

JANUARY 31, 2021

# 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus rebuked him and said,  
"Quiet! Come out of him!"  
The unclean spirit convulsed him  
and with a loud cry came out of him.

MR 1:25-26





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It's the people! ♥**

### Regular Mass Schedule (during pandemic distancing)

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
<b>Monday-Saturday</b>	8:30 AM (daily Mass)
<b>Confession</b>	Saturday 9:00 AM (until all are heard)

The **Parish Library** located in the parish hall is available during office hours, when the hall is not being used for another function/activity. Please be respectful of others before entering the hall when it is occupied for any reason.

### Parish Income

Sincere thanks to all those who contribute faithfully and generously to our parish. Please do not tape or staple your envelopes. Thank you.

Parish income for January 24: \$10,091.30.



### Sacred Heart CFA Status Report January 21, 2021

Goal	\$329,000
Pledged	\$372,666.28
% of goal	113.27%
Households Pledged	44.71%
Payments	\$370,985.78

### ATTENTION EM'S AND LECTORS

Our parish secretary, Karen Neal, schedules these ministries. All notices for **away dates** are to be turned in to the parish office. Please provide her with **written notice by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month** as telephone messages often "fall through the cracks". You may also **Email them to karen@sacredheartfl.org**. If you are unable to serve after the schedule is posted, please find your own replacement. This preserves the holiness and dignity of the Word and the Eucharist. Thank you.

**Safe Environment** A report must be made immediately to the Fl. Dept. of Children and Families of any sexual abuse. The Abuse Hotline number is 1-800-962-2873. A report must also be made to Victim Assistant Coordinator of the Diocese of Venice, Susan: at 914-416-6114.

## Sacraments and Prayer Services

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every First Friday of the Month in the Mary Chapel from 9:00AM until 10:00AM.

**Adoration & Benediction:** Eucharistic Adoration begins after 8:30AM daily Mass at 9:00AM each Friday, followed by Benediction at 10:00AM.

**Baptisms:** Parents must register through the office to attend the Baptism preparation class and schedule the Baptism with the parish secretary.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Confession on Saturday morning at 9:00AM until all are heard. Private confession by appointment only with a priest.

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

**Ministry to the Homebound:** Contact Gwen Coté (941) 347-7438.

**R.C.I.A.:** Contact Gwen Coté (941) 347-7438.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is recited every day one half hour before the 8:30AM Mass. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every day at 7:45AM before the rosary is said.

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Come and share the joy of praising God together with us every Thursday evening at 7:15PM in the Parish Center. Call Dave/Lee (941) 626-8060 or Paul/Tricia (941) 637-4986.

**Sacramental Preparation for Children/Teens or Faith Formation:** Contact Rita Sheridan (941) 639-9545.

**Respect Life:** Please pray with us at the Peaceful Prayer Vigils at the abortion facility on Olean Boulevard. Prayer times are Tuesday and Wednesday, 1:30 to 4:30PM, & Thurs, Fri, Sat from 8:30AM-12:30PM. Please contact Tom Ferrara for info or to be registered for the time you choose: (941) 391-1649; e-mail: aceferrara1@gmail.com.

### Scripture Readings Next Week

Sunday, February 7, 2021  
*Fifth Sunday In Ordinary time*  
 Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7  
 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23  
 Mk 1: 29-39



### The Tabernacle Light

Will Burn This Week  
 In Memory  
 of  
 † Dennis Cordella

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, January 30

4:00 P.M. † Dennis Cordella  
 † Robert Hunter

### Sunday, January 31

7:00 A.M. † Jack Mooney  
 † Kevin Connolly  
 9:00 A.M. † Patricia McGrady Corwin  
 † Paula McGrady Mielinski  
 11:00 A.M. † Pauline Horan  
 † Carol Valenson

### Monday, February 1

8:30 A.M. † Frances Bulzacchelli

### Tuesday, February 2

8:30 A.M. † Charmaine Vincent  
 Tworkowski  
 † Ross Brown

### Wednesday, February 3

8:30 A.M. † Valida Cote'

### Thursday, February 4

8:30 A.M. † Donald Denninger  
 † All Souls In Purgatory

### Friday, February 5 **First Friday**

8:30 A.M. † Deceased Priests of  
 Sacred Heart  
 † Hazen Wilson

### Saturday, February 6

8:30 A.M. † Gene Wood  
 † Mark Krabbe  
 4:00 P.M. † John & Rose Tamasi  
 † Lori Witteck

### Sunday, February 7

7:00 A.M. † Deceased Members of the  
 Zecca Family  
 † Frances Bulzacchelli  
 9:00 A.M. † George S. Wallace  
 † Sr. Mary Mercedes, R.S.M.  
 11:00 A.M. † Bob Anderson  
 † Bill Zalenski

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



## Harden Not Your Hearts

The readings today are rich with imagery. In the first reading, God promises to raise one up from among them to show them the way. The second reading finds Paul trying to calm our anxieties. Finally, the Gospel has Jesus teaching with authority in the temple and casting out an evil spirit. Despite all the richness in those readings, the Psalm response captured my heart in prayer. "If today you hear His voice harden not your heart."

Why would anyone harden their heart if they hear the Lord speaking to them? Most of us yearn to listen to the voice of God. We hope and pray and even beg God that we might hear His voice. Perhaps the problem is we don't know how to discern the voice of God in the noise of the world that surrounds us. Or maybe we have a hard time determining God's Word when we desperately want to hold onto our own.

God is speaking to us all the time. We need to learn how to listen. God is knocking on the door of our heart, and he has words that are specifically for us. He wants to have an intimate, personal relationship and conversation with each of us. Our conversation with God will be unique in all the world, just as we are unique.

So, the real question is, "What is a hardened heart, and how do I avoid it?" A hardened heart is not something we long for, but sometimes we choose without even consciously realizing it. A hardened heart is an arrogant heart. It is a prideful heart. A hardened heart is a heart that knows what is best without prayer or reflection or allowing God to influence it. A hardened heart is a heart that knows what God is calling it to, and yet it says, "No! I won't forgive or embrace, or look with kindness." A hardened heart is a heart that critically judges the motivations and intentions of another. A hardened heart is a heart that believes it is self-sufficient, that it does not need God or anyone else.

Our world encourages and applauds us when we are hard of heart. We are pushed to take sides on every issue and judge anyone who sees it differently as wrong. Our political structure encourages us to be hard of heart when we decide there is no wisdom found on the other side. If you say you are pro-life, then you must express that belief precisely as I do. Say you favor shar-

ing resources more equitable between people. I can't have a conversation with you because you are labeled a socialist. It is probably most dramatically experienced when you say you tend to be more conservative or more liberal. You get pushed into a partisan corner labeled Democrat or Republican, where no conversation and unity are possible. How do we avoid it when the whole world, it seems, pushes us to have hearts of stone?

*God is knocking on the door of our heart, and he has words that are specifically for us.*

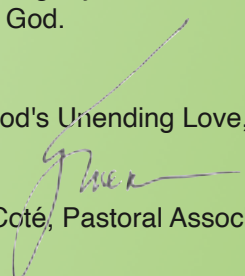
In one way, it is a simple answer, and yet it is so tough to do. We must pray. We must have conversations with God. That is the only thing that will keep our hearts open and soft. We must be present to God with the fidelity we have to eat meals, work, play golf, or go to the gym. Prayer and meditation

must become a priority if we are going to hear the word of God. It is not a contest, and there are no grades. Just be still and listen. Are the words you hear stirring your heart with love and hope?

No matter what God says or how he says it to you, His words will always be accompanied by a sense of intimacy. This is not something that we can manufacture. It is a gift we can only receive with gratitude, humility, and love. It comes only as we calm our racing minds and wait to hear what God wants to tell us.

So, dear ones, God is waiting to speak to you. God is waiting to hold your heart in His own hands and love you. Please be brave enough to share the wisdom God gives you. Only when we put our pieces of truth and wisdom together can we leave hatred, bigotry, and violence behind and be one with God.

In God's Unending Love,

  
Gwen Côté, Pastoral Associate



## St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



The fight against poverty and need in Charlotte County continues to prevail, more than ever due to the far-reaching effects of COVID-19. Many of our friends have fallen upon hard times suddenly, directly affected by the economic devastation of the virus and loss of income. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul exists solely to assist the less advantaged and struggling with financial, material and educational assistance, while coordinating with other community service organizations to assist. Helen Keller said: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

The four St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in Charlotte County (Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Maximillian Kolbe, and San Antonio) provided substantial levels of assistance, including food, clothing, linens, housewares, furniture, and some financial assistance to help pay bills and prevent homelessness.

Each year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul hosts the **Walk for the Poor** to raise funds and to increase awareness of the needs of the less fortunate living in our Charlotte County community.

We extend this invitation to you to join us and support our 12<sup>th</sup> annual **Walk for The Poor!** The Walk will begin at 9 A.M. Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Laishley Park Pavilion in Punta Gorda (registration begins at 8:00) and proceed along the Trabue Harbor Walk or the north-bound 41 bridge, if preferred. We rely totally on the support of donations from individual and organizational donors, and every penny raised remains here in Charlotte County. Thank you for doing so much!

For more information call: 917-549-0555; to register or donate visit our website at <https://svdp-dov.org/charlotte> and click on **Walk for the Poor**.

**Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 09:00-12:00  
**Office** (941) 575-0767, **Furniture** (941) 575-8544  
**Address:** 25200 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950



Sacred Heart's video channel on the web is:

[YouTube.com/SacredHeartFL](https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartFL)  
 Music, Masses and more.

## Are You A Registered Parishioner? Do You Want To Receive Envelopes?

Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. It could be quite embarrassing to us, to you, and to your family when someone wants to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you are asked to be a **sponsor** for Baptism or Confirmation requiring a note of Catholicity from us. If we have no record of your membership, **we cannot provide these services** for you. Registration forms are available at either entrance to the church.

**In order for you to receive envelopes, you must be a registered parishioner.**



### Free Rosary Repair Service

Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd. #502, Fort Myers, FL 33931. Rosaries will be repaired and returned within the week of receipt. Donations of old rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent to missions. Include a note indicating repair or donation. For more details, please call 239-463-3993 or email holdenbnd@gmail.com.



### The Knights of Columbus Thank You

A Gigantic THANK YOU to the parishioners who donated to our **Tootsie Roll Drive** at Church recently. All donations will be given to local charities supporting the intellectually disabled of our community. They include the Special Olympics of Charlotte County, the Loveland Center in Port Charlotte, Charlotte Harbor School and St Mary Academy in Sarasota.

Our ability to conduct fundraisers has been tremendously curtailed by the Covid Virus, but the needs of the charities still exist. If you are able, we would appreciate any and all contributions. Send them the K of C #8074, P.O. Box 510524, Punta Gorda, FL 33951.

Thank you and God Bless.



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<https://venice.thefloridacatholic.org>

### Virtual Catholic Days at the Capitol

Through the use of technology, Catholics will continue to bring their values and voices to Tallahassee to promote and protect human life

photo: Michael Rivera



and dignity. Register now to participate in the February 2 and 3 virtual event to include a legislative briefing on key bills, a rosary with the Florida Bishops, an award presentation to a legislator, meetings with legislators and the Red Mass of the Holy Spirit. Join us for all or any part of the event! For details see [flaccb.org/cdac](http://flaccb.org/cdac) or contact Jeanne

Berdeaux at [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org) or 941-374-1068 today.

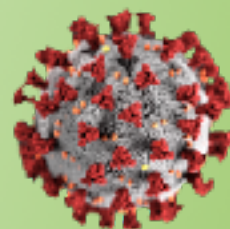
### Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: **February 6<sup>th</sup>** at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 10am and 12pm, and **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 10am and 12pm. Please call your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.



### COVID-19 Vaccines

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. The full statement and additional information are available online in English and Spanish at [usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research](http://usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research)



### Have You Visited [SacredHeartFL.org](http://SacredHeartFL.org)?

You will find SacredHeartFL.org to be the hub for all of our parish web presence. Articles, spiritual reflections, links to Diocese events, a parish calendar and links to our public YouTube channel and Facebook page (no account required).

**Masses** are presented there as well! When you reach [SacredHeartFL.org](http://SacredHeartFL.org), click on "Happenings" or "Mass"

# Catholic Life Every Day

— with the Sacred Heart App —

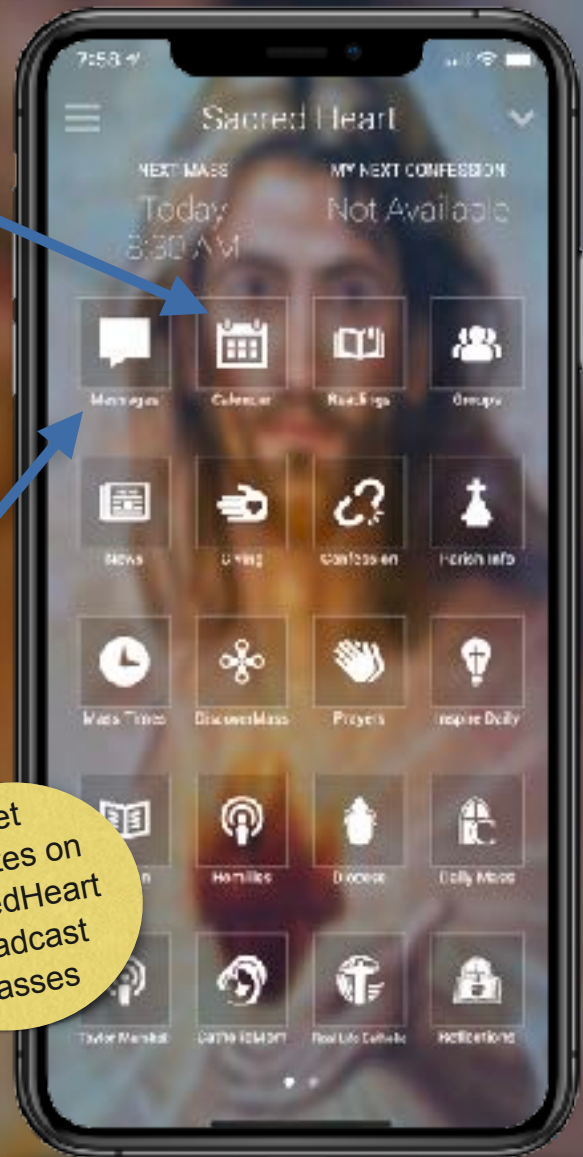
## A Few Tips:

Multiple calendars are available. Tap on “Featured Events” in the calendar to switch to “General Events”, “Confirmation Class” or other calendars as they are added in the future.

After accessing a feature, touch the windowpane (4-boxes) icon in the top right of the app to get back to the main screen, where you can access all the features of our app.

If you or a parishioner would like to remove a message from your phone, swipe left to access the delete button. Press “delete” and the message is gone.

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- Split a ticket with a group of friends or family

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# St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

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Tickets for sale through parents of our students and parish/school offices.

Handing on our Catholic faith and forming our students in Christ.

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# St. Charles Borromeo School

21505 Augusta Avenue  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952



## \$100,000 Drawing

Tickets are sold to benefit St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

### DRAWING RULES

- Ten winners will be selected by random drawing of all tickets received.
- You could win up to \$100,000 from our drawing. (Winning tickets go back in the barrel)
- Only 2000 tickets will be sold.
- Need not be present to win.
- No purchase necessary.
- No mechanically reproduced entries will be accepted.
- **Split a ticket with family or friends.**
- If winner is under 18 years of age, the prize may be assigned to the parent or legal guardian.
- Minimum donation \$100.00.
- Prize may not be redeemed for cash. Payment will be in the form of a check.
- Because of Diocesan regulations, we are required to deduct taxes from winnings.
- Winners shall hold harmless the Diocese of Venice, and St. Charles School and Church.
- Drawings will be done in accordance with the requirements of Section 849.0934 of the Florida Statutes.

**Attention!**  
*In the event that the dinner is canceled due to Covid-19, our drawing will still take place and be streamed live on our Facebook page at 6:45 pm on March 21, 2021.*

### SAVE THE DATE!!! March 21, 2021

All tickets will be drawn at an awesome Italian dinner in the Parish Center on that date. Doors will open at 4:45 pm. Dinner will be served 5:00-6:00 pm. Winning tickets will be drawn at 6:45 pm. Dinner tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the school and parish office. Get your tickets early and join us for a fun filled evening.

**Thank you for helping St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School.  
You are truly making a difference!!!**

Please fill out the order form below and mail it with your \$100.00 donation per ticket to the address above. Make checks payable to: St Charles Borromeo School. We will then mail you a Ticket receipt.

Please include 2 address labels for our use in sending you your receipt. Drawing Tickets can be purchased at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Office as well as the Parish Office.

**Buy ten tickets, get one free!**

**ORDER FORM**

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Memorial Pavers — Order Form

✓ Pick one paver location:



Memorial Garden paver  
(beside church)

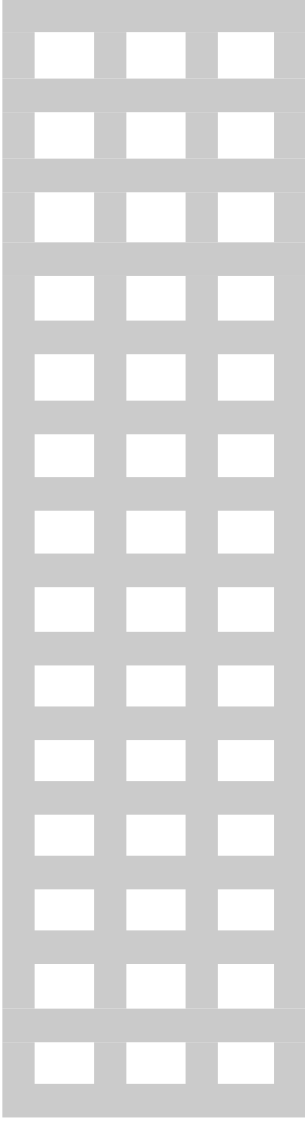


Our Lady of Fatima Shrine  
center path paver



Our Lady of Fatima Shrine  
rose side-field paver

Line 1-3 for all brick sizes:

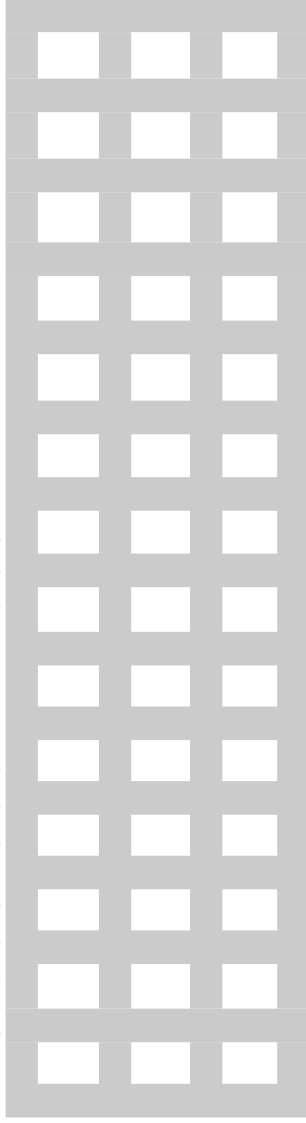


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Line 1-6 for 8" x 8" and 12" x 12" bricks

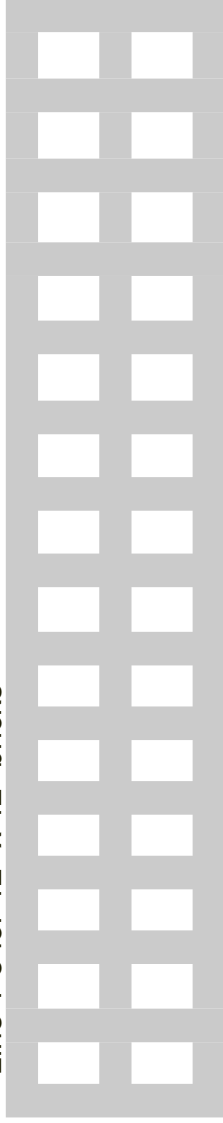


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Line 1-8 for 12" x 12" bricks



Line 7

Line 8

Pavers will be engraved with the words above. There are 14 characters per line, *including* spaces and punctuation.

Prices are: 4" x 8" brick \$250 up to 3 lines of engraving  
8" x 8" brick \$500 up to 6 lines of engraving  
12" x 12" brick \$1,000 up to 8 lines of engraving

Please attach a check and return  
this form to:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
211 W. Charlotte Avenue  
Punta Gorda FL 33950  
(941) 639 3957

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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<https://sacredheartFL.churchgiving.com>

Call WeShare/LPi at (800) 950-9952 or call Dani Culver our parish accountant at 941-639-3957

Thank you for your support, as we work through the pandemic's challenges.



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