

Sacred Heart Parish

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MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart Parish is a family of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. **We** open our lives to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit that we may see all things in the light of Faith.

We welcome all on our journey to the Kingdom of God. Sacred Heart nourishes the parish family through the ministries of Evangelization, Education, Sacramental Worship and Christian Service.

We offer our time, talents and treasure as stewards of God's Church. **We** call on each other's support as we build God's Kingdom.

With our Lord's help, **we** will live the Gospel values of Faith, Hope, Justice and Love.



SUNDAY MASSES:

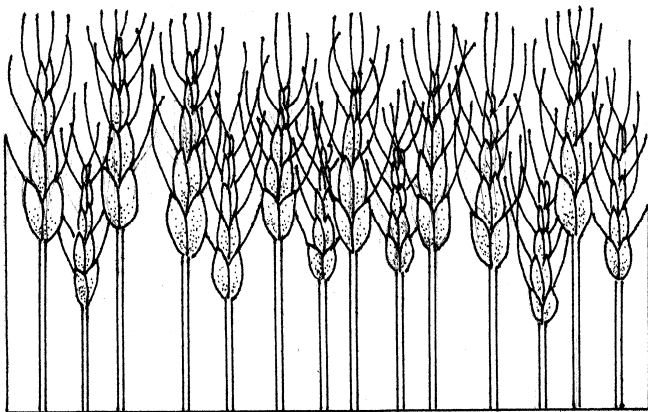
Sat. 5:00 pm, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am;
and 12:30 pm Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES:

8:00am

HOLY DAYS:

8:00, 10:00am, & 7:00pm (or as posted)



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13, 2008

You have crowned the year
with your bounty, and your paths
overflow with a rich harvest.

— *Psalm 65:12*

PARISH INFORMATION

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00pm
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The first Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 7:00pm, with Benediction at 7:00pm.
BAPTISMS: Sunday Afternoon at 2:30pm on the First & Fourth Sunday of each month. Arrangements should be made by both parents in advance at the rectory with one of the priests. Both parents and sponsors must attend a meeting on the Third Monday at 8:00pm in the Rectory Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.
MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance to assure time for the banns and the procurements of the necessary documents. It is the wish of the Church that all marriages be solemnized at a Nuptial Mass.
FUNERALS: All arrangements should be made at the rectory by a member of the immediate family. The family is encouraged to receive Holy Communion at the Funeral Mass.
SICK CALLS: Holy Communion will be brought to the sick upon request. In the case of any probable danger of death, call the priest immediately.
NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you to Melrose Park and particularly to the Family of Sacred Heart Parish. We ask that you register at your earliest convenience at the rectory.
CHANGE OF ADDRESS: IF YOU LEAVE THE PARISH OR MOVE TO A NEW ADDRESS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL: PRESIDENT – Don Klaput; VICE-PRESIDENT - Jose Suarez; SECRETARY - Lucy Mahnke; MEMBERS: Joe Augelli, Lois Behrendt, Ray Behrendt, Barbara Ciconte, Sr. Sarah Barrett, Maria Galvin, Maggie Hendricks, Norberto Ojeda, Louisa Ostrowski, Barbara Richter, Eduardo & Maribel Rodriguez, Marianne Weiner

FINANCE COUNCIL: MEMBERS: Joe Augelli, Mike Barnish, Albert Castellán, Vince Consalvo, Earl Crovedi, Len Gassmann

HOLY NAME SOCIETY:	PRESIDENT	Donald Klaput
WOMEN'S CLUB:	PRESIDENT	Barbara Richter
SCHOOL:		
ADVISORY BOARD	PRESIDENT	George Mahnke
ATHLETIC COMM.	PRESIDENT	Mary Pulkownik
PTO	PRESIDENT	Marianne Weiner



PARISHIONERS: When moving in or out of Sacred Heart Parish, please notify the Rectory Office.

YOUR WILL: Please remember Sacred Heart Parish in your wills and bequests.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & PARISHIONERS are encouraged to write articles for the Bulletin and the Church Web Site. Bulletin copy **must** be in the Rectory Office **no later than 12:00 Noon Each Monday**. Copy material received past the deadline will not be published in the Bulletin until the following weekend. All copy material is subject to approval.



SUNDAY, JULY 13:

Spanish Ministry Social 12:00-4:00 pm Marian Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 20:

Spanish Ministry Social 12:00-4:00 pm Marian Hall

Welcome
to Our New Parishioners ...

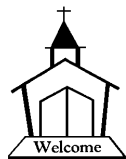
Maria Mireles Family
Juan Mireles Family
Martin Melecio

Ministry of Care

If you or your loved one is admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from a Parish Minister of Care, please call the Rectory Office. According to the HIPAA Act, patient names will no longer be passed on to us by the hospital of admittance without written consent from the patient. If you or a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick in the hospital or at home, please call the Rectory at 708-344-0757.

WELCOME TO ALL !

BIENVENIDOS A TODOS !



We are delighted that you have come to celebrate with us. Please accept our warmest welcome, whether you are visitors, long time residents or are new to the parish and community. We are thankful to God for your presence with us.

If you are not registered at Sacred Heart, or are registered parishioner and need to make changes, such as a new address, telephone number, are planning to move, please fill out the form below, drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Rectory office. Thank you.

Estamos encantados que han venido a celebrar con nosotros. Por favor acepten nuestra bienvenida mas afectuosa, sean visitantes, residentes de mucho tiempo, o nuevos a la parroquia y comunidad. Estamos agradecidos a Dios por su presencia con nosotros.

Si no está registrado en Sagrado Corazón, o si necesita ser cambios a su registración, como una nueva dirección, numero de teléfono, o está planeando mudarse, por favor llene la forma abajo, depositela en la canasta de colección, a regrésela a la oficina rectoría. Gracias.

Name/ Nombre: _____

Address/Dirección: _____

City/Ciudad, State/Estado, Zip/Código Postal: _____

Telephone/Teléfono: () _____

New Parishioner/Parroquiano Nuevo

New Address/ Dirección nueva

New phone No./Numero de Teléfono Nuevo

Moving/ Mudanza

Please remove from membership/ favor de removerme de la lista de miembros.



Fr. Victor Cruz, We Welcome You to Sacred Heart

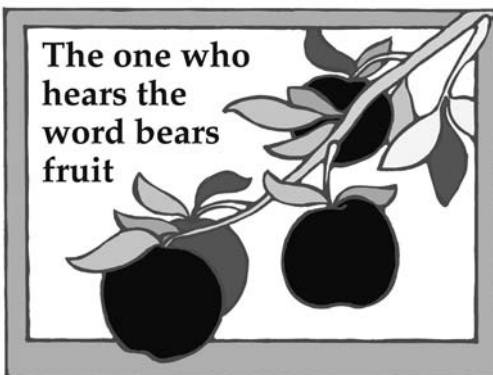
FR. VICTOR CRUZ GREETINGS

Hello dear Sacred Heart Community! I am Father Victor E. Cruz, a Colombian Priest that was born in Colombia on September 17, 1966. I am the youngest of seven children, my three brothers and I are all priests, and I also have three sisters.

I was ordained in Colombia in November of 1992. From the time I was ordained, sixteen years ago, I have principally worked in academic teaching in Colombia.

I came to the USA on December 12, 2004 and since February 15, 2005 I have been the Associate Pastor at Saint Anthony of Padua in Cicero. But, two weeks ago, I received a letter from the Archdiocese with the decision to move me to this community. I am really happy to be here! I want to serve you in everything I can do for you. I hope for your prayers, your support and collaboration, your comprehension and friendship. I am really sure, together with God, we can grow spiritually day by day and together improve our life of faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Victor E. Cruz.



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WORD SHALL DO MY WILL

The word of God is caught up in metaphors and parables. The image of seed that falls on different kinds of ground helps us understand how to listen creatively.

Jesus, the Word, bears fruit in all of creation, but best in our lives and hearts. When you hear this parable of the sower and the seed, do you wonder which you are? Sometimes it seems that we are one, and sometimes another. Like all metaphors, this parable must be understood intuitively, "with the heart," in order for it to work God's healing grace in us.

Jesus is careful to say that we see with our eyes and hear with our ears, but we understand, not with our head, but with our *heart*.

CREATION AWAITS

It is easy to get discouraged. It is easy to be distracted by difficulties and duties in our daily lives. It is possible for the word to be snatched away, even as we struggle to understand. Distractions of every kind prevent the word from being heard. But Isaiah and Paul underline the important point that the word of God is effective in all of creation, including us. Just as the rain waters the earth and will not return to the heavens until it does its intended work, the earth yields its rich harvest and rejoices. Our sufferings, distractions, and wearying work will not prevent us from hearing the word of God and doing God's work if we see with our eyes the beauty of creation, hear with our ears the music of the universe, and understand with our heart that God has made all of this to help us. God heals every ill, calls us back from distraction, protects us from evil, and gives us the grace to hear the word with joy.

It is God's grace that prepares the ground for the seed, watering it, breaking up the clods, making even untilled ground fruitful. When we understand with our heart that this is God's work in us, then even without understanding with our head, we can receive the word of God with the same joyful song of creation in bloom.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65:10-14; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]

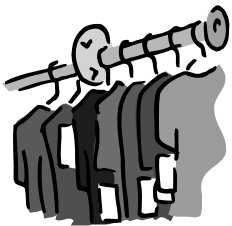
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Mass Intentions



2009 MASS BOOK

The **2009 MASS INTENTION BOOK** will be opening on Wednesday, August 13, 2008. All Masses will be booked on a first come first serve basis. You may mail or fax in your requests to the rectory ahead, or you may come to the rectory beginning August 13 at 9:00am. All Masses are to be paid in full at the time of the booking. Weekend Masses are \$15 each and Weekday Masses are \$10 each. Please be understanding as we will try to honor all requests the best we can. Please call the rectory at 708-344-0757 with any questions. (Rectory fax 708-344-5906)



CLOTHING DRIVE

Sacred Heart will be having a clothing drive the weekend of July 20th. We are looking for new or gently worn clean clothing. There will be receptacles at the entrances of church for clothing donations. We plan to have another collection the 3rd weekend in August, and will then offer clothing to the needy in our area starting in September.

This is a new ministry we are starting on a trial basis to see if we can address a need in our community. Your help

SOW THE SEED...

Sow everywhere the good seed given to you. Sow in good ground, sow in sand, sow among the stones, sow on the road, sow among the weeds. Perhaps some of these seeds will open up and grow and bring forth fruit, even if not at once.

— Seraphim of Sarov

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT - July 5/6, 2008

	ADULTS	TEENS	CHILD	TOTAL
5:00 PM	98	2	2	102
7:30 AM	57	2	1	60
9:00 AM	100	-	10	110
11:00 AM	105	2	11	118
12:30 PM	203	70	95	368
TOTALS	563	76	119	758

KNOWING GOD...

Knowing God is not so much a question of opening a book and reading about God, but of opening the heart and loving God.

—Anonymous



"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."

-Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? These are questions that we all must ask of ourselves if we are going to live as God's stewards.



CALLING SACRED HEART SCHOOL CLASS OF 1958

Come celebrate our 50th year reunion in October! We need to find our classmates and we need your help! Call or e-mail Eloise Ciotti Georgen at: (H)303-469-8156, (C) 720-935-0537, (e-mail)eeptg@msn.com

SACRED HEART SCHOOL IN MELROSE PARK IS SEARCHING FOR ALUMNI...

If you are a former graduate of Sacred Heart or you know of someone who is, please let us know. Please provide the following information:

NAME: _____

(Maiden name of the graduate if married)

CLASS OF WHAT YEAR: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

(City, State, Zip code)

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

Call the Rectory Office with the above information at 708-344-0757 or email to parish@shsparish.org



FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



NEW CASINO



**HORSESHOE CASINO,
HAMMOND, IN
MONDAY, SEPT. 22, 2008—8:45 AM
SACRED HEART CHURCH
819 N. 16TH, MELROSE PARK**

NEW --- OVER 3,000 SLOTS,

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW,
LIMITED SEATING**

\$25.00 - RECEIVE A \$7.00 FOOD COUPON

**CALL LOIS, 708-366-2793 OR THE
RECTORY, 344-0757**

COME JOIN US.....



If you like football - You'll love Football Mania
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Return completed form with checks payable to

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Sacred Heart School - 815 N. 16th Avenue - Melrose Park, IL 60160 Attn: Tammy Dowart

Tickets will be mailed or delivered! **Tickets also available at the School and Rectory!**

Football Mania 2008



Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets _____ x \$20.00 - Total \$ _____

SALUDO DEL PADRE VICTOR CRUZ



Saludo cariñoso, querida comunidad del Sagrado Corazón en Melrose Park. Soy Padre Victor Cruz, sacerdote colombiano con 16 años de ordenado y casi 42 años de edad. Soy el menor de una familia de 7 hijos, cuatro hombres y tres mujeres y todos los 4 hombres somos sacerdotes.

Todos mis estudios los he hecho en Colombia donde principalmente he trabajado con el gobierno como profesor en colegios y universidades del País.

Llegué a Chicago el 12 de Diciembre de 2004 con la intención de pasar unas vacaciones bajo la nieve del invierno y por designios de Dios, terminé quedándome en este País. En febrero del 2005, inicié como Pastor Asociado en la Parroquia de San Antonio de Padua en Cicero IL y allí estuve en ese oficio hasta el pasado 30 de Junio cuando me moví a esta hermosa comunidad del Sagrado Corazón.

Estoy muy feliz por esta nueva etapa de mi vida y por ahora lo que he hecho es poner en oración todo lo que viene, para que Dios bendiga y guíe cada cosa que hacemos en su nombre.

Ya vendrá la oportunidad de conocernos mejor. Solo les digo que aquí estoy a su servicio y a su disposición para todo aquello que yo pueda hacer por la comunidad.

Espero que nos podamos integrar de la mejor manera y hacer un buen equipo para crecer espiritualmente como pueblo de Dios y para reconocer y honrar cada día la gloria y la bondad del Creador.

Querida comunidad hispana, infinitas gracias les doy por el hermoso detalle de darme la bienvenida a esta parroquia. Sentí muy cercano el cariño de Ustedes por mí, además la convivencia, la comida, la música, la presencia de ustedes, todo estuvo realmente excelente.

GRACIAS!
Fr Victor Cruz.

FRUTO DEL MUNDO

La semilla es la Palabra de Dios. Las metáforas de la agricultura en todas las lecturas de hoy brindan riqueza al mensaje de que la palabra de Dios, cultivada en nuestro corazón, produce mucho fruto en nuestra vida. La creación misma espera la redención de todos, hasta nuestro cuerpo aguarda la resurrección. Así como nos regocijamos por el cumplimiento de la Palabra de Dios, así la creación toda cantará de gozo en el Reino de Dios. La Palabra de Dios es eficaz y santa, produce exactamente lo que dice. No es inútil ni vacía, sino rica en significado para quienes la escuchan y son sanados. Quienes escuchan la palabra de Dios y la guardan, con toda la creación, darán mucho fruto y cantarán de gozo.

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El que escucha
la palabra dará fruto

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INFORMACION PARROQUIAL

CONFESIONES: Sábados 4:00 a 5:00 p.m.

ADORACION EUCARISTICA: El primer Jueves demes de 1:00 a 7:00 p.m., con la bendición del Santísimo a las 7:00 p.m.

BAUTISMOS: Se celebran el segundo domingo del mes a las 2:30 p.m. Los papas y padrinos deberán asistir a una clase Pre-Bautismal que se lleva acabo cada primer lunes del mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la Rectoría. Por favor hagan los arreglos para el Bautismo cuando asistan a esta clase.

MATRIMONIOS: Arreglos para la boda tendrán que hacerse por lo menos con cuatro meses de anticipación para asegurar tiempo para las amonestaciones y poder adquirir los documentos necesarios. Es el deseo de la Iglesia que todos los matrimonios sean solemnizados con una Misa Nupcial.

FUNERALES: Todos los arreglos deben hacerse en la Rectoría por un miembro de la familia cercano. Es recomendado que la familia reciba la Santa Comunión durante la Misa de Funeral.

ENFERMOS: Se les llevara la Santa Comunión a los enfermos conforme lo pidan. En caso de la posibilidad de muerte, por favor llame al sacerdote inmediatamente.

NUEVOS PARROQUIANOS: Les damos la bienvenida a Melrose Park y particularmente a nuestra Familia de la Parroquia de Sagrado Corazón. Por favor registrense en la Rectoría tan pronto como les sea posible.

CAMBIO DE DIRECCION: SI SE CAMBIA DE PARROQUIA O SE MUDA A UNA DIRECCION NUEVA, POR FAVOR NOTIFIQUE A LA RECTORIA LO MÁS PRONTO POSIBLE.

MINISTERIO HISPANO: PRESIDENTE: Maribel Rodríguez
SECRETARIA: Blanca Ulloa

VICE- PRESIDENTE: Israel Rosales
TESORERA: Maria Ramos



Sal Argento, Michael Clohecy, Agnes Con-versa, Izzie Donahue, Alice Hrubes, Dr. Mike Koller, Frank McGarr, Mary Meyerhofer, Rev.

Cosmo Militello, Rev. Victor Miranda, Eddie Nicoski, Betty Rooney, Agatha Scanio, Jackie Tinebra.....
AND ALL OF OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS.

Heavenly Father, Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the Midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

*This list is for those who are seriously ill, at home, and who cannot leave the house, or are in the hospital. If you or one of your loved ones wishes to be included on or taken off the sick list, please call the Rectory at 344-0757 before the first of each month.



SUNDAY, JULY 13 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SAT 5:00pm +**George Mahnke** by Mary Augelli
7:30 +**Agnes Herrold**
+**Don Carlini** by Mr. & Mrs. Gassmann
9:00 +**Mary Behrendt** by Ray & Lois Behrendt
+**George Mahnke** by Milt & Jeanne Flyke
11:00 +**Lisa Sangiacomo** by Family
+**Tomaso DelRegno** by Family
12:30p.m.(Spanish)+**Elisa Herrera Medina** by Family

MONDAY, JULY 14 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
8:00 +**Donald Wollweber** by Aurel & Ann Caprini
+**Mother's Day Novena**

TUESDAY, JULY 15 St. Bonaventure
8:00 +**Agnes Herrold**
+**Ernest E. Lewis** by James Wilfinger

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16
8:00 +**Bernard Tyl** by Mary Ann Tyl
+**Kevin Sweeney** by Corinne & Dan James

THURSDAY, JULY 17
8:00 +**Agnes Herrold**
+**George Mahnke** by Jean DelPercio

FRIDAY, JULY 18
8:00 +**Agnes Herrold**
+**Mother's Day Novena**

SATURDAY, JULY 19
8:00 +**Mary Pawelko** by Mary Ann Tyl
Special Blessings for the Barnish Family by Richter Family
5:00 +**Theresa Principe** by Mike & Barb Principe
+**Raymond McGarr** by Kevin Lund Family

SUNDAY, JULY 20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 +**Dominic Russo** by Family
9:00 +**Carla Mosco** by Ray & Lois Behrendt
+**George Mahnke** by Sacred Heart School PTO
11:00 +**Rocco & Lisa Sangiacomo** by Family
+**Jean Rubenstein** by Lena Ruggiero
12:30p.m.(Spanish)-**Misa para el Pueblo**

Rest in Peace Patricia Knudson

WEDDING BANNES

Adrian Rojas & Jayne Schnelle II
Mauriusz Nowak & Kristina Kocioler II
Salvatore Barone & Kristina Manzo I

LIVE TODAY...

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.

—Anonymous

TODAY'S READINGS




First Reading — My word will not return to me void, but will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on the path, some on rocky ground, and some among thorns. But some also fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for Saturday/Sunday, July 19/20, 2008

	5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	12:30 pm
 Lectors Commentators	Grace Marella	Sue Zupinski	Ophelia Juan	Kim Trusco Kristin Trusco	tba
 Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Carlini - W Nancy Marella - W Patti Carlini - H	Beatriz Ramirez - W Hilario Ramirez - W Sister Jan - H	Barb Richter - W Pat Gage - W John Lullo - H	Fabrizia Felella - W Diane Trusco - W Mary E. Krezel -H Debbie Szeszko - H	tba
 Altar Servers	Justin Rienton Lizzy Rienton	n/a	Sofia Monteon Michael Tevenal	Maria Sanchez Ricardo Torres	tba