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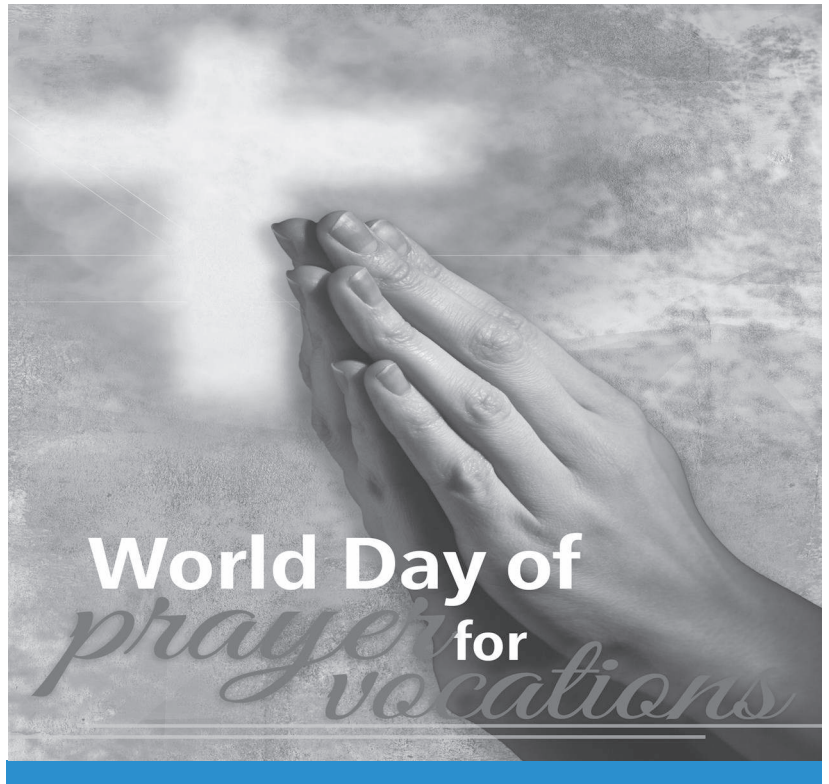
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am
First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 9:30 am - noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am
First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm
Or by appointment

April 17, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Reflections

On San Antonio Trip- Part VI

My last article about my San Antonio trip in January ended with writing about the first day of the conference I attended and my visit to the Alamo. On the second day, I attended a keynote talk, two workshops, and visited the San Fernando Cathedral located at the west end of the river walk.

The keynote lecture, by Father Michael Driscoll, a professor at the University of Notre Dame, spoke about the Art of Celebrating Liturgy. He said that the liturgy, the celebration of Mass, is an art that engages others arts. Furthermore, when art and liturgy join forces, they express transcendence or other worldliness. Some of the arts include drama, dance, music, and poetry. Even giving a homily, our speaker indicated, is an art. Father Driscoll went on to say that liturgy and music complement each other, and how important and powerful music is. We know the importance and value good music is to our worship experience, especially for someone like me who can't even carry a note. Finally, he encouraged us, the priests and members of the assembly or parishioners at Mass, to not be afraid of extended periods of silence during certain parts of the Liturgy; silence assists us in absorbing what we are encountering, and entering into the mysteries we are celebrating more intensely.

During the afternoon break between the workshops, I strolled down the river walk to revisit and spend more time at San Fernando Cathedral. The cathedral parish was founded in 1731 by a group of 16 Canary Island families who were sent to found a colony at the request of King Phillip V of Spain. The Cathedral is the oldest, continuously functioning religious community in the State of Texas. It also has the distinction of being the oldest standing church building in Texas, built 277 years ago. I prayed the rosary while in this historical church and spent time walking around. On this day, I discovered a new Saint, that is, Toribio Gonzalez who was martyred in 1928 in Mexico for his faith and vocation as a Catholic priest. A life-sized statue was located in the back of the Cathedral.

Skipping to the next morning, the third and final keynote speech was given by Sister Theresa Koernke, IHM, and was excellent, informative, and humorous. She shared with us the power of the human word, doing so by way of a story about her grandmother who had heard harsh words from a priest in her old country in Eastern Europe. Then, when she moved to the United States, another priest spoke kind and compassionate words. Sister's grandmother experienced a transformation by not judging the second priest by the words spoken to her earlier in life.

If human words are powerful, one can imagine how much more powerful the Word of God is in our lives.

That is why it is significant that we study the Bible in order to allow God's word to become part of us; thus living a life with God's way guiding our lives. To be continued...

Have a good week, Father Shane



PARISH NEWS

Father Shane away

Fr. Shane will be away until April 27 on a pilgrimage and tour to Portugal, Spain, and France with his friend Fr. Neil from the US Virgin Islands. Some of the places he will see is Fatima, Lisbon in Portugal, Avila and Loyola in Spain, and Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Abbey of Cluny, and Arsi in France. In case of a need of a priest or in an emergency, please call the parish office. If it is after hours, press 111 (Fr. Shane's extension) and a phone number of who to call will be in the message.

Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal in the United States and it's territories. There is an envelope for your use in the pews.

Inspire your Faith

Find yourself bearing an unexpected or particularly heavy cross? Perhaps you are facing a perplexing challenge at home or work, or Confirmation time is near or in the foreseeable future. Need a lift? All are welcome to join us in a DVD series on how to inspire and increase our faith. What a most appropriate time to seek assistance for any need as we celebrate our Risen Savior. Every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm here at Sacred Heart in the Wey Hall, come by yourself or, better yet, bring a friend or loved one as we continue this opportunity through May, the month of Mary. Please mark these Thursdays on your calendar and join us in these evenings of inspiration.

Life Touch Photography

Mark your calendars for June 2-4, Life Touch photography will be here taking family photos for our new church directory. The weekday photo hours are 2pm-9pm and Saturday is 10am-4:30pm. There will be an organizational meeting set for Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm.

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children from Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's who will be making their first Communion in the coming weeks.



UPCOMING LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Kevin Smith
 Communion: Mary Stenger, Chuck Debevec
 Gifts: Kay Family
 Ushers: Ted Stathes, Ken Opatz
 Server: Tj Roth

Sunday, April 24, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Al Walz, Samantha Herberg
 Communion: Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson
 Gifts: Peno Family
 Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ron Peltier, Joe Moore,
 Dennis Kaufmann
 Servers: Alexis Ertz



We currently have openings for April 27 through May 1st.

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Adam Schlangen
Jim Kirchberg	Bill Sempel	Ethel Thomas
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Mary Ann Lunseth	Eileen Kost
David Gaul	Jim Noon	
Gary Weiden	Rose Peloquin	
Colleen Najewski	Arlene Greenhagen	
Jeff Carlson	Phyllis Swanson	

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed.
 Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus are holding a planning meeting Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm in the Wey Hall. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

Church of the Sacred Heart

FINANCIAL UPDATE

4/10/2016

Plate	146.00
Building maint.	50.00
Envelopes	1794.00
Holy Thursday	
Good Friday	
Supplemental	
Easter	46.00
EFT money	397.00
Global Solidarity Sunday	
Liturgical Environment	
Total	2433.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday, April 20

Fr. Sip Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, April 23

Fr. Sip Sacred Heart 4:00 pm
 Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 24

Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 8:30 am
 Fr. Sip Sacred Heart 9:00 am
 Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 10:30 am



The next Financial Council meeting will be on
 May 10th at 7:00 pm.

Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist, other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.



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