

MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?



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August 26, 2018 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

4540 El Cerrito Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92115  
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Deacon: Tony Albers  
Deacon: Herb Kelsey

### MASSSES:

**Saturday:** 8:00AM; 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM, (Spanish Mass 4:00 PM)  
**Weekdays: Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM**  
(Mondays: 8:00 AM Communion Service)  
**Holy Days & Special Services:** see bulletin

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays, 4:00 PM

**PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:** Tuesdays 8:30 AM

**MARRIAGES:** Those wishing to be married must contact the priest at least 9 months before date of marriage.

Parish ID # for United Way Contributions.....9753

**BAPTISM INFORMATION**.....619-582-5722

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** .....619-582-5722

**FAITH FORMATION, grade 1-8**.....619-582-5722, ext. 124  
Coordinator: Kerwin Molina

**CONFIRMATION, Teens**.....619-582-5722  
Justine Coliflores

**ST. KATHARINE DREXEL ACADEMY**.....619-582-3862  
Principal: Anne Egan  
School Website: [www.skda-sd.org](http://www.skda-sd.org)

From Fr. Jon Kirby

## One-sided Compassion

(Adapted from, "Catholic virtues necessary to address political polarization, bishop says," Bishop McElroy blasts 'sickness of the soul' in US politics, calls for a moral solution, by Heidi Schlumpf. NCR Apr 19, 2018)

The current polarization in the United States is the result of a "profound sickness of the soul," which is best addressed not politically but morally, through the cultivation of the virtues of a Catholic imagination, said San Diego Bishop Robert McElroy. "This sickness tears at the fabric of our nation's unity, undermining the core democratic consensus that is the foundation for our identity as Americans," he told a crowd gathered April 18 for the "Cardinal Bernardin Common Cause Lecture" sponsored by the Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage at Loyola University here.

Such divisiveness requires witnesses who can evangelize the political culture, he said, by modeling virtues such as solidarity, compassion, integrity, hope, dialogue, encounter and peacemaking. McElroy called the current polarization "heartbreaking," contrasting it to Pope Francis' "beautiful vision of politics" in his 2015 address to Congress. "Party" has become shorthand for worldview, he said, and party identity leads to a "cafeteria Catholicism" that too often does not foster the common good.

As evidence of the bitter partisan divide, he cited a survey that said 40 percent of Americans today would be upset if their child married someone from the other political party — compared to only 5 percent feeling that way in 1960. Another example is how the church's pro-life positions on the unborn as well as the poor and refugees are placed in political opposition in which both sides present "skewed distillations of Catholic moral teaching," he said.

"Catholic teaching has been hijacked by those who break down the breadth of our social doctrine by reducing it to the warped partisan categories of our age and then selecting those teachings for acceptance which promote their partisan worldview," he said. What is needed instead, he argued, is "evangelization of the heart and soul and spirit of Americans to help them grow in the fundamental virtues which can orient their choices toward the common good." This "deep-level conscience formation" has been modeled by Francis, McElroy said, quoting both the pope's address to Congress and his new apostolic exhortation on holiness, *Gaudete in Exsultate*.

McElroy also referred to Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich's call for a "consistent ethic of solidarity," which Cupich presented in the first "Cardinal Bernardin Common Cause Lecture" at Loyola last year. The lecture series is named after Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, the late cardinal of Chicago who sought to address social issues through a "seamless garment" or "consistent ethic of life" approach and to decrease polarization in the church through his Catholic Common Ground Initiative.

In addition to solidarity, McElroy argued that compassion is a foundational virtue in the Catholic imagination, but it can't be the hard-hearted "compartmentalized compassion" reserved only for certain groups of people. "In our overly politicized culture, we have permitted the core unity of human compassion to become fragmented into separate partisan categories, and even worse, we have allowed our own sense of the moral imperatives which flow from true Christian compassion to be distorted by a partisan lens," he said. Christian compassion must extend to all who are suffering, whether Black Lives Matter activists or economically dispossessed whites who voted for President Donald Trump, both of whom are "signs of woundedness in our nation," he said. "The central challenge is whether we can meet our woundedness with care and action which are not filtered through a partisan lens," he said.

Also needed is integrity that counters the hypocrisy of excusing behavior of political allies when that same behavior is condemned in political opponents. Fierce partisan political battles, while exciting and newsworthy, exact a tremendous cost to the nation, McElroy said. "And there is a wider corrosion to our individual soul and spirit that such fierce partisanship and animosities produce," he said.

Rather than accept this reality as the "new normal," Catholics need to dream and hope for a more peace-filled culture, which will only come from encounter and dialogue, he said. Sadly, he noted, these are lacking both in the culture and the church. "Dialogue, encounter and unity is more important than any single policy issue we face today, because such a stance of encounter and dialogue is itself the foundation for any genuine pursuit of the common good," he said. Action for justice is important but the prerequisites are the "dispositions of our hearts and souls."

McElroy invites us to invest the present political formula with a new vision. Regarding the paucity of good candidates put forward, he said: the first question should be, "What type of Christian should we be developing to make the world a better place?"

**Faith Formation, Teen Confirmation & Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

CLASSES BEGIN SEPT 16th

All Classes REQUIRE Baptism Cert. & \$35 Fee  
 More Info: Kerwin Molina (619)582-5722 ext. 124

We will be registering candidates after Sunday Masses on August 26 and September 2 & 9, Those wishing to join must fill out a registration form.

**Faith Formation** is for ALL children grades 1-8. Give your child the opportunity to experience God in their lives while learning about their faith. Parents will grow in their own faith by attending the Faith Parenting Program.

- Grades 1-8 meet 9:05-9:50 AM –Sundays
- Monthly Parenting Prog. meets 9:10-9:50 AM
- Mass attendance at 10 AM is required for both parents and children.

**Contact:** Kerwin Molina (619)582-5722 ext. 124

**Teen Confirmation** is a two year program that helps teens experience their faith more fully and come to see the presence of the Word in their lives through prayer, study and discussions.

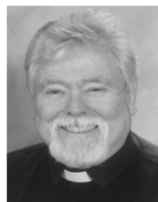
Participants meet on Sundays at 5:45 PM for Mass followed by 45 min. sessions.

**Contact:** Justine Coliflores: jcoli@sandiego.edu

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is a class for adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church.

Classes run from Sept—May and meet Sundays 9:05-9:50 AM in the “Library” of the parish hall.

**Contact:** Kerwin Molina (619)582-5722 ext. 124



**Fr. Jon 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Profession of Vows**  
 Society of the Divine Word

**Saturday, September 8**  
**Mass 5:00pm in Church**

**Dinner in Parish Hall After Mass**

Come celebrate with Fr. Jon! All are invited.  
 We are asking for a minimum donation of \$10 per person for the dinner.

**Only a dozen tickets left. Buy NOW!**

You can still make a donation to Blessed Sacrament Parish & Fr. Jon’s SVD Order.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer  
**Contact:** Annemarie Brennan 619-265-0319

**Sunday Hospitality Schedule**

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1st: Women’s Club group  | 4th: Spanish group |
| 2nd: Vietnamese group    | 5th: Spanish group |
| 3rd: Knights of Columbus |                    |

**FINANCIAL UPDATE 2018**

August 19th weekend: \$5546.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**Parish Office Hours Change**

The parish office will have limited hours from August 22 through Sept 6th. Please plan ahead if you need to pick up or drop off anything.



- Tues 10am to 3pm
- Wed 10am - 2:30pm
- Thurs 10am - 2:30pm
- Friday 10am - 3pm

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

- Sat. Aug 25 5:00pm Pat Stockfish, int.
- Sun. Aug 26 8:00am Fr. James O’Malley †
- 10:00am Fr. John Source †
- 6:00pm Parishioners
- Mon. Aug 27 8:00am

- Tues. Aug 28 8:00am Lorenzo & Dehessy Family
- Wed. Aug 29 8:00am Fr. Jerry Hamperzonian †
- Thur. Aug 30 8:00am Lorenzo & Dehessy Family
- Fri. Aug 31 8:00am Josephine Scafidi †
- Sat. Sep 1 8:00am Lorenzo & Dehessy Family

**August 26 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**A Vocation View:** *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Choose to follow and serve God with your whole life.*

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
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**PARISH EVENTS**

- Aug.** - No Cares for Kids Mtg.
- Aug.** - No Women’s Club Mtg.
- Aug. & Sep.** - No Soup & Salad
- Sept. 3** - Labor Day Observance; Mass 8am
- Sept. 5** - Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7pm PH
- Sept. 8** - Fr. Jon’s Anniversary Mass & Dinner
- Sept. 10** - Diocesan African Mass & Gathering 1pm
- Sept. 10** - Cares for Kids Mtg. 6-7pm PH

**PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS**

Interested in joining a ministry group?  
Contact the person listed below or church office.

(area codes are (619) except were listed)

- Adoration Chapel**.....582-5722
- Altar Servers:**  
Church Office.....582-5722
- Cares For Kids-Blessed Sacrament**  
Teresa Markey.....582-2141
- Contemporary Choir:**  
(10:00 am & 6 pm Masses).....582-5722
- Culture of Life:**  
Margie Morrison.....582-8651
- Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Church Office.....582-5722
- Knights of Columbus:**  
John Agoh.....278-8405
- Lectors:**  
Church Office.....582-5722
- BSPS Parent-Teacher Group (PTG):**  
Kristen Crisostomo (President).....klhbones@aol.com
- Traditional Choir:**  
Patti Burch (8 am Mass).....735-6330
- Ushers:**  
Church Office.....582-5722
- Women’s Club:**  
Pat Luebbers.....262-8522
- Youth Ministry (High School Students):**  
Parish Office.....582-5722



**Labor Day**

In Observance of Labor Day Monday, Sept. 3 we will have a Mass at 8am instead of the regular Communion service. The parish office will be closed on Monday.

**Come Sing With Us**

Love music? Love God? The music ministry is the place for you. We provide beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members.



If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come join us! Call Patti Burch (619-735-6330)

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**Welcome New Parishioners**

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Call (619) 582-5722 or stop by. Or Email: [jyin@blessedsacrament-sandiego.org](mailto:jyin@blessedsacrament-sandiego.org)



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## Quarters & Cans Collection

Next weekend our monthly Quarters and Cans Collection will go to support our new school: St. Katharine Drexel Academy (SKDA).

We wholeheartedly support Catholic education for our children from Pre-school to 8th Grade at SKDA. This is one way we can follow Jesus who said: "Let the children come to Me. Do not hinder them." — Matthew 19:14. May the good Lord reward your generous heart.

All Non-Perishable Food will be given to Catholic Charities College Area Center to help our neighbors in need.

Pick up a reusable green bag by the church doors for your donations and return it next weekend. Then bring your donations to the altar after the bread and wine are presented. — *Thank you for your support!*

## Ladies! Free Ice Cream Social

**Sept 15, 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall.** The Blessed Sacrament Women's Club invites you to be their guest. Make your own ice cream desert with sprinkles and toppings and to socialize with other ladies from our neighboring parishes.

**RSVP:** Pat Luebbbers 619-262-8522

## AROUND THE TOWN

**Sept 7-9 Retrouvaille Weekend - There is HOPE for your Marriage.** This weekend will help get your relationship back on track. **INFO:** Charles & Charlene 951-259-9474 | *Spanish-* Eric & Anna Rubio 760-294-4028

**Sep 14. 19th Annual Taste of the Mission** – An "over 21" evening of food & adult beverage at historic Mission San Diego de Alcalá. 6:30 pm-9:30 pm. Tickets are \$45 in advance buy them at <https://missionsandiego.churchgiving.com/tasteofthemission>

**Sep 14-16. Marriage Encounter Weekend;** St. Charles Retreat Center, Imperial Beach. Put God in your marriage. 8:00 pm Fri. to 4:00 pm on Sun. \$75 includes food & lodging. **INFO:** Sign up at [www.wvme-sandiego.org](http://www.wvme-sandiego.org). Questions? Call Seth & Carly Aichle 760-672-6443

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** -- Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** -- We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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## Readings For The Week

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Daily Prayer for Our Priests

O Jesus,

I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;

for your unfaithful & tepid priests;

for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;

for your tempted priests;

for your lonely & desolate priests;

for your young priests;

for your dying priests;

for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:

the priest who baptized me,  
the priests who absolved me  
from my sins, the priests at  
whose Masses I assisted &  
who gave me Your body &  
blood in Communion,  
the priests to whom I am  
indebted any other way  
especially (*name....*)

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time & in eternity. Amen.

--St. Therese of Lisieux

**Monday ~ August 27**

Rev. Manuel Ediza

**Tuesday ~ August 28**

Very Rev. Mark Edney

**Wednesday ~ August 29**

Rev. Earl Eggleston

**Thursday ~ August 30**

Rev. Charles Eis

**Friday ~ August 31**

Rev. Raymond Elam, OSA

**Saturday ~ September 1**

Pope Francis

**Sunday ~ September 2**

Bishop Robert McElroy



## **LASER-COM COVER SHEET**

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