

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

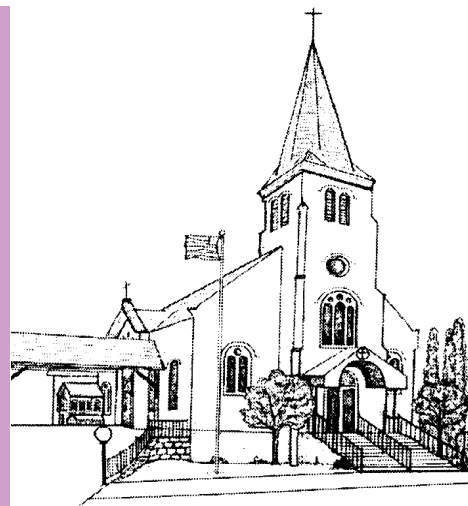
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Weekend & Weekday Masses

Saturday-Temporarily Suspended
Sunday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am

Private Prayers:

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays-
8:30-Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
until Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions will be heard by request
after mass on Wednesdays or
by appointment.

Clergy

Pastor:

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

Assisting Priest:

Fr. Chuck Brambilla
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

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WE HONOR AND LOVE YOU

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

Live the Liturgy– Inspiration for the week

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.



Takayama Ukon was born in approximately the year 1552 in Haibara, Yamato, Japan. He was the eldest son of Takayama Tomoteru, who was the lord (daimyō) of Sawa Castle and was a retainer of Matsunaga Hisahide. Takayama Hikogorō was an educated and cultured man. He was regarded as “a great general, ingenious strategist, master of the tea ceremony, a harmonious personality and above all a Sainly Christian.” He was dedicated to his faith and even gave up his position as a daimyō as a result.

His childhood name was Hikogorō and his coming of age name was Shigetomo. His father Takayama Tomoteru became a Christian in 1564. Both father and son were baptized by the Jesuit missionary Gaspar di Lella. The then twelve year old Hikogorō taking Justin Martyr as his patron became known as Justus Ukon Takayama (or in the West, as Dom Justo Takayama).

As he continued his training and studies, Takayama’s enthusiasm for the faith waned until he was about twenty years old, when he became a fervent evangelizer. The family’s exalted position in feudal Japan gave them control over vast lands and armies. Dom Justo served as feudal governor of Takatsuki from age 21, and later as governor of Akashi. This made it possible for them to give assistance to Jesuit missionaries as they expanded their reach into the country. Conversions brought about through the help of Dom Justo are believed to number in the tens of thousands during an era in which the oppressive regime of the chancellor Toyotomi Hideyoshi was bearing down on Catholic Christians.

Problems began to arise in 1565 when Matsunaga Hisahide assassinated the shogun Ashikaga Yoshiteru, which led to a war within the province of Yamato with the Miyoshi clan. During the feud, Sawa Castle was lost, causing the Takayama clan to flee and ended up in the service of Oda Nobunaga while serving under Wada Koremasa in 1568.

As an era of dramatic persecution of Christians grew, Toyotomi demanded of Dom Justo a complete renunciation of either his faith or his fiefdom. The samurai chose to renounce his fiefdom, walking away from worldly power and voluntarily embracing poverty over obedience to a despot.

He lived under the protection of friends and allies for several decades, but in 1614, when Toyotomi’s successor prohibited the Christian faith outright, Dom Justo left Japan from Nagasaki, leading 300 Catholics into exile in the city of Manila in the Philippines so they could again practice their faith. He died there, forty days later while praying the Rosary, the only daimyō to be buried on Philippine soil. Witnesses testified that the persecutions he had suffered in Japan had brought about his early demise.

In 1775, Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, having studied the life and death of Dom Justo and all available papers at the time, concluded “Since Takayama died in exile because of the weaknesses caused by the maltreatments he suffered in his homeland, the process is that of a martyr.”

The 2017 beatification of Dom Justo was the fifth Japanese beatification ceremony since the Twenty-Six Martyrs of Japan were beatified in 1627.

Article courtesy of Bob Rawson Guest Writer



Love one
♥ ANOTHER ♥
as I have
LOVED
you
-JOHN 15:12

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Gregory's will have an opening for a bookkeeper this summer. If you or someone you know has bookkeeping experience and would like to work part time, generally one day per week. Please contact Fr. Shane in the parish office.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

May 20th will be the next drive up food distribution from 10:00 am until 11:30 am here at Sacred Heart for 60 and older. Further questions please contact the Parish office.

SATURDAY NIGHT MASS Father Shane would like to eventually bring back the Saturday Night Mass. However, in order to do so, we will need additional ushers, lectors, and a cantor. Please contact the parish office or Father Shane if you are willing to take on this ministry. Once the Archbishop reinstates the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, we will reevaluate the return of the Saturday night Mass. Updates will be provided in the bulletin as they are determined.

BRINGING UP GIFTS AT MASS:

Starting in the near future, we will resume bringing up the gifts of bread and wine at our weekend Masses. We are able to now do this safely since a parishioner has custom-made a cover for the ciborium. A ciborium is the name of the plate we use to distribute the Body of Christ during Holy Communion.

DIOCESE OF Colorado Springs:

Please keep Bishop-Elect James "Jim" Golka, who was appointed the new bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs on April 30. He is currently a priest of the Diocese of Grand Island, NE serving as the vicar general and rector at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Grand Island. Bishop-Elect Jim is a Saint Paul Seminary classmate of Fr. Shane and the first of their class to have a bishop.

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included on the Prayer Chain, the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful and/or the bulletin contact the Parish office. Permission from the individual must be given before we can list their name in the Prayers of the Faithful or the bulletin.

Prayer, at its heart, is an act of faith, asking God to step in and believing that He is both willing and able to listen to us. There is no prayer intention too large or too small — you can ask for God's help with every need.

Almighty God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen.

Continued prayers for:

Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg,
Jim Thorn, Judy Strandmark, Shirley Kirchberg, Joseph &
Grace Schwaab, Erin Hestbeck Mielke, Cecilia Shinler,
Bret Van Tassel, Ron Schleicher, Janet Yurick, Dave
Prickett, Diane Anderson

May 15 & 16 Celebrants

Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane/Dea. Kevin	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

May 22 & 23 Celebrants

Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Nygaard	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 16

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. † George Stenter & Shelly Stenger-Fisk

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 a.m. † Tony Debevec

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. † Parishioners

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 22 & 23 we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and the closing of the Easter Season! Please consider wearing red to Mass this weekend.

After Pentecost, we celebrate three solemnities of the Lord: the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, May 29 & 30; the feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi on June 5 & 6; and finally, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11.

Each of these liturgical feasts brings to light a perspective that enables us to embrace the entire scope of the mystery of the Christian faith: respectively, the reality of God as One and Triune, the sacrament of the Eucharist, and the divine and human center of the Person of Christ. These are in truth the various aspects of the one mystery of salvation, which, in a certain way, sums up the whole itinerary of Jesus' revelation, from the incarnation to the death and resurrection, up to the ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Excerpt taken from Holy Days: Meditations on the Feasts, Fasts, and Other Solemnities of the Church.

By Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the office or feel free to take one from the rack in church. 320.358.4370

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred

