



COME, JOIN US AFTER 8:30 MASS EVERY SUNDAY:

On **Sunday August 10th**, Terri's Group will be serving you coffee and donuts after Mass in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for some coffee, donuts and friendly conversation.



Homebound Ministry to the Sick

DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE AT HOME WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Our parish is blessed to have parishioners who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) to parishioners who are homebound. It is most fitting to bring Communion to the sick and/or the homebound from the Mass, but other times may be arranged depending on availability. This ministry, a corporal work of mercy-visiting the sick-reminds those who are homebound that they are an important part of our faith community. Do you know a Sacred Heart Church parishioner who is homebound? Share this bulletin announcement with fellow parishioners whom you know and please invite them to call us. Please call the Parish Office at (503) 842-6647 to make arrangements.



St. Joseph's Church, Cloverdale "Name Tag Sunday"

St. Joseph Church has visitors and it is nice to know their name. So we will start having a "Name Tag Sunday". We will provide the name tags and have them in the vestibule. When you enter the Church, take one and write your name on it and wear it so people know who you are. We will be doing this on the second weekend of the month starting on August 9th.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery

Do you have a loved one buried at the cemetery, have a few hours a month to spare or love lending a helping hand?

With limited hands helping, it's making a lot of work for the few that do. Can you donate a couple of hours a month to help mow? Riding lawnmower awaits you! We'd love to hear from you! Contact Christina Maahs at 503-812-8689 or hit us up at church. We'd appreciate the help!

Baptismal Preparation Classes:

Baptismal Preparation Classes are offered every second Saturday of the Month at 10 am as needed. If you plan to take the class, you need to register a week before the class. If there is no interest, there will be no class.

Name Tag Weekend

Often times we know people by face and not by name, or we forget names, or we have visitors, so starting this month, we will start our Name Tag Weekend again. It will be the second weekend of the month starting on August 9th. So when you come to Mass there will be name tags in the vestibule so you can take one and write your name and wear it.

Sacred Heart Carnival

We are having a Sacred Heart Carnival meeting on Tuesday August 5th at 5 pm. If you signed up to help, it would be a good idea to attend this meeting so you know what you will be doing.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH!!!!!!

We are looking for flowers from your gardens to decorate the Church. If you are interested in donating flowers, please contact Stephanie Rangel at 949-874-4407 or stephanie@jsa-inc.com

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday August 3, 2025

When we understand God's generosity, we realize how wealthy we truly are. Even if we have little money in the bank, our lives are rich in God — feeling protected and cared for by God, giving us an abundance of peace that gets us through trials and battles with wisdom and endurance.

God's generosity also leads to material goods. Every material blessing we have, comes from God. He delivers it to us through the talents and skills that he has given to us. Whatever we earn through our own efforts comes originally from God's efforts. God is the source of everything that's good in our lives.

However, there's always a purpose that's bigger than us. Everything from God is meant to bless others, too. We are channels of God's generosity.

Whatever we have that we refuse to share becomes the cause of sin. We succumb to selfishness, which is akin to greed. The problem with greed is that it hurts others by denying them what God wants to share with them.

What makes us vulnerable to this sin? Self-reliance. It comes from thinking that we can rely solely on ourselves and on our own resources instead of partnering with God in generosity. Even when we recognize that God has been generous with us, self-reliance says that we are responsible for preventing the poverty of giving it away to others.

When we protect our lives by storing our goods, others suffer. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses both greed and self-reliance, because they are completely contrary to the personality of God.

Generosity grows when we understand that God is the provider of everything good and that he will continue to provide for us even when we give away what he gives to us — especially when we give away what he gives to us. Think about what you have in abundance (be it money, or joy, or wisdom, or lessons learned from experience, or ____). Now look around. How might you be the answer to someone else's prayers?

Whatever we hope to have already belongs to God and is meant to be shared with others. This is the primary economic principle of the kingdom of God. The Body of Christ thrives only when there's a continual exchange of goods. We call this the communion of saints.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What is most difficult for you to share or give away? Why do you cling to it? What are you afraid will happen if you let go of it?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Why do we feel safer relying on ourselves than on God? Give an example of God's generosity in your own life. How would (or did) sharing this with others make a difference?

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