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August 31, 2025 – 31 De Agosto 2025 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Oath of Fidelity

I, Reverend Samson Mukundi, in assuming the office of PASTOR, promise that both in my words and in my conduct, I shall always preserve communion with the Catholic Church.

I shall carry out with the greatest care and fidelity the duties incumbent on me toward both the universal Church and the particular Church in which, according to the provisions of the law, I have been called to exercise my service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety, I shall faithfully hand it on and explain it, and I shall avoid any teachings opposed to that faith.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the whole Church and I shall observe all ecclesiastical laws, especially those which are contained in the Code of Canon Law.

In Christian obedience I shall unite myself with what is declared by the bishops as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith or established by them as those responsible for the governance of the Church; I shall also faithfully assist the diocesan bishops, in order that the apostolic activity exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church may be carried out in the communion of the same Church.

So help me God, and God's holy Gospels, on which I place my hand.

Father
Samson Mukundi



God is with Us!

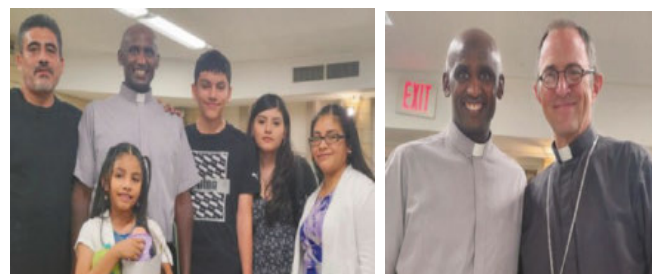
Pastor's Column

This weekend the scriptures teach us about humility. Jesus issues two challenges to the people at the banquet: one to the guests and one to the host. To his fellow guests, he warns them about taking places of honor and advises them to exercise humility. *"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor ... Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you, he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position. '.. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* The first reading continues with the same teaching: *My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a gift giver. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.* As we journey into Evangelization and renewal, humbleness is very important. It is not about me it is about the Lord. Blessed are the poor in Spirit, those who know all they have is a favor given me by God to serve others. It is not because they are better or worked harder than others. To all ministers, you are entrusted with the ministry to serve and welcome others to do what you do. We are one body, and we need each other. An eye needs the leg and the hand needs fingers. To be humble is realizing without the other part of the body you are not complete. I need you for me to be complete.

Meanwhile, the challenge Jesus issues to his host is to invite those who cannot reciprocate. Reach out to those on the margins of society. *"When you hold lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."* How much more would it mean to someone such as this to be invited, whether to a dinner, to receive a gift, or even to offer an opinion, than to someone who has grown to expect such invitations! The Lord expects us in this parish to invite the poor, crippled, the lame, those not educated and unclean. I wonder if the people in our prayer groups, ministries, and in friendship circles have reached out to those Jesus is asking us to reach out to. On this Labor Day weekend, let us commit ourselves to work to lift those who find themselves forsaken by society and others, for in them we can find the Lord.

Installation Mass went very well. Thank you for making time to celebrate our parish event. When you love someone, you make time to be with them in their special moment. Half of the people who attended were not from our parish but came from far. We received a lot of donations to make the day a success. Thank you for donating money, flowers, food, water, and volunteering your time. Thanks to everyone who gave me a personal gift. The Lord who sees what is given in secret will repay you a hundred fold. Now our efforts turn to fiesta Mexicana. This is a fundraiser for our parish. Every member of our parish must make it a priority to make this event a huge success! Success comes through sacrifice. It is not about me it is about Jesus and his mission. Thank you, Jesus, for reminding us to be humble.

In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Sam



¡Dios está con nosotros!

Columna del Pastor

Este fin de semana, las Escrituras nos enseñan sobre la humildad. Jesús lanza dos desafíos a los asistentes al banquete: uno a los invitados y otro al anfitrión. A los demás invitados, les advierte sobre ocupar puestos de honor y les aconseja que ejerzan la humildad. «Cuando te inviten a un banquete de bodas, no te sientes en el lugar principal, ...Por el contrario, cuando te inviten, ocupa el último lugar, para que, cuando venga el que te invitó, te diga: 'Amigo, acércate a la cabecera'... Porque el que se engrandece a sí mismo, será humillado; y el que se humilla, será engrandecido». ». La primera lectura continúa con la misma enseñanza: Hijo mío, en tus asuntos procede con humildad y te amarán más que al hombre dádivo. Hazte tanto más pequeño cuanto más grande seas y hallarás gracia ante el Señor, porque sólo él es poderoso y sólo los humildes le dan gloria. En nuestro camino hacia la evangelización y la renovación, la humildad es muy importante. No se trata de mí, se trata del Señor. Bienaventurados los pobres de Espíritu, aquellos que saben que todo lo que tienen es un favor de Dios para servir a los demás. No es porque sean mejores o se hayan esforzado más que otros. A todos los ministros se les confía el ministerio de servir y acoger a otros para que hagan lo que ustedes hacen. Somos un solo cuerpo y nos necesitamos unos a otros. Un ojo necesita una pierna y una mano necesita dedos. Ser humilde es darse cuenta de que sin la otra parte del cuerpo no estás completo. Te necesito para estar completo.

Mientras tanto, el reto que Jesús lanza a su anfitrión es invitar a quienes no pueden corresponder. Acérquense a los marginados de la sociedad. «Cuando des una comida o una cena, no invites a tus amigos, ni a tus hermanos, ni a tus parientes, ni a los vecinos ricos; porque puede ser que ellos te inviten a su vez, y con eso quedarías recompensado. Al contrario, cuando des un banquete, invita a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los cojos y a los ciegos; y así serás dichoso, porque ellos no tienen con qué pagarte». ¡Cuánto más significaría para alguien como esta ser invitado, ya sea a una cena, recibir un regalo o incluso dar su opinión, que para alguien que ya se ha acostumbrado a tales invitaciones! El Señor espera que en esta parroquia invitemos a los pobres, los lisiados, los cojos, los que no tienen educación y los que están sucios. Me pregunto si las personas en nuestros grupos de oración, ministerios y círculos de amistad han contactado a quienes Jesús nos pide. En este fin de semana del Día del Trabajo, comprometámonos a trabajar para ayudar a quienes se sienten abandonados por la sociedad y otros, porque en ellos podemos encontrar al Señor.

La misa de instalación estuvo muy bien. Gracias por dedicar tiempo a celebrar nuestro evento parroquial. Cuando amas a alguien, dedicas tiempo a estar con él en su momento especial. La mitad de los asistentes no eran de nuestra parroquia, sino que venían de lejos. Recibimos muchas donaciones para que el día fuera un éxito. Gracias por donar dinero, flores, comida, agua y por su tiempo como voluntarios. Gracias a todos los que me dieron un regalo personal. El Señor, que ve lo secreto, te lo pagará ciento por uno. Ahora nuestros esfuerzos se centran en la Fiesta Mexicana. Esta es una recaudación de fondos para nuestra parroquia. ¡Cada miembro de nuestra parroquia debe priorizar que este evento sea un gran éxito! El éxito se logra con sacrificio. No se trata de mí, se trata de Jesús y su misión. Gracias, Jesús, por recordarnos la humildad.

Cristo Jesús, Padre Sam



Bishop Bartosic to Visit Blessed Sacrament September 6, 2025

Bishop Mark Bartosic is the Episcopal Vicar for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Vicariate VI, which includes Blessed Sacrament Parish. He will join us for our monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 8:00 AM. The Mass will be bilingual. After mass we will have a reception for the bishop and he will speak to us regarding Pro-Life issues. Bishop Bartosic has been very active in Pro-Life activities. For several years he has led 12 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer at the St. John Paul II Newman Center Chapel located on the campus of the University of Illinois Chicago overnight preceding the January March for Life in Washington DC the following day. Our parish has a long history of Pro-Life prayer and worship which dates back more than 50 years. The Saturday morning pro-life mass and rosary was started by members of our predecessor parish, SS Peter & Paul, in 1973 after the infamous Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade and has continued month after month for 50-plus years—interrupted only by the Covid shutdown. Blessed Sacrament Parish now looks forward, with the encouragement and leadership of Father Sam and Bishop Bartosic, to its future in the quest for respect for all human life from conception to natural death. *Please be sure to join the bishop on Saturday morning September 6, 2025 at 8 am.*

And people should eat and drink and
enjoy the fruits of their labor, for
these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Happy Labor Day!

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass

4 pm: English

6 pm: Español

Sunday

9 am: English

11 am: Español

1 pm: Español

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:

8:30 am Bilingual

Tuesday & Thursday:

8:30 am Español

**Rosary Every Day after the
8:30 am Mass
Español**

Confessions

Every Saturday

3- 3:45 pm &

First Thursday of the Month

7 pm Español

Holy Hour/ Hora Santa

Thursday 7 pm Español

Adoration

24/7 Chapel

First Friday of the Month:

Anointing of the Sick

Unicón de los enfermos

8:30 am

&

7 pm Español

(Sagrada Corazón)

First Saturday of the Month

8 am English

Pro-Life Mass

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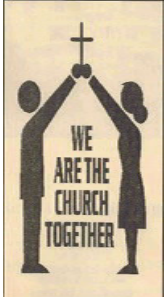
Thursday:

12 Noon-6:30 pm

Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday

Closed

SEPTEMBER 1/1 DE SEPTIEMBRE - SEPTEMBER 7/7 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Monday Lunes September 1	Tuesday Martes September 2	Wednesday Miércoles September 3	Thursday Jueves September 4	Friday Viernes September 5	Saturday Sábado September 6	Sunday Domingo September 7
Parish Office is closed La oficina parroquial está cerrada  Food Pantry will be closed for Labor Day. It will resume on Sep 15, 2025. Thank you for your continued support	Parish Office is closed la oficina parroquial está cerrada 7 pm Fiesta Mexicana Meeting Church Hall	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 Holy Hour Templo/Church 	4:30 pm Youth Group Church 5:15 pm Legión de María Salón De Reuniones De La Oficina 5:30 pm Children's Spanish Choir Church Hall 7 pm Sacred Heart Mass	8 am Pro-Life Mass With Bishop Bartosic  3:45 pm Confessions Confesiones	



Happy Birthday, Fr. Sam!

Pictured are some of the people who attended Mass on Friday, August 22, and shared in birthday songs and greetings after Mass. Father Sam is wearing a Marian vestment because August 22 is the Feastday of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

¡Feliz cumpleaños, Padre Sam!

En la foto aparecen algunas de las personas que asistieron a la misa del viernes 22 de agosto y compartieron canciones de cumpleaños y saludos después de la misa. El Padre Sam lleva una vestimenta mariana porque el 22 de agosto es la festividad de la Santísima Virgen María.



Save the Date:
September 6

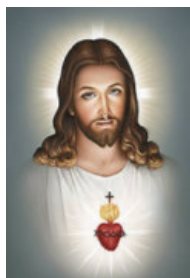
Saturday, 8 am
Pro-Life Mass with
Bishop Mark Bartosic
At
Blessed Sacrament
Parish

Misa del Sagrado Corazón de
Jesús Viernes

5 de Septiembre

7 p.m.

Por favor, ven y trae a un
amigo.



Memorial Service for Aborted Children at
St. Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park on
Saturday, September 13th

On Saturday, September 13th, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the 13th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 65 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. The memorial service at St. Mary Cemetery takes place at the gravesite of 500 babies who were discovered and retrieved from the garbage dumpsters of several downtown Chicago abortion facilities in early 1987. It is one of the earliest of the gravesites across the United States. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 13th, 1:00 p.m.

Where: St. Mary Cemetery, 87th Street at Hamlin Avenue in Evergreen Park

More Info: Contact John Ryan at (708) 945-8247 or domer_10305@yahoo.com

Please bring your rosary and your lawn chair!

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Sunday Collection

AUGUST 23 & 24, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,970 Sobres

Loose \$ 1,290 Suelto

Children Collec. \$ 15 Colecta de Niños

Total \$ 4,275

Food Pantry \$ 56 Despensa de alimentos

Building Fund \$ 128 Fundo de Edificio

Monday, August 11

Michael Lazar, Ticket 3567, \$25.

Tuesday, August 12

Karina Acuna, Ticket 3473, \$25.

Wednesday, August 13

Heydi Calderon, Ticket 2307, \$25.

Thursday, August 14

Dan O'Donnell, Ticket 3706, \$25.

Friday, August 15

Theresa Bryk, Ticket 4874, \$250.

Saturday, August 16

Prima Castillo, Ticket 2360, \$50.

Sunday, August 17

Debbie Bus, Ticket 2880, \$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 24 – 30 2025

St. John Paul II

Birthday Prayers for
Rosie De La Torre

St. John XXIII
For the Repose of the Soul of
George F. & Hannah Stafford

Please pray for these intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 30, 2025

VIGIL MASSES: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 pm †Stanley & †Sophie Kluk

†Jose Escailla

†Jose Escamilla

6 pm †Apolinar Villagomez

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

9 am †Jason Grek (18th Anniv.)

†Barbara Duda

†Christine Pudlo

Birthday: Joyce Fornek

11am †Octavio Cazarez

†Florentino Ortiz

†Angelina Fernandez

†Apolinar Villagomez

†Maria Barrera

†Luis Perez

†Benditas Almas Del Purgatorio

Cumpleaños: Rosie De La Torre

1pm †Jose Ruiz

†Benditas Almas Del Purgatorio

Cumpleaños: Raul Valdivia

Salud: Celia Rojas y Familia

Monday, September 1, 2025

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

8:30 am †Jesus Martinez

†Jose Ruiz

†Benditas Almas Del Purgatorio

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

8:30 am †Jose Ruiz

†Benditas Almas Del Purgatorio

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

8:30 am †Jose Ruiz

†Benditas Almas Del Purgatorio

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8:30 am †Jose Ruiz

†Benditas Almas Del Purgatorio

Friday, September 5, 2025

8:30 am †Jose Ruiz

†Filiberto De La Torre

Cumpleaños: Rosie Aleman

†Benditas Almas Del Purgatorio

7 pm †Alejandrino Mireles

Saturday, September 6, 2025

8 am Pro-life Mass

VIGIL MASS: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

4 pm †Jose Escamilla

†Elida Botello

†Fernando Rabiela

6 pm †Jose Ruiz

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

9 am †Francis Pletsch

†Christine Pudlo

11am †Arnfulo Munoz Padilla

†Pedro Padilla

†Angelina Fernandez

†Maria Natividad Barvoza

†Maria Barrera

†Fernando Rabiela

Cumpleaños: Rosie De La Torre

1pm †Anali Leyva Calderon

†Jose Ruiz

Cumpleaños: Philip Torres

Fiesta Mexicana

Reserva la fecha
Save the date
20 de Septiembre



4 - 10 P.M.
Terrenos de la
Parroquia



OCIA Classes to Start in the Fall

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Are you seeking the Sacrament of Baptism? Are you baptized but seeking to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation? Are you 18 years of age or older? Then you should find out more about the OCIA Program. Classes to bring you into the Catholic Church or receive a Sacrament are what the OCIA Program is all about. OCIA stands for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. These classes will start in the fall. If you have any questions, contact Lucrecia Garcia at (773) 345-9551 or via email at rep@bspchicago.org.

Las clases de OICA comenzarán en El Otoño

¿Está interesado en ser miembro de la Iglesia Católica? ¿Estás buscando el Sacramento del Bautismo? ¿Está bautizado pero desea recibir el Sacramento de la Sagrada Comunión o el Sacramento de la Confirmación? ¿Tienes 18 años o más? Entonces debería averiguar más sobre el programa OCIA. Las clases para llevarlo a la Iglesia Católica o recibir un Sacramento son de lo que se trata el Programa OCIA. OCIA significa Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos. Estas clases comenzarán en el otoño. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Lucrecia García al (773) 345-9551 o por correo electrónico a rep@bspchicago.org

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