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Living Christ's Love: My Heartfelt Thanks to Sacred Heart Parish

Dear community of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Warner Robins, Georgia:

Saint Augustine reminds us that “the measure of love is to love without measure,” and you have shown that abundantly. As the philosopher Emmanuel Levinas said, love and generosity are gestures that remind us that the other is not a burden but a gift from God. Through your dedication and spirit of solidarity, I have felt the joy of being part of a vibrant and faith-filled community.

“Loving Christ, Loving Others.” You have lived out this motto with generous hearts, fulfilling the mission of our parish:

“Sacred Heart Parish seeks to live its Catholic tradition and to build a community of faith through worship, education, stewardship, Christian service, and evangelization in order to share God's love for all people.”

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I encourage you to continue, serving from where you are, starting in your families in your domestic church, offering your time, talents, and treasure—just as Saint Francis of Assisi taught us: “It is in giving that we receive.” Your stewardship makes God’s love visible in your family, our parish and in the world.

I hope to visit you next year in June, when I return from Rome. Until then, stay united in prayer, firm in faith, and joyful in hope.

Thank you for all your love and generosity. I carry you always in my heart.

In Christ

Fr. Carlos Rivero

"Ad maiorem Dei gloriam"

Welcome!



This year at the Easter Vigil, the Sacred Heart family welcomed 17 new full members of the Catholic Church. We baptized seven new Christians. These new Catholics ranged from a man in his eighties, to a soon to be new mother, to a 14-year-old high school soccer player. In addition to these newly Baptized members, we also had two people Profess their faith in what the Church teaches and they to became members of the Church. Lastly, we had seven Catholics complete their Sacraments of Initiation by being Confirmed along with the newly Baptized and professed members of the Church. It was a night filled with all of the majesty and glory that makes the Church a little like Heaven on earth. We would like to warmly welcome those new Catholics!

Deacon Ron Simons



Our Church The Sacred Heart Window



The Sacred Heart window depicts the revelation given to Margaret Mary Alacoque. St. Margaret has a private revelation in which Jesus proclaimed that He called all people to find refuge in His Sacred Heart. St. John Eudes, a contemporary of St. Margaret, is also pictured in the window. The two saints promoted the devotion to the Sacred Heart. The window depicts Moses and Elijah who appear with Christ in the Transfiguration and represent the Law and the Prophecies fulfilled by Jesus. It also shows the Archangels Michael and Gabriel. At the bottom of the window are pictured some of the instruments of the passion of our Lord. These include the 30 pieces of silver, the scourge, the lance, which pierced the heart of Christ and the hammer and nails of the crucifixion. The window also depicts the sign attached to the cross.

Pentacost

June 8, 2025



Bernini's Dove of the Holy Spirit stained glass in St. Peter's Basilica illustrates the Holy Spirit as our source of light.

Decoding Pentecost

Pentecost, the beginning and birthday of the Church, is an annual feast that closes out the Easter season 50 days after the resurrection is celebrated. The word Pentecost has its root in the Greek word that means five. (One can see where the word pentagon comes from.) It is also a word that was used in Judaism during the time of Jesus, as Pentecost was the word used for the harvest festival Shavuot.

The Christian celebration has its origins in the Acts of the Apostles, in Acts 2:1-12, where the early disciples experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus. Acts also states, "While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now'" (Acts 1:4-5).

This Third Person of the Holy Trinity is known by a variety of names in Christian theology; one name is Paraclete. The name Paraclete means educator, intercessor, teacher, helper and comforter. These names describe how the Holy Spirit is present in the Church and is present with God's people. The Spirit is sent to remind us of all that Jesus said and taught. The Holy Spirit makes everything possible. These meanings highlight why meditating on the feast of Pentecost is an important thing to do. With the whole Church throughout the ages, we may rightfully pray, "Come, Holy Spirit. Come!"

Source: Cross Catholic Outreach – Father Dave Caron



Ministry Spotlight



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Are you looking for a ministry at Sacred Heart that is near and dear to the heart of Jesus Christ? Are you willing to dedicate time to prayer and discernment? Are you looking for a ministry that will fill a spiritual need or an emptiness in your heart? Are you a faithful and dedicated member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church? If you answer yes to the previous questions, then the Lay Ministry of the Eucharist may be for you.

You will serve the Body or Blood of Christ to the Laity during whatever Mass you attend. You are scheduled at least once a month, again depending on which Mass you attend. Sacred Heart normally has a Ministry Fair at least once a year to recruit new lay ministers. The next Ministry Fair is planned for later this year. If you feel so called, that is the perfect time to express your interest. This important ministry must be approved by Father Stephen, as it is not for everyone. Once and if approved, there will be training for you and anyone else joining this amazing ministry team. Once trained you will receive a certificate of training signed by the Bishop. Please consider joining our team. We are especially in need of EM at the 5 PM Saturday Mass and at the 1145 AM Sunday Mass, but all will be welcomed. Again, this is something not to be taken lightly, prayer and discernment should be the first step for you. If you have any questions at all, feel free to call me or email me, I am very available and open for thoughts or discussions.

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Ministry Spotlight



The Importance of Being a Lector: A Layperson's Perspective

Serving as a lector in the Catholic Church is a unique and sacred ministry. For laypeople, it offers a powerful way to take part in the Mass and to bring the Word of God to life for the parish community.

The lector does more than read - they proclaim. Lectors make the Sacred Scriptures come alive through careful preparation and prayerful reflection, inspiring and encouraging the faithful at the Mass. The Liturgy of the Word is a time of preparation to receive Christ in the Eucharist. Through the Scriptures, we are invited to experience the living Word of God. This is a time of personal reflection for all the faithful, and God's message can be transforming. Each reading is an opportunity to communicate God's message of hope, mercy, and truth.

This ministry is also a reminder that all members of the Church, not just the ordained, have a role to play in the liturgy. By stepping forward as a lector, laypeople take an active part in the Church's mission and deepen their own relationship with the Word of God.

Becoming a lector is not only an act of service but also a journey in your faith. It's a call to grow spiritually while helping others encounter God through Scripture.

If you feel called to this ministry, consider speaking with the parish office or lector coordinator. Sacred Heart is always in need of new ministers, especially at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 11:45 AM Mass on Sunday. You will typically be scheduled once a month. Join us in this important ministry of spreading the Good News. Your voice can be a channel for God's Word.

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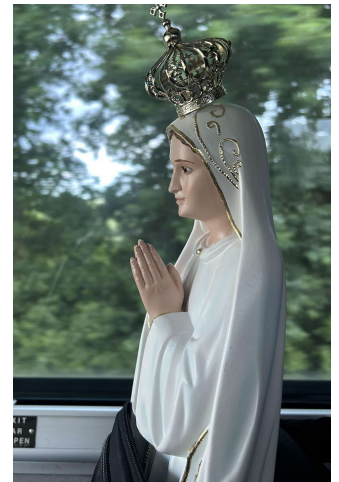
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Jubilee Pilgrimage Georgia Martyrs



We started out preparing for the pilgrimage by asking all pilgrims to consecrate to Our Lady of Fatima, since we would be there on her feast day. We then had a movie night and watched *For the Sake of the Gospel* about the Georgia Martyrs. The day of the pilgrimage, we had Mass at Sacred Heart, then made our way to Darien. On the trip to Darien, we prayed the Rosary together (bilingual) and watched the Fatima movie or Bernadette on the ride. Upon arriving at Nativity of Our Lady in Darien, we had Mass again :). At the end of Mass, the entire congregation consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima (we also brought a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, that was blessed by Bishop Parkes). From there, we visited the Georgia Martyrs Monument. After this time, we went to lunch together then prepared for our trip to Fort King George. We were all very grateful for the presentation given by the park rangers. One presentation was on the Martyrs and the other on the Guale people. We were met by Braelyn Snow (Illustration Artist of Georgia Martyrs) as well, who gave us the Georgia Martyr materials to share among pilgrims and our parish. **Jean Woodman**



Did you know?



Wedding Anniversary Jubilees

25th



50th

John and Plernchit Anselmo

Feb 15

Jan and Sara Giovingo

July 20

Bill and Linda Pinckney

July 26

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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