

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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EASTER SUNDAY



*Alleluia!*  
*He Is Risen!*

The design of the Paschal Candle was inspired by  
the monstrance created by Andrew Coleman  
for Sacred Heart's Adoration Chapel.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mondays:** No Daily Mass  
**Tuesdays:** 6:00 PM Mass  
**Wednesdays:** 8:00 AM Mass/  
*Divine Mercy Novena follows Mass*  
**Thursdays:** 6:00 AM Mass  
**Fridays:** 8:00 AM Mass

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturdays:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass  
*(Rosary begins at 3:20)*  
**Sundays:** 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM



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## Vocations Chalice Program



Join our Sacred Heart Parish  
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Every Sunday a family will be presented with  
Father Josh's ordination chalice to take home and  
pray the entire week for an increase in vocations.

*If your family would like to take Father Josh's chalice home,  
contact the receptionist at the parish office  
to be put on the schedule: 225-387-6671*

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mondays–Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: 8:30 AM – NOON

*Parish Office Closed every Wednesday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM*

*(Closed Daily for Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 PM)*

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Mondays–Fridays: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

*(The Chapel is in the Church Sacristy and can be accessed from the ramp  
in the rear of the Church. Call Parish Office for code to enter.)*

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 5:30 PM

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM

Thursdays: 6:30 AM

Fridays: 7:30 AM

Saturdays: 3:00 PM



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Monday–Friday 7:45 AM – 3:00 PM,

*(Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)*

### NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**EVERY 1ST FRIDAY**  
**OCTOBER - JUNE ONLY**

**CONFESSIONS: 11 AM**  
**MASS: 12 noon**  
**NOVENA: 12:30 PM**

*Please call or e-mail your prayer  
requests to the Parish Office  
Receptionist at 387-6671 or  
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# INTERIOR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Join Dan Burke as he talks about the Purgative, Illuminative, and Unitive ways through the teachings of St. Teresa of Avila.

**Tuesday, April 16th**

**7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Mass at 6:00 PM

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church**  
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Register Online:

**SpiritualDirection.com/Events**

Questions? Email [Events@MyAvila.com](mailto:Events@MyAvila.com)



**Dan Burke**

President and Founder,  
Avila Foundation



**FINAL WEEK OF THE  
NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY**

**Wednesday, April 3**

Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by  
Novena Prayers and Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament

Join us next  
Sunday for  
Divine Mercy Sunday

**Sunday, April 7**



Divine Mercy Portrait  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church  
east transept - oil on canvas  
by Katherine Borgatti © 2019

# CONGRATULATIONS

to our Mercedarian Sisters professing their final vows this year!

## Sr. Tonia of the Heart of Jesus Borsellino



### Background:

Sr. Tonia of the Heart of Jesus, HMSS was born into a classic Italian home and was always driven by a passion to search for the truth in all things, which eventually moved her to choose religious life over a career in Broadcast Journalism.

### Highlight Of Daily Life:

Sr. Tonia of the Heart of Jesus, HMSS loves asking Jesus to give her a new awareness of His love every day and realizing how He answers her prayer every time either through the sacraments, encounters with her sisters, or one of His many other unexpected and creative ways.

### What Inspires Her:

Seeing how the Holy Spirit is working in the lives of her sisters, students, and women she walks with who are discerning, and witnessing their great desire to love God in return.

## Sr. Raquel of the Holy Spirit Gutierrez



### Background:

Sr. Raquel of the Holy Spirit, HMSS was born in Modesto, California and was raised in Riverbank, California where she lived her whole life. Her parents are originally from Mexico, and she is the youngest of six siblings. A total love for God and a desire to be completely His, an attraction to religious life, a love for the Church, and the perduring pursuit of the Holy Spirit nudging on her heart all led to her resounding "yes" to God and to the vocation she was made for.

### Highlight Of Daily Life:

Every time she is reminded of the gift of her vocation, she can't help but praise God and say, "I love you, Jesus."

### What Inspires Her:

Growing deeper in love with God's Word and discovering its potency to lift the heart in praise, strengthen, edify, and banish the enemy.



Join us in prayer for these sisters as they prepare to make their  
Permanent Profession of Vows on April 3, 2024

## Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Beautiful Paschal Candle.



The Paschal candle represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Made of pure beeswax, it represent the sinless Christ who incarnated in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity; the flame, His divinity. At the Easter Vigil, a new fire is kindled to light the candle, symbolizing our new life in Christ

Inscribed in the candle is a cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet (Alpha and Omega-the beginning and the end) and the current year. There are five grains of incense inserted into it in the form of a cross, recalling the aromatic spices used to anoint Our Lord's Body and the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

As we gaze upon our Paschal Candle, it reminds us of the many gifts which we receive from our Catholic faith. We are also reminded of the creativity of the artist, our own Archivist, Mary Lee Eggart.

Her talent is outstanding, matched by her generosity, her joyful expression of her faith and her love of Sacred Heart.

**Thank you Mary Lee for the beauty that you add to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.**



# MID-CITY MISSION

*Doing Small Things with Great Love*

**June 18–22, 2024**

*High School Students and Young Adults\* are invited to join us for the inaugural overnight Sacred Heart Mid-City Mission: a week of faith, fellowship and service to our community.*

- Service to Our Neighbors in Need
- Faith Sharing and Evangelization
- Daily Mass and Prayer

For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit [www.SacredHeartBR.org](http://www.SacredHeartBR.org)



*\*Young adults will begin their mission experience on Monday, June 17, with prayer, fellowship, and training.*



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OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

# EVENTS SCHEDULE 2024

**APRIL**

- FRI 5** **FIRST FRIDAY MASS & NOVENA**  
Confessions, 11 AM | Mass & 7th Novena, 12 PM
- SAT 13** **SHSTIGER AUCTION**  
Tickets available soon!
- TUES 16** **EASTER MISSION DAN BURKE**  
Interior Life Through the Lens of St. Teresa of Avila, 7 PM (see pg. 3 for more info)
- SUN 28** **FIRST COMMUNION**  
Celebrated during the 11 AM Mass  
Pray with us for our Communicants

◆◆ *Readings* ◆◆

<p><b>Sunday, March 31</b> Acts 10:34a,37-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 2</b> Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18</p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 4</b> Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48</p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 6</b> Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 1</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 3</b> Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35</p>	<p><b>Friday, April 5</b> Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14</p>	<p><b>Sunday, April 7</b> Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31</p>

◆◆ *Calendar* ◆◆

<b>MON 1</b>	<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> <b>Parish Office and SHS Closed for Easter Holiday</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration, 7 AM-7 PM, Chapel</b></p>
<b>TUE 2</b>	<p><b>Confessions, 5:30 PM   Daily Mass, 6 PM, Church</b> <b>SHS Closed for Easter Holiday</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration, 7 AM-7 PM, Chapel</b> <b>Men's St. Peter Bible Study, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall</b></p>
<b>WED 3</b>	<p><b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass/Divine Mercy Novena, 8 AM</b> <b>SHS Closed for Easter Holiday</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration, 7 AM-7 PM, Chapel</b> <b>Staff/Team Prayer Meeting-Office Closed, 10:30-12:30</b> <b>SVdP Meeting, 6:30 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.</b></p>
<b>THU 4</b>	<p><b>Daily Mass, 6 AM, Church   Confessions, 6:30 AM</b> <i>(Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.)</i> <b>SHS Closed for Easter Holiday</b> <b>Men's Lectio Divina, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration, 7 AM-7 PM, Chapel</b></p>
<b>FRI 5</b>	<p><b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass, 8 a.m.</b> <b>SHS Closed for Easter Holiday</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration, 7 AM-7 PM, Chapel</b> <b>1st Friday Mass/7th Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> <b>Confessions, 11 AM, Mass/Novena, 12 Noon</b></p>
<b>SAT 6</b>	<p><b>Confessions, 3 PM</b> <b>Rosary, 3:20 PM</b> <b>Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for Maintenance, 4 PM</b></p>
<b>SUN 7</b>	<p><b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> <b>Masses/2nd Collection for Maintenance, 9 &amp; 11AM</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts following both Masses</b> <b>PSR 1st Eucharist Class, 10 AM, AC-Fr. Smith Rm.</b> <b>Jesus in the Eucharist Bible Study, 3 PM, Parish Hall</b></p>

◆◆ *Mass Intentions* ◆◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 04-02-24	6 PM	Tim Reech
Wednesday 04-03-24	8 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio
Thursday 04-04-24	6 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Friday 04-05-24	8 AM	Deacon Eulis Simien
	12 PM	Dr. Lindley Spaht Dodson
Saturday 04-06-24	4 PM	Warren Joseph DeCuir; Rosemary Brown; Alvin Daigle; Thomas A. Nolan
Sunday 04-07-24	9 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio; John Conn; Henry Weilbacher; Bradley & David Smith; Preston Wise; Dale Hotard; Joseph Roman

◆◆ *Minister Assignments* ◆◆

March 30-31, 2024: Easter Sunday

Mass	Readers	Cantor
<b>Saturday 8:00 PM</b>	Cyryl Yannitell (1) Kay Gaudin (2) Mark LeBlanc (3) Sara Smith (4)	Natalie Overall
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	Deanna Wilson (1) Clare Coulon (2)	Denise Williston
<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>	Tammy Simien (1) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (2)	Melissa Simien

April 7, 2024: Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass	Readers	Cantor
<b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Jacquelyn Dawson (1) Tamekia Jones (2)	Natalie Overall
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	Caesar Garcia (1) Jeanne Garcia (2)	Alana Buckley
<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>	Jackie Culotta (1) Franny Comeaux (2)	Alana Buckley



*The Sanctuary Light  
for the month of April  
is for the special intention of  
Connor A. Mount.*

**MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date and must complete the Marriage Preparation Program.

**BAPTISM**

Seminar required. Please visit the website or call the Parish Office for information.

**CARE OF THE SICK**

Visits made regularly to hospitalized and homebound. Contact the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion.

**FUNERAL PLANNING**

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*Matthew 7:7*

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"...take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."  
 Ephesians 6:16

**CHRISTY HAIK**  
 March 23, 2024



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