



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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August 3, 2025 – 3 De Agosto 2025
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Father
Sam's
First
Baptism
At
Blessed
Sacrament**



God is with Us!

Pastor's Column

My grandfather has two sons. He had 10 hectors of land. He divided 8 hectors among the two sons and left 2 hectors for himself to use until he dies. He happens to have 6 daughters and one of them is my mother. They received nothing at the time because daughters did not inherit land. However, one of her daughters did not get married and needed a place to live. The father went against culture and gave her the remaining two hectors as she was taking care of him but did not tell the two sons. As my grandpa has gotten weak with age the sons came to visit him and found out the son of their sister had built a small house on the land they thought was also theirs after their dad died. They attacked an innocent boy close to killing him. The mother of the boy took them to court, and they were amazed after she produced documents showing the land they were claiming to be theirs was hers and were asked to pay for all the damage they had caused to the innocent boy.

Again and again, Jesus warns us about inheritances. Remember the prodigal son? His troubles begin when he takes his share of the inheritance and squanders it on dissolute living. In another parable, he tells of wicked tenants who kill the vineyard owner's heir so that they will get his inheritance. Today it's a person in the crowd who's upset because his brother received an inheritance and not him. Jesus could have said that fairness demands the inheritance be split in half. Or he could have asked if there may be a good reason he wasn't given a share of it. Instead, he cautions us all about greed. Possessions, inherited or not, are not the goal of life. As we have seen, inheritance can lead to tragedy and often do. As Saint Paul wrote later, "the love of money is the root of all evils."

The rich man has a problem that would be the envy of any farmer: a harvest greater than he can handle. Immediately he decides that he will hoard the entire harvest so that he can "rest, eat, drink, be merry" for many years. Note that he repeatedly says, "I shall," assuming that he is in control of the situation. He seems to have ignored the adjective that describes his harvest. As Jesus says, it is a bountiful harvest. A bounty is something that is given generously and received undeservedly. Why did it not occur to him to give generously himself, to share it with others who did not deserve it? What's more, the bountiful harvest was produced by the land, the sun, and the rain. What made him feel entitled to take it all for himself? To share generously from our bounty is to become rich in imitation of God.

Do you recall the story of the good Samaritan, which we heard a few weeks ago? It begins with a lawyer asking, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?". That's a much better use of the word inherit. This questioner is concerned about inheriting spiritual wealth, not material wealth. The selfish man of today's Gospel, on the other hand, doesn't give any thought to God or neighbor, only to himself and his material treasure. We have to be careful to value more spiritual wealth, not material wealth.

In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Sam

¡Dios está con nosotros!

Columna del Pastor

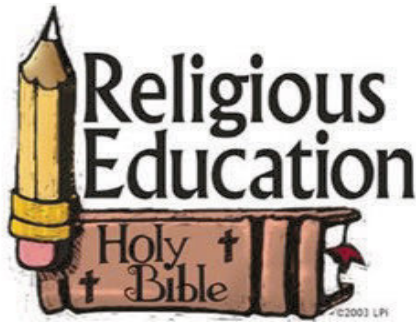
Mi abuelo tiene dos hijos. Tenía 10 hectáreas de tierra. Dividió 8 hectáreas entre ellos y dejó 2 para su propio uso hasta su muerte. Tiene seis hijas, una de las cuales es mi madre. No recibieron nada, ya que en ese momento las hijas no heredaban tierras. Sin embargo, una de ellas no se casó y necesitaba un lugar donde vivir. El padre, en contra de la cultura, le dio las dos hectáreas restantes, ya que ella lo cuidaba, pero no se lo dijo a sus dos hijos. Como mi abuelo se ha debilitado con la edad, los hijos fueron a visitarlo y descubrieron que el hijo de su hermana había construido una pequeña casa en un terreno que creían que también era suyo después de la muerte de su padre. Atacaron a un niño inocente, casi matándolo. La madre del niño los llevó a los tribunales, y se quedaron asombrados cuando ella presentó documentos que demostraban que la tierra que reclamaban como suya era suya, y se les pidió que pagaran todos los daños que le habían causado al niño inocente.

Una y otra vez Jesús nos advierte acerca de las herencias. ¿Recuerdan al hijo pródigo? Sus calamidades comienzan cuando agarra su parte de la herencia y la despilfarra con desenfreno. En otra parábola Jesús se refiere a los viñadores, que mataron al hijo del dueño de la viña a fin de apoderarse de la herencia. Hoy hay una persona dentro de la multitud, un hombre que está enojado porque su hermano recibió una herencia y él no. Jesús pudo haber dicho que la justicia demanda que la herencia sea compartida a la mitad. O le pudo haber preguntado si existía alguna buena razón por la cual la herencia no fue compartida con él. Pero, en vez, Jesús nos advierte a todos evitar la avaricia. La posesión de bienes, sean heredados o no, no constituye la meta de la vida. Como hemos visto, las herencias pueden llevar a la tragedia y así sucede a menudo. Tal como escribe más tarde san Pablo: “la raíz de todos los males es el afán de dinero.”

El hombre rico tiene un problema que sería la envidia de cualquier agricultor: una cosecha mayor de la que puede utilizar. Inmediatamente decide acumular toda la cosecha y así tenerla para muchos años, y se aconseja a sí mismo: “descansa, come, bebe y date a la buena vida”. Fijémonos en que repetidamente él habla de sus propios planes como si tuviera control de la situación, aparentemente ignorando que esa gran cosecha, como la describe Jesús, pudo haberse compartido. ¿Por qué no se le ocurrió ser generoso y compartir su abundancia con otras personas? Es más, la gran cosecha fue producida por la tierra, el sol y la lluvia. ¿Por qué se creyó con el derecho de quedarse con todo para sí mismo? Compartir generosamente de nuestra abundancia significa enriquecernos por imitar a Dios.

¿Recuerdan la historia del buen samaritano que escuchamos hace unas semanas? Comienza con un intérprete de la ley que pregunta: «Maestro, ¿qué debo hacer para heredar la vida eterna?». Ese es un uso mucho más adecuado de la palabra heredar. A este interrogador le preocupa heredar la riqueza espiritual, no el material. El hombre egoísta del Evangelio de hoy, en cambio, no piensa en Dios ni en el prójimo, solo en sí mismo y en sus bienes materiales. Debemos ser cuidadosos y valorar más la riqueza espiritual que el material.

En Cristo Jesús, Padre Sam



Religious Education Registration *Registro para la Educación Religiosa*

Location: Pastoral Center/*Centro Pastoral*
1638 West 38th Street

July 14/14 de julio – August 14/14 de agosto

Monday/*Lunes*: 10 am - 4pm

Wednesday-Friday/*Miercoles-Viernes*: 9am - 5pm

Payment is requested at registration.

Se solicita el pago al momento de la inscripción.

1 child (niño)-\$175, 2 children (niños)-\$250. 3 children(niños)-\$300

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Pro-Life Update August 2025

In our last Pro-Life Update, we discussed ongoing efforts in Congress to stop federal Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. Previously, on May 20, 2025, six United States Catholic Bishops sent a letter to all members of the United States Congress regarding several issues covered in a bill then under consideration by Congress – the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (the bill) including strong support for an end to taxpayer subsidization of abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood. Even though federal law has long prohibited the use of taxpayer money for abortions, Planned Parenthood receives large sums of Medicaid money for other, non-abortion, services such as cancer screening, contraception etc. Since money is fungible, Planned Parenthood can use those funds to support its abortion business. Planned Parenthood performs 400,000 abortions per year and receives one third of its total revenue from the federal government.

The bill contained a provision removing Medicaid funding from all nonprofit abortion clinics regardless of what other services they may offer. The bill, stopping all federal funds to Planned Parenthood for a period of one year, eventually passed both houses of Congress and was signed into law by the President. Three days later Planned Parenthood filed suit in federal court seeking an injunction restraining enforcement of the defunding provisions of the law. That court issued an order temporarily enjoining the defunding and requiring the government to “take all steps necessary to ensure that Medicaid funding continues to be disbursed” to Planned Parenthood. The federal government will certainly ask the court to reverse. In the meantime, the payments will continue pending further court action. We will report on updates as they occur. We should pray for a pro-life outcome in the courts, defunding Planned Parenthood, as soon as possible.

Mass is celebrated here at Blessed Sacrament for Pro-Life intentions at 8:00 AM on the first Saturday of each month followed by recitation of the Rosary. Please join us.



Back to School Supply Drive

The Pastoral Council is collecting school supplies that will be distributed to the Altar Servers. Providing school supplies will be a positive impact for them. Please drop them off on the weekends before or after Mass in the box labeled School Supply Drive. You can also drop supplies off at the office during office hours. We are collecting from July 27th thru August 10th. The most needed items are:

-Single subject notebooks -Folders -Pencils -Markers (classic colors) -Color pencils (classic colors) -Crayons (24 count, classic colors) -Glue sticks -Pencil pouches. *Option: If you'd like to donate a gift card from Target, Walmart, Amazon, or Walgreens, we will buy the supplies.*

Colecta de Suministros Escolares

Estamos recolectando suministros escolares que serán distribuidos a los Monaguillos. Prover suministros escolares tendrá un impacto positivo para ellos. Por favor, déjalos los fines de semana antes o después de la Misa en la caja etiquetada como Colecta de Suministros Escolares. También puedes dejar los suministros en la oficina durante las horas de oficina. Estamos recolectando desde el 27 de julio hasta el 10 de agosto. Los artículos más necesarios son: -Cuadernos de un solo tema -Carpetas -Lápices -Marcadores (colores clásicos) -Lápices de colores (colores clásicos) -Crayones (24 unidades, colores clásicos) -Pegatinas -Estuches para lápices. *Opción: Si deseas donar una tarjeta de regalo de Target, Walmart, Amazon o Walgreens, compramos los suministros.*

JUNE 4/4 DE JUNIO - AUGUST 10/10 DE AGOSTO

Monday Lunes August 4	Tuesday Martes August 5	Wednesday Miercoles August 6	Thursday Jueves August 7	Friday Viernes August 8	Saturday Sábado August 9	Sunday Domingo August 10
11 am – 1 pm Food Pantry  7 pm Reunión de fiesta Mexicana salón de la Iglesia 	Parish Office is closed! Oficina parroquial cerrada	9 am Club Amistad Salón De Reuniones De La Oficina  7 pm Lectio Divina (Spanish) Salón De Reuniones De La Oficina 	7 pm Hora Santa y Confesiones Holy Hour & Confessions, Templo/Church 	4:30 pm Youth Group Church 5:15 pm Legión de María Salón De Reuniones De La Oficina 6:30 pm Children's Spanish Choir Church Hall	3 – 3:45 pm Confessions Church/Templo 	

ENGLISH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one ESL tutor for just 90 minutes a week at 1751 West 35th Street in Chicago. No need to speak another language; all tutoring is in English. Training is provided! For more information, please contact Sabrina Poulin at Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters

The **Blessed Sacrament Parish** is honored to invite you
to the **Installation Mass** of our new Pastor

Rev. Fr. Samson N. Mukundi

Celebrated by
Bishop Mark A. Bartosic

Saturday, August 23, 2025
5:00 PM (bilingual)

3745 S Paulina St, Chicago, IL 60609

A reception will follow in the parish hall.

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honor de invitarle a la **Misa de Instalación**
de nuestro nuevo Párroco

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Habrà una recepción después en el salón parroquial.

Can You Donate Items for the Installation Mass Reception?

Fr. Sam's Installation Mass is August 23 at 5 pm. Can you donate items for the reception? Items to donate: cans of pepsi/coke (regular/diet), cans of sprite/seven-up (regular/diet), and water bottles. Also needed are home-made cakes, cookies, and fruit trays. The cans of pop and water bottles may be brought to the breezeway when you come to weekend Masses or brought to the parish office during office hours. The homemade desserts may be brought to the church hall on August 23 between 3 and 4 pm.

¿Pueden donar artículos para la recepción de la Misa de Instalación?

La Misa de Instalación del Padre Sam es el 23 de agosto a las 5 p. m. ¿Pueden donar artículos para la recepción? Artículos para donar: latas de Pepsi/Coca-Cola (normal/light), latas de Sprite/Seven-Up (normal/light) y botellas de agua. También se necesitan pasteles caseros, galletas y bandejas de fruta. Las latas de refresco y las botellas de agua se pueden llevar al pasillo cuando asistan a las misas de fin de semana o a la oficina parroquial durante las horas de oficina. Los postres caseros se pueden llevar al salón parroquial el 23 de agosto entre las 3 y las 4 p. m.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS FROM
August 3 – 9, 2025**

**Health of
Jack Chodor**
Please pray for this intention.

Back to School Blessing - August 16/17

All students from kindergarten through college are invited for a blessing at the Masses of August 16/17. If you like, you may bring your backpacks for the blessing, too.

En todas las misas del 16/17 de Agosto

Todos los estudiantes desde primaria hasta la universidad están invitados a una bendición en las Misas del 16 y 17 de Agosto. Si lo desea, también puede traer sus mochilas para la bendición.

Monday, July 14

Victor Carrillo, Ticket 3696, \$25.

Tuesday, July 15

John O'Donnell, Ticket 5688, \$25.

Wednesday, July 16

Elsa Enriquez, Ticket 2772, \$25.

Thursday, July 17

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Langevin, Ticket 4395, \$25.

Friday, July 18

Judith Ramirez, Ticket 4232, \$25.

Saturday, July 19

Jaime Abarca, Ticket 2346, \$50.

Sunday, July 20

Mike & Joanne Nugent, Ticket 4174, \$100.

Thanks for your support! Be sure to watch Facebook Live each Wednesday at 11:00 am for the Winner-A-Day 2025 Drawing!

¡Gracias por su apoyo! Asegúrate de ver Facebook Live los miércoles a las 11:00 am para el sorteo de Ganador Al Día!

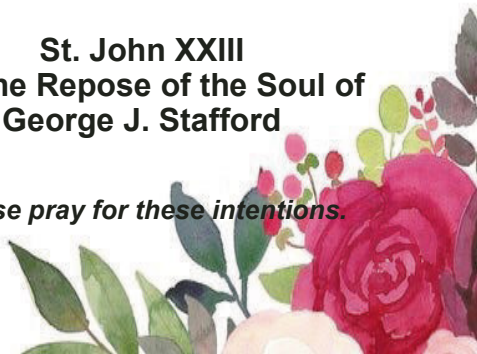


*Flower Offerings for
August 3 – 9, 2025*

**St. John Paul II
In Loving Memory of
Sophie Serva and Virginia Rzasa**

**St. John XXIII
For the Repose of the Soul of
George J. Stafford**

Please pray for these intentions.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 2, 2025

8 am Pro-Life Mass and Rosary

VIGIL MASSES: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 pm †Stanley and Marie Bus

6 pm †Jose Ruiz

†Padre Mike Boehm

Salud: Familia Martinez Villanueva

Sunday, August 3, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 am †Sophie Serva

†Virginia Rzasz

†Drake Ochoa

The Sixteenth Anniversary of

Father Deo's Ordination

11am †Padre Mike Boehm

†Maria Poma

1pm †Padre Mike Boehm

†Jose Ruiz

Monday, August 4, 2025

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

8:30 am †Jose Ruiz

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

**THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA
OF SAINT MARY MAJOR**

8:30 am †Jose Ruiz

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:30 am †Fidel Flores

Cumpleaños: Ruth Longoria

Thursday, August 7, 2025

SAINT SIXTUS II AND COMPANIONS

SAINT CAJETAN

8:30 am Salud: Celia Rojas y Familia

Friday, August 8, 2025

SAINT DOMINIC

8:30 am Our Parishioners/Nuestros feligreses

Saturday, August 9, 2025

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

1 pm Quinceañera: Yaritza Garcia

VIGIL MASSES: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 pm †Kari Anne & †Baby Kevin James Krok

†Frank Gliva

6 pm †Jesus Castro

†Ruben Garza

Sunday, August 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 am †Bernardino & †Linda Alonzo

11am †Matias Ramirez Chavez

1pm Vocaciones Sacerdotales

Mass Schedule | Horario de Misas

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Lunes, Miercoles, Viernes

8:30 am *Bilingual*

Tuesday, Thursday / Martes, Jueves

8:30 am *Español*

Saturday | Sabado

4:00 pm *English*

6:00 pm *Español*

Sunday | Domingo

9:00 am *English*

11:00 am *Español*

1:00 pm *Español*

Confessions | Confesiones

Thursday 7:00 pm Jueves

Saturday 3:00 pm Sabado

Holy Hour | Hora Santa

Thursday/ Jueves 7:00 p.m. *Español*

Office Schedule/Horario de Oficina

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Lunes, Miercoles, Viernes:

10:am - 4 pm

Thursday/Jueves: 12 pm - 6:30 pm

Office Hours for Father Sam

Call 773-523-3917 to make an appointment

Office Closed | Oficina Cerrada:

Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday/Martes, Sábado, Domingo

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