

# The Sacred Heart of Jesus June 13, 2010

## THE HEART OF CHRIST CONTAINS A MESSAGE FOR ALL MEN

1. We celebrate the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, *the Heart* that two thousand years ago began to beat in the womb of the Most Blessed Mary that brought and enkindled the world with the love of God. **The Heart of Christ contains a message for all men; also speaks to today's world.** In a society in which technology and information is developing in a growing rhythm and people feel attracted by an infinity of interests with little resistance, man takes the risk of losing center, his self center. **Upon showing us his heart, Jesus reminds us that above all, there in the intimacy of a person, is where the destiny of each is decided, death or life in the definite sense.** He himself gives us an abundant life that permits our heart, hardened at times by indifference and selfishness; to open its self to a higher way of life.

The crucified and resurrected heart of Christ is the inexhaustible fountain of grace where man can always find, and particularly during this special year of great jubilee, love, truth and mercy.

2. **The Blood of Christ has redeemed us.** This is the truth we proclaimed yesterday, precisely, at the beginning of the month of June, traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Christ, for the occasion of the jubilee of the *Union Sanguis Christi*.

So much blood had been shed unjustly in the world! So much violence, so much hate for human life!

This humanity, slightly wounded by hate and violence, needs to experiment, now more than ever the efficacy of the redeeming Blood of Christ. *The Blood* that was not shed in vane, but contains in full strength the love of God and is a pledge of hope, of rescue and of reconciliation. But, to obtain of this fountain, it is necessary to return to the Cross of Christ, set your sight on the Son of God, on *His* trespassed *Heart*, and the *Blood He shed*.

3. **At the base of the cross was Mary, co-participant of the passion of her Son.** She offers her Heart of a mother as a refuge for all who seek forgiveness, hope and peace, such as she has shown us in the feast of the Immaculate Heart. Mary wiped the Blood of her crucified son. To her we commend the blood of the victims of violence, so it will be rescued by that, that Jesus shed for the salvation of the world.

### SUPPORT THE CANDIDATES

The contest to select the Queen of San Felipe de Jesus this 2010 up to full speed. The candidates have begun to organize. They have already some planned activities. Surprises to come. Donation cans are found throughout the city, asking for donations. Other candidates are visiting the "tomateras" produce warehouses. This is a healthy competition, the parish is the winner.

Here are the names of our candidates: PLEASE SUPPORT THEM.

**Veronica Ríos:** Sponsored by the Guadalupano Group.

**Mónica Islava:** Sponsored by the Prayer Group.

**Melissa Yepiz:** Sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry Group.

**Aimee Trujillo:** Sponsored by the Divine Mercy Group.

**Michelle Ortega:** Sponsored by the Arcoiris Group.

### LEADERSHIP TERMS

Parish policy allows ministry representatives to lead for a period of two years with the possibility for a re-election of another two years if the members of the ministry requests it of the parish priest, in cases of exceptional leadership, or in the absence of other leaders ability to assume the duty. Under normal conditions, it is suggested of all to allow the promoting of leadership among the parishioners. Some ministries prefer leader change every year. This is ideal to create a seedling of leaders. No Leader may hold leadership for more than four years in his Ministry. Ministries can be put out to voting.

### BAPTISMS



Baptisms will be held on Saturday, June 5th at 12:00 noon and Sunday, June 20th at 3:00 p.m. To register stop by the parish office.

## COLLECTION



The amount collected last weekend was \$3276.15 and \$2973.70 the previous weekend. The parish goal is to collect \$5,000.00 a week to subsist, which equates to \$5.00 a week per family. Thank you for your generosity to the Church of Christ

## FATHER ABRAHAM GUERRERO'S FAREWELL

Last week we announced the news that our beloved father Abraham Guerrero's has been appointed Vicar of Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish in San Luis, AZ. The new vicar at our parish is Father Jesus Acuña, who has exercised his Ministry in Somerton, AZ. Without a doubt, the news of the departure of father Abraham has created a certain sadness in our hearts. But we know that he is following God's will. And will remain in contact with us. Father Abraham will spend some time in June at his native Ecuador. Upon his return, the parish has prepared a farewell Mass. He will be at all the masses on June 26th and 27th, and will have Thanksgiving Mass on Monday, June 28 at 6.00 p.m. followed by a pot luck gathering with all groups. We wish him a pleasant trip to Ecuador and a fruitful ministry at the San Luis, AZ. border.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS?

The Knights of Columbus will have its second information and educational meeting on Monday, June 14 at 6.00 p.m. in the Church. If you signed up to be a Knight, we hope to see you. If you are interested in joining this new parish ministry, attend the meeting. 40 Members are required as a minimum to form a Knights of Columbus Council. The parish needs you.

## DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR PARISH CERAMIC

### FLOORING

As you have noticed, the remodeling plans are under way. There is a Special Committee for the parish remodeling. Very soon we will publish the names of the representatives of this group. The idea is to change the carpet and replace it with ceramic tile, and make other improvements. The first stage will be completed by this Sunday. On the second stage (the rest of the church), we will make a major investment. Parishioners are asked to purchase a piece of tile (or 2 or 3, according to their possibilities) to allow us finish sooner. When it's all finished, we will have a plaque made with the names of donors, it will remain there for history and future generations. To donate for the tile contact the parish office.

## APOLOGETICS COURSE: DATE CHANGE

Attention: The Apologetics Course, directed by Martin Zavala, have changed. They will be held in the parish on June 29th, 30th and July 1st (three days) at 6.00 p.m.. Admission is free. This is an excellent opportunity for all parish ministry groups. Learn how to defend the faith, against attacks and criticisms of the sects.

## PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

## FISCAL YEAR ENDING

The Finance Committee will be meeting this month to review the parish budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 and prepare the budget for the year 2010-2011. Although the parish lives day by day, the parish finances are stable and very soon we will continue with other remodeling plans: Church, bathrooms, sign at parish driveway, fountain and embellish garden in the back. All this is possible, thanks to the generosity of parishioners cooperating in this year's parish activities. In October we will publish the parish financial statement.

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

***Are you wondering if God is calling YOU to the Catholic priesthood?***

Here is a great spiritual opportunity to discern if God is calling you. There will a vocation retreat on **June 18-20, 2010** at the *La Purisima Retreat Center* near Sierra Vista, AZ. Registration deadline for this retreat is **June 11, 2010**.

The Retreat is open to those who will be high school seniors this coming school year or older. There is no maximum age limit. You must be a single man and be interested in the Catholic priesthood. Space is limited. Fee: \$25. *Scholarships are available*. Please contact your pastor or the Office of Vocations at (520) 838-2531.

## VOCATIONAL CALENDARS FOR SALE

The Calendars are available for sale at the parish office. These were published by the Serra Club ministry, in support of vocations. The purchase of these qualifies you participate in a daily raffle of cash (July 2010-July 2011). Awards range from \$ 25.00 up to \$1000.00.