

Sacred Heart

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All Souls

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MASS TIMES - 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays, Mass will be at Bayard on Saturday at 6:00 pm.
Mass will be at Dalton at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays.
2nd and 4th Sundays, Mass will be at Dalton on Saturday at 6:00 pm.
Mass will be at Bayard at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays.

For the week of 9/17 to 9/24:

| Date | Day | Time | Place | Intention |
|------|-----------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 9/18 | Monday | No Mass Today | | |
| 9/19 | Tuesday | No Mass Today | | |
| 9/20 | Wednesday | No Mass Today | | |
| 9/21 | Thursday | No Mass Today | | |
| 9/22 | Friday | No Mass Today | | |
| 9/23 | Saturday | 6.00 PM | Dalton | O'Connel & Myers Family |
| 9/24 | Sunday | 8.00 AM | Bayard | People of God |
| 9/24 | Sunday | 10.30 AM | Bridgeport | Margaret Ann Jesse |

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

Many of you must have come to know of one of my confreres (belonging to the Congregation of Salesians of Don Bosco, Bangalore Province, India) who was released by his captors on September 12, 2017. He was the chaplain of the center for the aged and the sick, run by the Sisters of Charity (Congregation founded by Mother Teresa), in Aden, Yemen. On March 4, 2016 while he was in the chapel, a team of gunmen unleashed a massacre in the center killing 16 people including 4 nuns. Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil was handcuffed and taken away. Till he was released this week, no one knew the where about of Fr. Tom, though the whole world was praying for him.

After he was released he thanked everyone starting with Almighty God. What he spoke has been in social media for the past four days. He said, "God is great. His love is everlasting. His mercy is infinite. He has a purpose for our lives. And what I went through had definitely a purpose. I have received the prayers and love of you all..." Earlier in Vatican, talking to Holy Father, Pope Francis who intervened in his release from abductors through the sultan of Oman, Fr. Tom had revealed that he offered his sufferings for the wellbeing of the Church. Yes, I think those words coming from a person who experienced such painful mental agonies are very true also for each of us. Everything in life including our sufferings has a purpose in the salvific plan of God. Only, we don't realize it often.

In the first reading of today (Sirach 27:30...ff) we are reminded that resentment, anger, and vengeance will beget only repeated negative experiences. What is desirable is to trust in God and surrender to his will. Only someone who totally depends upon the mercy of God can truly forgive one's offenders. I believe Tom has forgiven his offenders unconditionally. Jesus tells us precisely to do that in today's gospel (Matthew 18:21-35).

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr.C.P.Varghese
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As announced earlier, we have begun religious education in all the parishes on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017. All the parents and guardians, start sending your kids if you have not done so far. Kindly ensure that religious education which helps in forming character, convictions and conscience is given priority over any other activity if you wish your children to grow up being good Christians and honest citizens.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If your family members, relations, friends, or colleagues would like to be part of our community entering into Catholic Faith by baptism, or be confirmed to be full pledged members, this is the time to start the process. We have already started formal weekly classes on every Saturday at 10.00 AM at parish hall, Bridgeport. Kindly contact the Office / Pastor for details.

'THAT MAN IS YOU' (BRIDGEPORT)

Attention all men! We have started year 3 of 'That Man is You' on Thursday September 7th. We meet at 6.30 AM. We start with a light breakfast followed by a video presentation and discussion. Typically, we adjourn between 7.15 AM and 07.30 AM. This is an amazing program that has transformed lives of men across the nation. If you did not attend the past 2 years you can jump right in this year without any difficulty. Please consider this program, it is a wonderful opportunity. If you have any questions please call Doug Hadden at 279-0052.

All Souls:

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn 262-0453 or Teresa - 262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed one-half hour before Mass. Please come early and pray.

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- Cleaning for September: Coon, Defoe, Glasco
- Prayer chain requests may be made to Paula Contreras

Saint Mary's:

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- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn Ernest - 249-1735.

Our Gift to God: Last Weekend's Collection

| | All Souls | St. Mary's | Sacred Heart |
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| Adult | \$518.00 | \$345.00 | \$510.00 |
| Children | \$17.50 | \$0.00 | \$12.50 |
| Plate | \$165.03 | \$34.00 | \$279.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL | \$700.53 | \$379.00 | \$801.50 |
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| Mass Stipend | | \$20.00 | |
| West NE Register | \$115.00 | \$45.00 | |
| Hurricane Relief | \$425.24 | \$205.12 | \$209.00 |
| Resale Rel. Articles | | \$28.71 | |
| Diocesan Appeal | | | |
| Building Fund | \$5.00 | \$30.00 | |
| TOTALS | \$1,240.77 | \$677.83 | \$1,010.50 |

