

# Sacred Heart



Salinas, California

## Parish Pastoral Plan

Because we want to be a parish after the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Fr. Mike Miller, Pastor

*We are committed  
to offering  
ministries, services,  
a parish office,  
school, and church  
that look and feel  
joyful,  
positive, respectful,  
and Christ-like.*

### THE HEART



Symbol of love, charity, joy, understanding, happiness, piety, and sorrow. It is recognized as the key organ of the human body, one that coordinates the intellect with the emotions. The emblem for devotions to the Sacred Heart is a flaming heart, surmounted by a Cross and enclosed in the Crown of Thorns. As an attribute, the flaming heart generally suggests fervor; the pierced heart, empathy and compassion.

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### Want to help?

*Please print:*

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Any message for us?

Please place this form in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office: 22 Stone Street Salinas, CA 93901.

For almost three years our pastoral council has been working on a pastoral plan: we took a year to *form ourselves*, a year to *listen* to the parish (through open meetings, interviews, gatherings, and surveys), and six months to *discern* where the Spirit was leading us. Two areas of concern emerged:

## Evangelization



## Social Justice



## Evangelization

- **We will welcome** everyone to conversion experiences like Cursillo, Couples for Christ, Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille, parish retreats, and Christians in Commerce.
- **We will invite** active Catholics to faith-sharing communities, prayer experiences, leadership formation, theological reflection, and chats about sensitive issues.
- **We will reach out** to non-practicing Catholics by organized visitation and "Remembering Church" gatherings.
- **We will target** special groups (parents, seniors, youth, and children) with special outreach.
- **We will offer** prayer experiences to the larger community. We will put forth the face of Christ at theater announcements and on billboards.
- **We will do** splendid favors for the community in Christ's name.

## Social Justice

Social Justice is a condition of inclusion and right relations between and among all persons and groups. It is a true shalom, where everyone is respected and basic human needs are met.

- **We will work with** COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action), with other parishes, and with city officials and police to deal with street violence and other community concerns.
- **We will work to** identify and train community leaders.
- **We will reach out to** parishes needier than we through a sister parish program.

## If this still seems vague...

It is... but not for long! Our next step will be convening focus groups to develop concrete strategies to promote evangelization and social justice.

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"If you want peace,  
work for justice.  
If you want justice,  
defend life."



-POPE JOHN PAUL II

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Our pastoral plan will be more than just grandiose ideas with no actual fruit. With the help of our whole parish (and hopefully other parishes in town), we will develop strategies, actions, and careful evaluations that will change and convert us!