



## Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter January 16, 2022

My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's second reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. St. Paul wrote this letter in the Year 57, most likely from Ephesus and during his third missionary journey. He was writing to a Church that was special to him but was now in crisis. The Church in Corinth was special to St. Paul because he helped to establish the Church and personally baptized and catechized many of its members. The Church was in crisis because many of its members now were reverting to old ways: ways contrary to the Gospel. Their reverting to old ways, whether pagan or Jewish, was now causing sharp divisions in a Church that was so dear to St. Paul.

In the letter, St. Paul reminds the Church in Corinth that their baptism into Christ Jesus has made them a new people, a people no longer pagan nor Jewish, but members of the Body of Christ. As such, there was no room for divisions or clicks. There was no excuse to go back to old sinful ways. With his exhortation, he was calling them to live like a new people, in unity, in Christ Jesus.

As we hear this weekend, St. Paul reminds the Church in Corinth that all good gifts have a common source in the Blessed Trinity. Since they have a common source, they must also have a common purpose. The common purpose for all of God's good gifts is to build up His Kingdom on Earth. Thus, each was to use their own personal gifts of time, talent, and treasure for this one common goal—and cut out the nonsense! Later in the letter, St. Paul gives the true motive and guiding principle of a Christian: *Let all that you do be done in Love (I Cor:16:14)*.

Thankfully we are a parish community which excels in doing all things in Love.

I would like to thank all of those who organized and donated to the One Warm Coat drive this weekend. I was able to purge my closet of a couple of winter coats and a couple of spring jackets which can now help change a life.

This Friday many will be heading to Washington for the annual March for Life. Certainly, you go forth with our prayers and support, and we all join with them in praying for that day when abortion will be illegal and the lives of all babies will be safe.

Lord Jesus,

You who faithfully visit and fulfill with your Presence the Church and the history of men; You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life; We adore and bless you.

Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life, truly present and alive among us, we beg you.

Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb the miraculous work of the Creator, open our hearts to generously welcome every child that comes into life.

Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses, render fruitful their love.

Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit, so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every human life.

(Prolife Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI)



"Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:9-11).

The month of January is dedicated to the Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. As with all devotions, this Devotion to the Holy Name is an opportunity to grow more in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. This devotion, in particular, is also an opportunity to make reparation for those who use the Holy Name in vain (in violation of God's Second Commandment). Moreover, the saints of old have consistently taught that in moments of temptation or trial, one just has to recite the Holy Name with love and reverence, and many helps will pour forth from Heaven. So I encourage all to practice this powerful Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

## The Litany of the Holy Name

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

[The response to the following is...*have mercy on us*]

God our Father in heaven...	Jesus, God of peace...
God the Son...	Jesus, author of life...
Redeemer of the world...	Jesus, model of goodness...
God the Holy Spirit...	Jesus, seeker of souls...
Holy Trinity, one God...	Jesus, our God...
Jesus, Son of the living God...	Jesus, our refuge...
Jesus, splendor of the Father...	Jesus, father of the poor...
Jesus, brightness of everlasting light...	Jesus, treasure of the faithful...
Jesus, king of glory...	Jesus, Good Shepherd...
Jesus, dawn of justice...	Jesus, the true light...
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary...	Jesus, eternal wisdom...
Jesus, worthy of our love...	Jesus, infinite goodness...
Jesus, worthy of our wonder...	Jesus, our way and our life...
Jesus, mighty God...	Jesus, joy of angels...
Jesus, father of the world to come...	Jesus, king of patriarchs...
Jesus, prince of peace...	Jesus, teacher of apostles...
Jesus, all-powerful...	Jesus, master of evangelists...
Jesus, pattern of patience...	Jesus, courage of martyrs...
Jesus, model of obedience...	Jesus, light of confessors...
Jesus, gentle and humble of heart...	Jesus, purity of virgins...
Jesus, lover of chastity...	Jesus, crown of all saints...
Jesus, lover of us all...	

[The response to the following is...Jesus, save your people]

Lord, be merciful...

From all evil...

From every sin...

From the snares of the devil...

From your anger...

From the spirit of infidelity...

From everlasting death...

From neglect of your Holy Spirit...

By the mystery of your incarnation...

By your birth...

By your childhood...

By your hidden life...

By your public ministry...

By your agony and crucifixion...

By your abandonment...

By your grief and sorrow...

By your death and burial...

By your rising to new life...

By your return in glory to the Father...

By your gift of the holy Eucharist...

By your joy and glory...

Christ, hear us,

*Christ hear us*

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,

*Lord Jesus, hear our prayer*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

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*Let us pray.*

As we venerate the most holy Name of Jesus,  
mercifully grant us, Lord,

that, savoring its sweetness in this life,

we may be filled with everlasting joy

in our heavenly homeland.

Through Christ our Lord.

*R/. Amen.*

(The Litany of the Holy Name comes for the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website)



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church

Each  
Month

7:00 PM

First  
**FRIDAY**

*Healing Services*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ● Scripture Readings & Reflection

Rosary & Healing Prayer ● Blessing Procession

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