alda E. Lopez & Alma L. Munoz
† Lee A. Wilson by Tim & Raydell Boerjan & Family
† Mary Verri Negri & Will Paul Wright, Jr. by Patti Ann Solomon

Sunday, August 16

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) † Elena Rodriguez by the family
11:15 a.m. † Guadalupe "Lupita" Cuellar by the family
† Lydia Villarreal by Bobby & Maxine Villarreal
† Judd Went by Jose & Jessica Paredes
† Santos Reyes Esquivel by the family

Monday, August 17

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 a.m. † Abel & Alicia Mayorga by granddaughter, Selina Pena

Wednesday, August 19

7:00 a.m. † Leticia Garcia by Rosie Jacobs

Thursday, August 20

7:00 a.m. † Nora A. Reyes by Gloria Richardson

Friday, August 21

7:00 a.m. † Teodoro & Maria G. Olivarez & Raquel O. Tamlamantes by the family

Saturday, August 22

5:00 p.m. † Mary Helen Garcia by Mari Lopez
† Daniel Garza by Omar & Missy Guerra
† Oscar Ramon (birthday) by the family

Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) † Elena Rodriguez by the family
11:15 a.m. † Patricia B. Munoz on the 1st anniversary by the family
† Luis De Leon, Jr. (13th anniv) by the family
† Santos Reyes Esquivel by the family
† Rick Martinez on the 1st anniversary by the family
† Rito Rene Gutierrez (birthday) by the family

Parish Tithes and Offerings August 8 & 9

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$3183.00

Online Giving: \$1,150.04

Second Collection: \$256.00

St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$310.00

Second Collection: \$60.00



Parish Meetings & Events

- Aug 18 Knights of Columbus Council Meeting: 7:00 pm
Parish Hall
- Aug 19 Adoration from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm Schoenstatt
Chapel
- Aug 23 KC's BBQ Fundraiser from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
drive-thru at the Parish Hall
- Aug 26 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm Schoenstatt
Chapel
- Sept 02 Religious Ed Teachers Dinner & Meeting: 6:00 pm
in the Parish Hall
- Sept 09 First Day of Religious Ed Classes 1-12

~Youth News~

Registration for 2026-2027
Religious Ed Classes START
SEPTEMBER 9TH



Just scan this QR code to register and
pay. Any questions please call 361-325-3455.
Registration is \$20 per family.



~Flowers on the Altar~

Lee A. Wilson
By Tim & Raydell Boerjan



Altar Society Schedule

For the Month of May:
have the privilege of cleaning the sanctuary:
Enedelia S. & Joyce Mauldin
Cleaning the side altars:
Irene E.

We are currently accepting donations for our
Parish Festival, which are always greatly
appreciated. Donations that are made for the
band can be in memory of a deceased loved one
and will be listed. Please contact the Parish Office.



Knights of
Columbus

Chicken & Sausage BBQ Plate Sale \$13
August 23rd 11:00—2:00

Drive-thru at the Parish Hall

Chicken & Sausage w/rice & beans

Ask any Knight of Columbus to purchase
your tickets! There is only 400 made so
get yours before they sale out!!

The Mass Doesn't End at Communion!

By Catholic Dailies

Have you ever noticed people leaving church immediately after receiving Holy Communion? Some Catholics receive the Eucharist, return to their seats, and begin gathering their bags before the Mass has actually ended. But here is something every Catholic should know:

**Holy Communion is not the end of Mass.
There are still important moments that follow.**

**So what should you expect after Holy
Communion?**

1. **A moment of Thanksgiving and Silence.**
After receiving Holy Communion, you return to your seat and pray. This is a beautiful moment to speak personally with Jesus whom you have just received.
2. **The Priest Purifies the Sacred Vessels.** This is not simply cleaning dishes. The Church treats the sacred vessels with great reverence because they have been used in the celebration of the Eucharist.
3. **The Prayer After Communion is Offered.**
This prayer asks that the Eucharist we have received may bear fruit in our lives. In other words, the Church is asking God to help us carry the grace of the Eucharist into our daily lives.
4. **The Final Blessing and Dismissal are Still Coming.** The priest blesses the people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then comes the dismissal. We are sent out to live what we have celebrated.
5. **You are Sent Out to Live Your Faith.** The final words of the Mass are not simply a signal that it is time to go home. They are a mission. Now we are sent into the world to live as His disciples.

Finally, the next time you receive Holy communion, don't immediately start thinking about leaving.

Remain Prayerful.

Give Thanks.

Listen to the Prayer after Communion.

Receive the Final Blessing.

Wait for the Dismissal.

And when you finally leave the church, remember that you are not simply going home. You are being sent to carry Christ into the world.

VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

Aug 15-Aug 22 Joyce Mauldin
Aug 22-Aug 29 Melissa Escobar
Aug 29-Sept 5 Janie Cantu

8:00 a.m. Mass

Aug 16-Aug 23 Gloria Richardson
Aug 23-Aug 30 Oralia & Rosendo Garcia
Aug 30-Sept 6 Connie & Arturo Garcia

11:15 a.m. Mass

Aug 16-Aug 23 Omar & Missy Guerra
Aug 23-Aug 30 Ricky Saenz
Aug 30-Sept 6 Lupe Saenz, Jr.

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

Aug 16-Aug 23 Connie Perez
Aug 23-Aug 30 Laura Gutierrez
Aug 30-Sept 6 Alma Martinez

For the Month of August



Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially... (*special intention*). We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.



Prayer Blanket Ministry



This ministry will be making blankets for people in our parish who are seriously ill. These blankets will be blessed and given to everyone on our list. Prayer is very powerful and we ask everyone in our parish to pray for these individuals on the prayer list:

8-16-26

Dina Garza
Jantico Espenzo
Hector Garcia
Pedro Boquin

8-9-26

Damian Soliz
Rudy "Trey" Soliz
Nori Garcia
Lily Garcia
Yoli & Jesus Longoria
Diana Barrera
Albert Villarreal
Marianita C. Magee
Stella Cruz
James Schacherl
Juan M. Lemus

8-2-26

Maricelda Aguilar
Diana G. Cantu
Roni Guerra
Fernando Guerra
Lisa Rae & Julie Resendez
Anna Grossman
Marlene Costley Maldonado
Marshal Ramirez

7-26-26

Joann Salas
Rudy Barrera

7-19-26

Jason Valdez
Ruben Garza
Ken Yaklin
Mook Yaklin
Jayden Pecina



AUGUST 16-29



The Sanctuary Candle in the **Church** is burning for:

Tony Garza

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the **Guadalupe Chapel** is burning for:

Leticia Garcia

By Rosie Jacobs

The Sanctuary Candle in the **Schoenstatt Chapel** is burning for:

Roberto & Maria Ramirez, Jr.

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in **St. Anne Mission** is burning for:

Odelia S. Rodriguez

By the family



**Knights of
Columbus**



Family of the Month

Enrique & Selene Sanchez

