

VALUES AND BELIEFS



Faith: **"The Heart of the Matter"**

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1

We are a faith-filled people, centered in the Eucharist, who seek to build the kingdom of God on earth.

- We will make worship and participation in Mass and the Sacramental life of the Church a priority.
- We will provide opportunities for all to learn about our Catholic faith through study, especially the Scriptures and the sacred traditions of the Church, in order to be knowledgeable about the values of God's kingdom.
- We will seek to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another through spiritual experiences including participation in retreats and missions.



Stewardship: **"From the Heart"**

"What will I return to the LORD for all his benefits to me?" Psalm 116:12

We believe that service is our loving and grateful response to God in which we share our gifts with others, especially those in need.

- We will partner with those in need to seek that which they require with dignity and respect.
- We will let the words of Christ, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do unto me" and the Beatitudes, be our guiding principles.
- We will build community outreach through the collaboration of ministries on various service and educational projects.



Community: **"At Heart"**

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:29-31

We believe that it is our responsibility to share with others, either through words or actions, the ways in which God has graced and guided our lives with tender care and blessings, even in times of suffering.

- We will challenge each parishioner to greet and acknowledge the presence of those around them at Mass and other parish events.
- We will personally invite and encourage parishioners of all ages and all walks of life to become involved in ministry.
- We will develop regular opportunities and activities for families of all ages to do together at home in order to enrich their spiritual growth as a family.



Innovation: **"Matters of the Heart"**

"Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." 2 Timothy 4:2

We believe it is essential to evolve as a dynamic Catholic community, through spiritually innovative and creative methods, as we worship and practice our faith.

- We will research and communicate through new methods, techniques, and approaches that continue to give the gospel message life and vitality, while also appealing to, and touching, the heart.
- We will seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a myriad of ways in order to meet the diverse needs of the parishioners and others, and measure their effectiveness.