



# SACRED HEART

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST

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*I love you, Lord, my strength* -Psalm 18

*Te amo, oh Señor, mi fuerza* -Salmo 18

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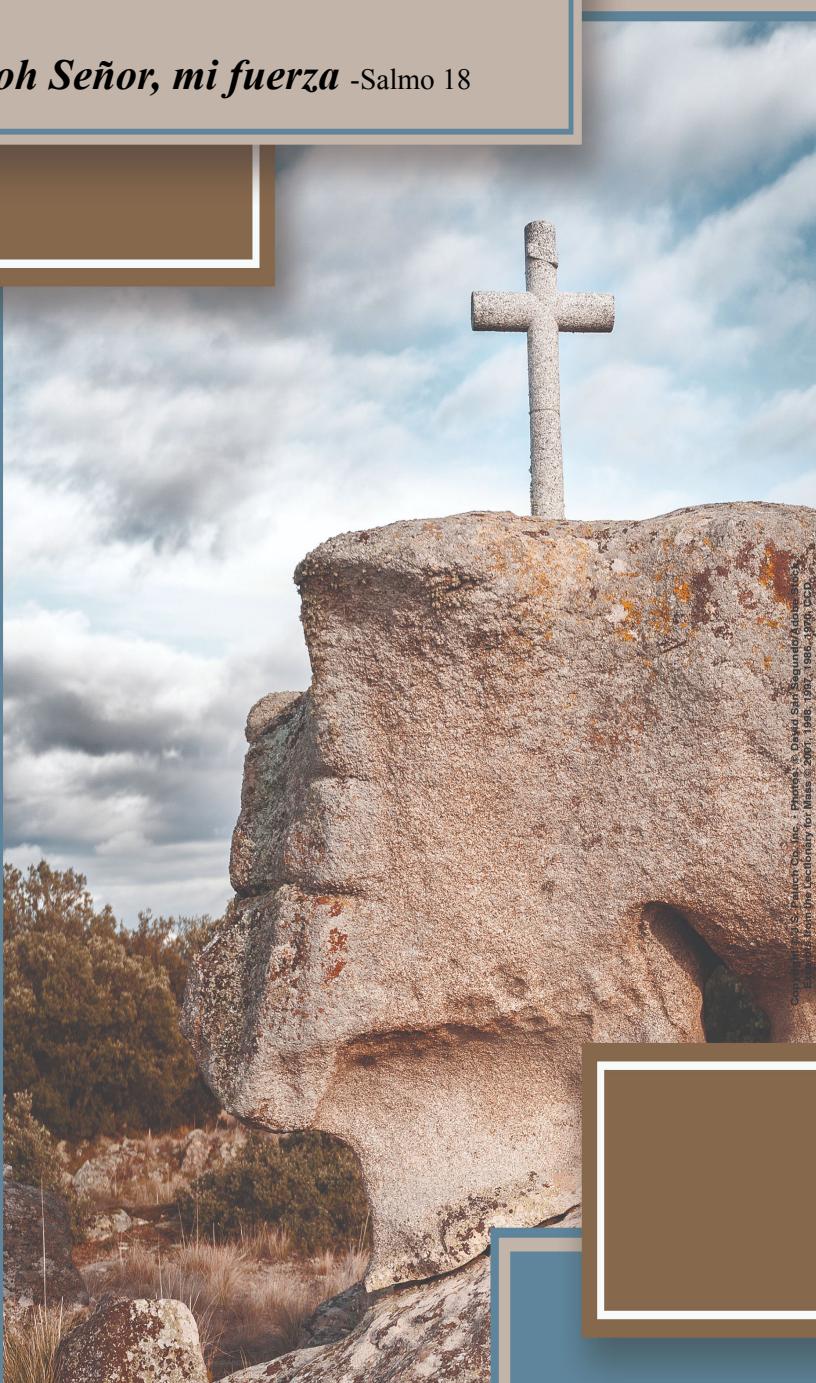
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"Our mission is to offer every person in our community a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ"

"Nuestra misión es ofrecer a cada persona en nuestra comunidad un encuentro con Jesucristo que cambie su vida "



*From the desk of Fr. Al Ezeonyeka*

## What Matters Most in Life?

*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest till it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw till the Most High  
responds, judges justly and affirms the  
right... Sirach 35:21-22*



Prayer is the lifeblood of Christian life. It is the key that opens all spiritual doors. Prayer opens the door of our hearts so that Jesus may enter. **Listen!**, says Jesus, *I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me* (Rev 3:20). Therefore, **to pray always without becoming weary** (Lk 18:1-8), is to constantly keep the doors of our hearts open to God. It is to continually be disposed to the grace of God, which in turn orders our daily activities aright, enriches our spiritual life and helps us participate more effectively at liturgies.

If prayer opens our hearts to God, then, how often we pray determines how important God is to us. Our best attention and time go to what matters most to us. Everyday we make a list of priorities. So, where is prayer and God in your daily to-do list? What kind of time do you give to it? Do you give ample quality time to prayer? If you don't, then why? Your answers to these questions will tell you how important God is to you.

Jesus teaches that persistent prayer moves God because it reveals how much we truly love him and yearn for him. This genuine love and inner yearning is what God quickly responds to. In the parable of the unjust judge, Jesus argues that if such an evil man could be moved by a widow's persistence, **Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?** (Lk 18:6-7). To call on God "day and night" is to pray in season and out of season – i.e., during Lent, Advent, Easter, Christmas, Sunday Masses, and days of obligation, and afterwards in private. **Pray always**, Jesus says. Our newest saint, St. John Henry Newman, describes what a daily prayer life looks like:

Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising; give your first thoughts to God; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament; say the Angelus devoutly; eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well; be recollected; keep out bad thoughts; make your evening meditation well; examine yourself daily; go to bed in good time, and you are already perfect.

Remember, a praying Christian is a victorious Christian. God bless you all!

*Desde el escritorio de P. Al Ezeonyeka*

## ¿Qué es lo que más importa en la vida?

*La oración de los humildes atraviesa las nubes; no descansa hasta que llega a su meta, ni se retirará hasta que el Altísimo responda, juzgue con justicia y afirme el derecho.... Eclesiástico 35:21-22*

La oración es el alma de la vida cristiana. Es la llave que abre todas las puertas espirituales. La oración abre la puerta de nuestros corazones para que Jesús pueda entrar. **Escucha**, dice Jesús, **estoy a la puerta, llamando; si oyes mi voz y abres la puerta, entraré a ti y comeré contigo, y tú conmigo** (Apc 3, 20). Por eso, **orar siempre sin cansarnos** (Lc 18, 1-8), es mantener constantemente las puertas de nuestros corazones abiertas a Dios. Es estar continuamente dispuestos a la gracia de Dios, que a su vez ordena correctamente nuestras actividades diarias, enriquece nuestra vida espiritual y nos ayuda a participar más eficazmente en las liturgias.

Si la oración abre nuestros corazones a Dios, entonces, la frecuencia con que oramos determina cuán importante es Dios para nosotros. Nuestra mejor atención y tiempo lo dedicamos a lo que más nos importa. Todos los días hacemos una lista de prioridades. Entonces, ¿dónde están la oración y Dios en tu lista diaria de cosas por hacer? ¿Qué clase de tiempo le das? ¿Dan un tiempo amplio y de calidad a la oración? Si no lo haces, ¿por qué? Sus respuestas a estas preguntas le dirán cuán importante es Dios para usted.

Jesús enseña que la oración persistente mueve a Dios porque revela cuánto lo amamos y anhelamos verdaderamente. Este amor genuino y este anhelo interior es a lo que Dios responde rápidamente. En la parábola del juez injusto, Jesús argumenta que si un hombre tan malvado pudiera ser movido por la persistencia de una viuda, **¿no aseguraría Dios los derechos de sus elegidos que le llaman día y noche?** (Lc 18,6-7). Invocar a Dios "día y noche" es orar a tiempo y fuera de tiempo, es decir, durante la Cuaresma, el Adviento, la Pascua, la Navidad, las Misa dominicales y los días de obligación, y después en privado. **Oren siempre**, dice Jesús. Nuestro nuevo santo, San Juan Enrique Newman, describe cómo es la vida diaria de oración:

No te acuestes en la cama más allá de la hora debida para levantarte; da tus primeros pensamientos a Dios; haz una buena visita al Santísimo Sacramento; reza el Ángelus con devoción; come y bebe para la gloria de Dios; reza bien el Rosario; recógete; mantén los malos pensamientos; haz bien tu meditación vespertina; examínate a ti mismo todos los días; vete a la cama a tiempo, y ya eres perfecto.

Recuerde, un cristiano que ora es un cristiano victorioso. Que Dios los bendiga a todos!



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We all want to belong. We belong to so many groups whether its sports, family, friends, school, church, whatever you belong to, but we all have a desire to belong. We were not meant to be alone, even Adam was lonely and needed a companion. With, this in mind, I have seen the damage that the past 7 months have taken on our teens. Our teens have been disconnected from the world, and even with social media, they have been disconnected from that human, in person interaction. I can't tell you how excited our teens were to see each other in person for the first time, it was so beautiful and heartwarming to see their joy. We have been disconnected for so long and need to reconnect with each other, safely, and regrow that community. Our teens are in the middle of a youth group series on belonging that focuses on isolation, solitude, and the need to belong not only to each other but to the church and what that does to us. I pray for you all that you are beginning to reconnect, especially with our church community, and that you are no longer feeling alone.



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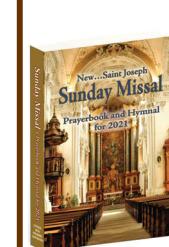


### TIME CHANGE

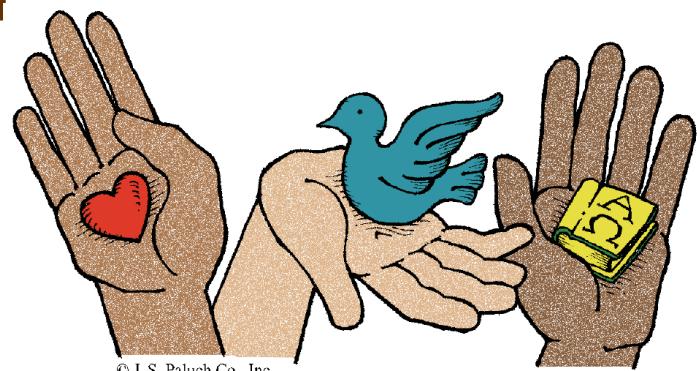
Next Sunday,  
November 1<sup>st</sup>  
**day light saving ends.**  
Remember to turn back  
your clocks one hour.

### CAMBIO DE TIEMPO

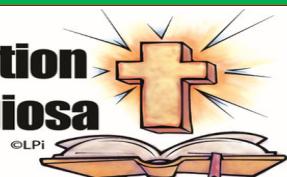
El próximo domingo,  
1º de noviembre  
el horario de  
verano termina.  
Recuerde retrasar sus  
relojes una hora



The **2021 English Sunday Missals**  
will be on sale in the Parish Office  
during regular business hours  
\$5 per copy.  
Only a limited supply ordered.



## Religious Education Educación Religiosa



Sr. Margaret Mary re@sacredheartventura.org

**BEING A CHRISTIAN IS LIKE BEING A PUMPKIN:**  
 God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)  
 Then He washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)  
 He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate and greed. (Romans 6:6)  
 He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)  
 And He puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

As a family, look up the scripture quotes and reflect.

### PUMPKIN PRAYER

#### CUT OFF THE TOP.

Lord, open my mind and fill me with your wisdom and guidance.

#### SCOOP OUT THE YUCKIES.

Lord, take out all my fussies and frownies and fill me with your love.

#### CARVE OUT THE EYES.

Lord, open my eyes to see all of the beautiful things you have made.

#### CARVE OUT THE NOSE.

Lord, help me to be a sweet fragrance for you.

#### CARVE OUT THE MOUTH.

Lord, help me to always speak your words of love and kindness.

#### PLACE IN A CANDLE.

Lord, let me be a light to others for you have filled me with your light.

As a family, do the pumpkin prayer.

### RECYCLE

Attention all those who have been saving recyclable aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles during the pandemic. Religious education is accepting recycle. Help us defray the extra expenses during this time.

### WORDS OF WISDOM.... PALABRAS DE SABIDURÍA....

#### BORN TO LOVE

We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.

—Joseph Cafasso

#### NACIDOS PARA AMAR

Nacimos para amar, vivimos para amar y moriremos para amar más todavía.

—Joseph Cafasso

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Intenciones de la Semana

(†)Deceased

(-)Intentions

#### Saturday, Oct 24, 2020

- 5:00 pm - Barbara Ghalamkar
- † June Kirsch
- Parishioners of Sacred Heart

#### Sunday, Oct 25, 2020

- 7:00 am † Fernando Maldonado
- † Amelia Cagigas
- 9:00 am † Joseph Ai Nguyen
- † Alejandro "Alex" Gallardo
- 10:30 am † Bessie Carter
- † KC's Deceased Members
- 12:30 pm - Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- 5:00pm † George Crowe

#### Monday, Oct 26, 2020

- 7:00 am - Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- 6:00pm † George Crowe

#### Tuesday, Oct 27, 2020

- 7:00 am - Tom Escallier
- Krisztina Escallier
- 6:00 pm - Parishioners of Sacred Heart

#### Wednesday, Oct 28, 2020

- 7:00 am - Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- 6:00 pm † Antonio Barrel

#### Thursday, Oct 29, 2020

- 7:00 am - Guerrero/Gonzalez Family
- 6:00 pm - Cassie Escallier

#### Friday, Oct 30, 2020

- 8:30 am † Rod Carty
- Ildiko Nagy
- 5:00pm-7:00pm Confessions

#### Saturday, Oct 31, 2020

- 8:30 am † Cecelia Dung Nguyen

### INTERCESSION/Intercesiones PRAY FOR..../ Oremos por....

#### The Sick / Enfermos:

**Died in Christ / Murio en Cristo:** Rosemary Magness



### Memorial Mass

*All Saints Day Monday, November 2 , 2020*

During the month of November we will be honoring our deceased relatives and friends who have died in the past year in a special mass Monday, November 2 at the 6 PM.

You may bring a framed picture of your loved one to be displayed on an altar during mass. Please be sure to put your name and phone number on the back of the picture to insure it is returned to you. We recommend you remember to take the picture with you at the end of the mass.

### Misa Conmemorativa

*El Día de Todos los Santos Lunes, 2 de noviembre 2020*

Durante el mes de noviembre estaremos honrando a nuestros familiares y amigos que han fallecido durante el año pasado en una misa especial el lunes 2 de noviembre a las 6 PM.

Puede traer una foto de su ser querido para ser exhibida en un altar durante la misa. Por favor, asegúrese de poner su nombre y número de teléfono en el reverso de la foto para que le sea devuelta. Le recomendamos que recuerde llevar la foto con usted al final de la misa.

### **WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**



**“Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you’re shivering.”**

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

**GriefShare**  
Sacred Heart Church  
**10800 Henderson Road**  
Ventura, CA 93004

**Sunday's from 12:30 –2 pm**  
Senior Center

For more information and to register, please contact Fran Dudley at 805-647-2554 or email at [frandudley41@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frandudley41@sbcglobal.net)

### **EUCARISTIC ADORATION - EVERY FRIDAY**

Beginning at 9:00am continuing until 10:00pm

### **ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA**

**Todos los viernes 9:00am - 10:00pm**

**Come and spend one hour in Adoration with our Savior.**



**"The best, the surest and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."**

St. Pope John Paul II

**JOIN US FOR THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & THE HOLY ROSARY AT THE HOUR OF MERCY ~ 3:00PM**

**We are in particular need of adorers for the hours of 10:00am, 1:00pm & 2:00pm, Friday evenings.**

Please contact Kati at [katalinescallier3@gmail.com](mailto:katalinescallier3@gmail.com)  
OR CALL / TEXT 805-216-5749

**Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?**



### **R.C.I.A**

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- ⇒ Is seeking a deeper spirituality
- ⇒ Has expressed an interest in Catholic practices
- ⇒ Has a desire to continue the Catholic Journey through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to explore our journey of faith.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) helps prepare adults for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith and/or if you are a baptized adult who would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, please join our classes.

Meeting every Tuesday at from 7:00 pm -8:30 pm. For more information please contact Linda Lyons at 360-737-4386.



## *Alpha Evangelization Ministry Fundraiser*

To help support their mission in evangelizing to our parish community

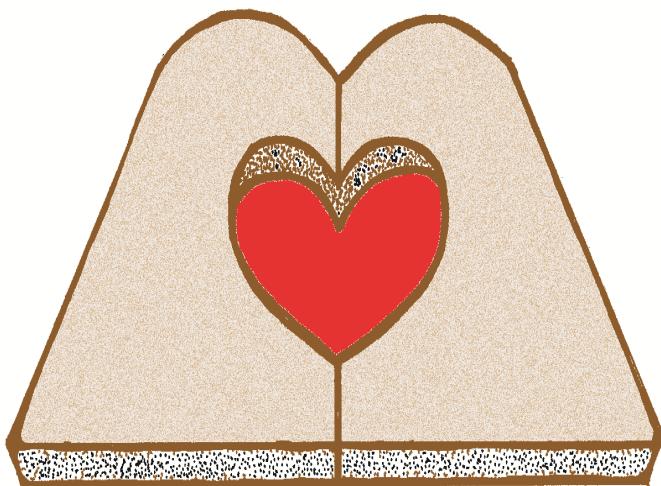
Sunday, October 25th and November 1st  
10:00am-2:00pm  
in front of the Church



## *Recaudación de fondos Alpha Ministerio de Evangelización*

Para ayudar y apoyar su misión en la evangelización de nuestra comunidad parroquial

Domingo, 25 de octubre y 1 de noviembre  
De 10:00am a 2:00pm  
Frente a la Iglesia



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The Sacred Heart Food Pantry will hold a grocery distribution this Wednesday Oct. 28, 2020 from 10am to noon at 1515 S Saticoy Ave.

**All in need are welcome.** For details, call 805-701-4567

La Despensa de Alimentos del Sagrado Corazón llevará a cabo una distribución de comestibles este miércoles 28 de Oct. del 2020 de 10 am a mediodía en 1515 S Saticoy Ave.

**Todos los necesitados son bienvenidos.**  
Para más detalles, llame al 805-701-4567

### FOOD PANTRY



**Sunday, Nov. 1st,** is the next Sunday set for the Food Pantry. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the red bins located outside the church doors. Through your generosity Sacred Heart parishioners have been a great help to the many hungry families in our area. Thank you for your continued support.

### DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

**El Domingo, 1 de Nov.,** es la próxima fecha para la despensa de alimentos. Por favor traiga sus alimentos no-perecederos y colóquelos en los contenedores rojos ubicados en la entrada de la iglesia. Gracias a su generosidad, los feligreses del Sagrado Corazón han sido una gran ayuda para las muchas familias hambrientas de nuestra región. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.



**LIVING JUSTLY**

"You give that back right now!" How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a "fair trade agreement." Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God's beloved children are not to behave like bullies.

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**VIVIR EN JUSTICIA**

"¡Devuélvelo ahora mismo!" ¿Cuántas veces hemos escuchado esa frase, probablemente más de una vez, cuando éramos niños? Llegamos a casa con el trofeo que consideramos un dulce hallazgo, para que nuestros padres deshicieran nuestras ganancias haciéndonos devolver el botín. Ellos tenían un concepto muy diferente de lo que constituye un acuerdo "de intercambio justo". La justicia en nuestros tratos con otros constituye una importante medida de nuestro carácter, como un buen parente de familia, a Dios le importa mucho cómo nos tratamos los unos a los otros y cómo los otros nos tratan a nosotros. Dios oye el clamor de los pobres y responde al llamado de los oprimidos. Los hijos bien amados de Dios no se han de comportar como abusadores.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Dios escucha el llanto de los oprimidos (Éxodo 22:20-26).

**Salmo** — Te amo, oh Señor, mi fuerza (Salmo 18 [17]).

**Segunda lectura** — El pueblo de Dios es conocido por su conversión y amor de Dios (1 Tesalonicenses 1:5c-10).

**Evangelio** — La ley principal es la ley del amor (Mateo 22:34-40).

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Ef 4:32 — 5:8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 13:10-17

Martes: Ef 5:21-33; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Lc 13:18-21

Miércoles: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16

Jueves: Ef 6:10-20; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Lc 13:31-35

Viernes: Fil 1:1-11; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 14:1-6

Sábado: Fil 1:18b-26; Sal 42 (41):2, 3, 5cdef; Lc 14:1, 7-11

Domingo: Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

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**VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING**  
**ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEED TO COMPLETE**

**"Your child's security and safety are a priority for us at Sacred Heart Church. Please supervise your children at all times especially if they leave during Mass"**

**Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
Office of Safeguard the Children  
Protecting God's Children Zoom VIRTUS® Sessions**

The Office of Safeguard the Children is proud to sponsor a series of VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children Zoom Sessions during the month of **October/November 2020**. These sessions are specifically for Directors of Religious Education, Confirmation Coordinators, Youth Ministers, catechists and ministry team members whose current VIRTUS® certificate has expired, or who are new to their position and have never taken the Protecting God's Children training. For more information please contact:

Brenda Cabrera at [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org). **Note: ADULTS ONLY -Sessions are limited to 30 participants and are on a first-come basis.**

La Oficina de Protección de los Niños se alegra de patrocinar una serie de Sesiones de Zoom de VIRTUS® Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios durante el mes de **Octubre/Noviembre 2020**. Estas sesiones son específicamente para Directores de Educación Religiosa, Coordinadores de Confirmación, Ministros de Juventud, catequistas y miembros del equipo ministerial cuyo certificado actual de VIRTUS® ha expirado, o que son nuevos en su posición y nunca han tomado el entrenamiento de Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios. Para más información, por favor contacte: Brenda Cabrera al [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org).

**Nota: SÓLO ADULTOS - Las sesiones están limitadas a 30 participantes y se realizan por orden de inscripción.**

Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (English)

Thursday, November 5, 2020 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (English)

Friday, November 13, 2020 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Spanish)

Thursday, November 19, 2020 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (English)

Friday, November 20, 2020 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Spanish)

**DID YOU KNOW?****Trick-or-treating safety, social distance style**

**PROMISE TO  
PROTECT**



**PLEDGE TO  
HEAL**

If your neighborhoods are allowing trick-or-treating for Halloween this year, now would be a good time to review safety rules and guidelines with your family. Make sure your children are visible in their costumes, especially if they are wearing dark colors. Consider adding reflective tape and carrying flashlights. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult. For children old enough to trick-or-treat alone, consider giving them a cell phone so you can reach them, and discuss where they can and cannot go, and when they need to be home. For more Halloween safety tips, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

**¿SABÍA ?****Seguridad cuando se piden dulces en  
Halloween, estilo distancia social**

Si sus vecindarios permiten pedir dulces en las casas para Halloween este año, ahora sería un buen momento para revisar las reglas y pautas de seguridad con su familia. Asegúrese de que sus hijos sean visibles en sus disfraces, especialmente si usan colores oscuros. Considere agregar cinta iluminada a los disfraces y llevar linternas. Los niños pequeños siempre deben ir acompañados de un adulto. Para los niños que tienen la edad suficiente para pedir dulces solos, considere la posibilidad de darles un teléfono celular para que puedan comunicarse con ellos y discutir dónde pueden y dónde no pueden ir y cuándo deben estar en casa. Para obtener más consejos de seguridad de Halloween, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

JESUS SAID IT AND  
THE BEATLES SET IT  
TO MUSIC. LOVE  
IS ALL YOU NEED.



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Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it. 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " Mt 22:37-39

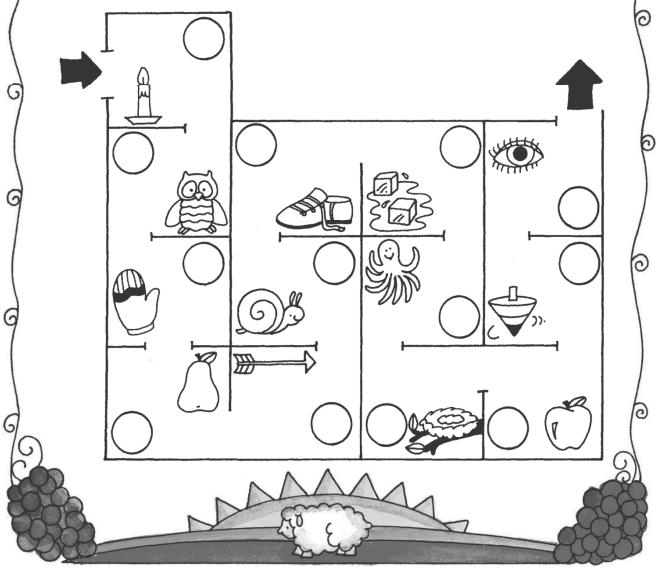
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## God's Word for Children



### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As you work your way through this maze,  
write the first letter of each picture inside the circles.  
Then write the letters in order onto the blanks.  
They'll spell what God is and what God wants us to be, too!

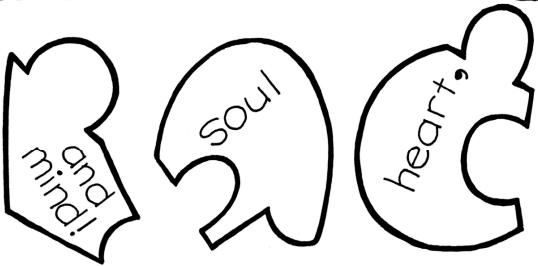
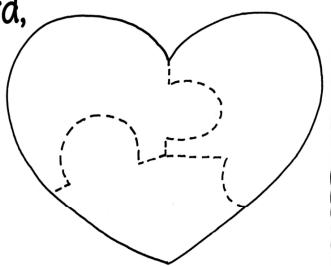


Jesus said that the first commandment  
was the greatest (see Matthew 22:37).

Color and cut out the puzzle pieces at the bottom.  
Tape or paste them to match inside the heart shape.

Then read what we should always do!

Love the Lord,  
your God,  
with all your



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## Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows

JESÚS LO DIJO Y LOS  
BEATLES LO CANTARON.  
AMOR ES LO ÚNICO  
QUE SE NECESITA.



Jesús le dijo: "Amaras al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón,  
y con toda tu alma, y con toda tu mente.  
Este es el grande y el primer mandamiento.  
Y el segundo es semejante a éste:  
Amaras a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". Mt 22:37-39

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