

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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(a repeat of Father Ilango's reflection for May 27, 2012)

What is the most pervasive spirit of our culture today? Without any thinking one can declare that the absolute self-centered life is the trait of our culture today. Our capitalistic economy reflects this trait emphatically. You can go to any extent to make good money. No ethical principle can curtail your freedom to make excess of money. We can visibly experience this in the political sphere, too. In order to win the electorate, the politicians are ready to woo the public with any promises, whether they are ethically acceptable or not. In general, the guiding principle of today's life is the materialistic pursuit of pleasure, and all the consequences of such pursuit determine everything in many people's lives. Could there be an alternative to this kind of matter-centered life?

I think our human life is a right combination of matter and spirit. If we are feeding constantly the physical in us alone, then the spirit in us will be totally impoverished. What will happen if our spirit is totally unfed? Our life may seem to be satisfying and happy at a certain level, but it cannot be that way at all levels. There will be different areas of our life that slowly become dull and meaningless. Our emotional and psychic energy can turn to be very low. Then we may feel many endeavors of life to be senseless. Many efforts we make to accomplish even good things turn to be drudgery. There will be many empty spaces in our life that have to be filled up with meaningful things. When our spirit is in low ebb, then we will frantically fill in empty spaces of life with irrelevant and meaningless things that may promise fulfillment temporarily. If that is the power of material things to offer meaning to our lives, then what would be the best alternative? Jesus promises us the help of the advocate, the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit of the Lord dwells in our hearts, we tend to embrace everything that is good and holy. We may always desire the ethically right thing in everything we do. We will have the power of the Spirit to stay away from the power of evil. Even if the evil power lures us to do something bad, the protective power of the Holy Spirit will lead us away safely from the clutches of evil. The constant voice of the evil in us could be thwarted easily by the continuous presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. The Spirit of the Lord has the power to heal us. It has the power to show us the right direction to find the truth of our lives. It has the power to recreate us according to the image of God when our image is marred by the power of sin. It has the power to rebuild our relationships with God and with everyone in our lives. Above all the Spirit of the Lord alone can keep us straight in our journey to eternity. What a gift Jesus has given us through His ascension into heaven. Let us celebrate the Pentecost with such a joy that the Spirit of the Lord will be our guiding force of every day

Your Brother in Christ...Fr. Xavier Ilango

Daily Mass Schedule -May 25-31

Mon: 5:30 p.m. Jeanie Wothe
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. Jean Sailer
 Wed: 9:00 a.m. Jill and Tom Mickelson and family
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. +Bob Stroschein
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. Ben Holzer
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. Carlos Bocalan
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro popolo

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Mass Times

Monday 5:30 p m
 Tuesday-Thursday
 9:00 am
 Friday 7:30 AM
 (Care Center)
 Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:30PM

ADORATION:

Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

We will pray the rosary during the month of May, 25 minutes before Mass, on the following dates: May 23 and 24, May 30 and 31.

From the Christian Mothers: Our annual **Cedar Chest raffle** tickets are available after weekend Masses. The drawing will be held on July 26, 2015. Items you like to donate for the Cedar Chest may be dropped off in the church hall. Thank you.

Christian Mothers is sponsoring a **Parish-wide Bake Sale** Memorial weekend, May 23 & 24. Everyone is encouraged to participate.



Parishioners' Prayer Requests

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill

Please pray for:

-Bonnie Wallace -Emily Martin
 -Jim Jacobson -Spencer Fett
 -Casey Courneya -Bob Thompson
 -Connie Ulschmid -Steven Gabbard
 -Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
 -Norman Buseth -Bruce Moe
 -Tammy Wothe -Lisa Flynn
 -Reid Courneya -Irene Adams

May 24 2015

Collection May 17, 2015		Saturday	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
Collection Basket		Attendance	\$5,642.00—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, Building, Steeple, and Window Funds, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
Adult	\$ 2,638.00	120	
Loose Guest	396.00		
Children	4.00		
Total:	\$ 3,038.00		
Other Budgeted Income			
Vigil Lights		\$ 6.00	
Building Fund		120.00	
Steeple Fund		1.30	
Window Fund		10.00	
Book Club		32.00	
VBS Registration		1500	
Total		\$ 184.30	
Non-Parish Collections: Cath. Comm/Cath. Univ—\$200; Cemetery Fund—\$880			

UPCOMING:

May 23/24: Parish-wide Bake Sale
May 23: Adult Choir practice 4:00 pm
May 24: Adult Choir practice 8:00 am
Jun 1-5: VBS 9:30 am—Noon
Jun 6: Youth Rummage Sale 7:30 am—1:00 pm
Jun 6: Maryology: Rosary @ 8:30 am, Mass @ 9:00
Jun 9: Finance Council @ 6:00 pm
Jun 9: Pastoral Council @ 7:00 pm

Mass Time Change

June 21 will be Father Ilango's Farewell Mass with us followed by a celebration of his ministry here. Mass time on June 21 only will be at 10:30 am instead of 8:30 am..

Ministry Schedule for May 31, 2015

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC— Russ and Mary Ann Karasch		
Ministers	Jeanie Riley	Al Jacobson
Of Holy Communion	Jeanie Wothe	Tammy Sattler
	Joan Schraufek	Dale Sattler
		Kathy Peichel
		Sandy Hofer
Lectors	Keith Adams	Christine Daggett
Ushers	Ross Kasowski	Tim Stenger
	Don Ulschmid	Bud Hensel
Servers	Rachel Kasowski	Kaitlyn Wake
	Autumn Moe	Braylee Riewer
	Ethan Byer	Madison Ketter

May Special Collections: \24th—FACC

Circle 2 is in charge of donuts in May
 Circle 3 will be in charge in June

Youth

Saint John Paul II Middle School Camp

Northern Pines Camp, Park Rapids, MN Sunday, July 5th through Thursday, July 9th.
 Cost: \$300 with price breaks for families.

Youth attending St. JP II Camp will be selling Tupperware the next couple weeks to raise the money to attend camp. Please check out the great items for sale after Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School

June 1 through 5, 9:30AM until Noon, Monday through Friday, with a Mass at 11:30 on Friday followed by a potluck for families. Also a celebration Mass on Sunday June 7 at 8:30AM. Children will share their music from the week. Cost \$15.00 until May 16, then \$20 per student after this date (no one turned away). Registration forms are in the Kiosk and also in the entrance of Church.

All need to be signed up for VBS As SOON AS POSSIBLE!! We need a count to order supplies. Questions? Contact Cheryl

Youth raising money for camps, will be holding a **rummage sale** at Church on June 6. Anyone wanting to make donations to this please drop off good items at Church by Friday June 5. (Please, no junk) If you need something picked up for donation please contact Cheryl.

First Communion pictures are available for pick-up in the Church entry next to the kiosk.