

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 October 2026

❖ Blessing of Animals – October 4 at 1400

Today, Sunday October 4th, at 1400, we will have a blessing of animals in the Marian Garden in honor of St. Francis of Assisi whose feast day is today. The blessing itself will only be a few minutes long, but it will also offer us a chance to see each other's pets.

❖ Akita Pilgrimage - October 11-13

We are headed to Akita where there is a convent with a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary which has become a pilgrimage destination in Japan. I will go up on Sunday evening and come back on Tuesday evening, celebrating Mass at the convent on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested, please let us know at <https://akita.yokosukacatholic.org>



❖ Team Leaders and Members Needed!

Please consider joining or even leading one of the parish teams listed on the inside of the bulletin. Contact the team leaders or Helen or Father Adam if you see something that you are interested in volunteering to help with. We especially need people for Fellowship Team (arranging donuts and coffee and potlucks after Mass), Family Team (helping with ἀγάπη), Social Team (welcoming new families), and CCD Team (helping prepare materials during the week for Sunday CCD). And all the teams will welcome new volunteers to help. If you have talents or interests that do not seem to fall into any of these teams, please talk with Helen or Father Adam. We always are looking for people who are good at crafting or carpentry or sewing or art.

❖ Who is ἀγάπη for?

Our Wednesday evening Catechesis is for many different situations. It is for parents who want to learn what to teach their children. It is for CCD teachers to better prepare for the next Sunday. It is for people in OCIA who want to become Catholic. It is for Catholic adults who want to be Confirmed. It is for high school students who want to continue learning after their Confirmation. It is for adults without children who want a refresher in the basics of the faith. It is for anyone who wants to join members of all these groups in the prayer, social time, meal, and catechesis.

- **Chaplain**
Father Adam McMillan
- **Community Coordinator**
Helen Hansen

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Organizations

- **Catholic Women's Group** cwg@yokosukacatholic.org
To support the parish and each other as Catholic women of faith
President: Jamie McHaney VP of Events: Carmen Williams
VP of Faith Studies: Kathy Nakayama Secretary: Nuncia Pastore
- **Knights of Columbus** knights@yokosukacatholic.org
Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith
Grand Knight: Joseph de la Cruz Deputy Grand Knight: Greg Juday

Liturgical Teams

- **Server Teams**—MoST (Sacristan Girls): Beth de la Cruz most@yokosukacatholic.org
BoST (Altar Boys): Rob Garcia bost@yokosukacatholic.org
BoST will meet this week, Wednesday 1600-1630. All boys 8-18 are invited.
MoST will meet next week, Wednesday 1600-1630. All girls 8-18 are invited.
- **Ministry Team**—Mass Directors: Harry Ganteaume directors@yokosukacatholic.org
Lectors: Joseph de la Cruz lectors@yokosukacatholic.org
Ushers: Aaron McHaney ushers@yokosukacatholic.org
EMHC: Bernie San Nicolas emhc@yokosukacatholic.org
- **Music Team**—Music at liturgies: music@yokosukacatholic.org
Tamami Hatakeyama & Josell Spracklin
Contact the Music Team to learn about joining the choir or being a cantor.
- **Prayer Team**—Adoration, Mass Intentions, Prayer Requests prayer@yokosukacatholic.org
Linda Torrez & Melinh Keller
We are looking for Eucharistic Guardians to commit to a weekly Adoration time.
Please send your Mass Intentions and Prayer Requests to our email.

Cultural Teams

- **Filipino Team**—Filipino Events, e.g. Simbang Gabi filipino@yokosukacatholic.org
Lea Kelly
- **Latino Team**—Latino Events, e.g. Our Lady of Guadalupe latino@yokosukacatholic.org
Julee Taylor
- **Japanese Team**—Connection to Catholics in Japan japanese@yokosukacatholic.org
Yuumi Smutny & Chisato Genao

Sacrament Preparation Teams

- **Evangelization Team** – OCIA, Book Clubs *evangelization@yokosukacatholic.org*
Peter McDonald & Jon Stockton

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or are Catholic but still need to receive Baptism or Confirmation, please sign-up at ocia.yokosukacatholic.org to receive information on how to do that. Classes are Wednesdays 1700-2000.

- **Family Team** – ἀγάπη and Summer Camps *family@yokosukacatholic.org*
OPEN – leads are needed!
- **Matrimony Team**—Wedding Preparation & Planning *matrimony@yokosukacatholic.org*
Aura San Juan & Carolina Juday

Whether newly engaged or civilly married for years, if you haven't received the Sacrament of Matrimony, register at <https://wedding.yokosukacatholic.org>

- **CCD Team** – Teachers & Assistants to the CRE *CCD@yokosukacatholic.org*
OPEN – leads are needed!

Register at <https://re.yokosukacatholic.org>



Sign up to teach at <https://teacher.yokosukacatholic.org>

Service Teams

- **Beauty Team** – Flowers and Decorations *beauty@yokosukacatholic.org*
Megan Damatta
- **Fellowship Team** – Parish fellowships *fellowship@yokosukacatholic.org*
OPEN – leads are needed!
- **Finance Team** – Budgeting, Fundraising, Spending *finance@yokosukacatholic.org*
Chair: Scott Welch Secretary: Beth de la Cruz ROF Representative: Harry Ganteaume
Members: Carmen Tainatongo, Deo Pineda, Ruel Binonwangan

Religious Offering Fund	Income:	Collection	\$ 2644
12-18 September 2026	Expenses:		

- **Garden Team** – Marian Garden *garden@yokosukacatholic.org*
Kathy Nakayama, Nancy Linskens & Samantha Guanga
- **Media Team** – Parish Magazine, Photographs, Communications *media@yokosukacatholic.org*
Diane Sebastiano & Kara Misiak
- **Outreach Team** – Corporal Works of Mercy *outreach@yokosukacatholic.org*
Julee Taylor & Rebecca Welch
- **Sacristy Team** – Maintaining Catholic spaces *sacristy@yokosukacatholic.org*
Carmen Tainatongo & Bernie San Nicolas
- **Social Team** – New Parishioners Welcome and Registration *social@yokosukacatholic.org*
OPEN – leads are needed!

New or not connected yet? Please sign in at new.yokosukacatholic.org

Saturday (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 1600 Confessions (*also 25 minutes before every Mass or anytime by asking Father*)
- 1700 Mass for Yegor, Victoria, Ed⁺, Maria Soledad⁺, Edgar⁺
- Introit:* Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.
- Communion:* The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Sunday (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 0800 Mass
- 0915 CCD
- 1110 Mass for the people of Sacred Heart
(*For antiphons, see Saturday*)
- 1400 Blessing of Animals

Monday (La Santísima Trinidad)

- 1200 Misa en español
- Introit:* Bendito sea Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, porque ha tenido misericordia con nosotros.
- Communion:* Porque ustedes son hijos de Dios, Dios infundió en sus corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama: Abbá, Padre.

Tuesday (Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin)

- 1200 Mass
- Introit:* Let us rejoice and exult for joy: for the Lord of all has shown his love for a holy and glorious virgin. *Communion:* The five wise virgins brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Then at midnight, the cry went up: Behold, the Bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord.

Wednesday (Our Lady of the Rosary)

- 1300 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1600 BoST
- 1620 Vespers
- 1635 Benediction

- 1700 Mass
- Introit:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. *Communion:* Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.
- 1740 ὁγάπη Family Catechesis
- 1910 OCIA Discussion Group

Thursday (Christ, the Eternal High Priest)

- 1200 Mass
- Introit:* The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change: you are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.
- Communion:* This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it in memory of me.

Friday (The Most Precious Blood of Jesus)

- 1700 Mass
- Introit:* You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom for our God.
- Communion:* The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Saturday (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 1600 Confessions (*also 25 minutes before every Mass or anytime by asking Father*)
- 1700 Mass
- Introit:* If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.
- Communion:* The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Sunday (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 0800 Mass
- 1110 Mass for the people of Sacred Heart
(*For antiphons, see Saturday*)