

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

What is Heaven Like?

A county doctor was visiting with an older patient, who asked the doctor: "Do you believe in God and heaven?"

"Yes," the doctor replied. "I was raised as a Christian and I have found those beliefs comforting to me throughout my life. Why do you ask?"

The patient replied, "I, too, was raised as a Christian and have tried to live faithfully all of my life. But as I grow older, I find myself at times having doubts, even fears, that perhaps it might not be true. And maybe I've not been good enough to make heaven. I've read in the Good Book about golden pavestones and pearly gates, but that seems far-fetched. What is heaven? It's really very confusing."

The doctor paused in silence, reflecting. Finally, he spoke. "I suspect you have heard the sounds coming from the other side of that door?" "Yes," replied the patient, "and I wondered what it was."

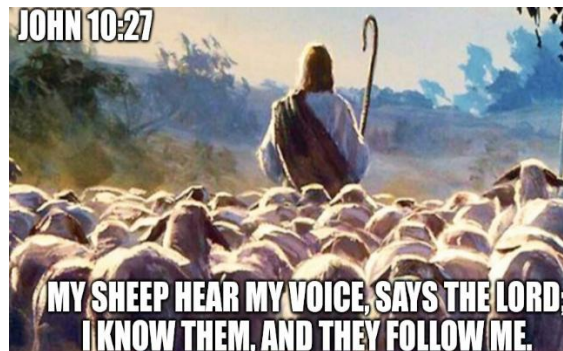
"On the other side of the door," said the doctor, "is my office, where I read and relax; and my constant companion there is my dog. He has to stay in the office when I see patients; I never allow him here in the examining room. However, he knows that I am in here and he is just outside the door now, scratching and whining because he wants me to let him in. He's never been in this room before, but because he knows that I am here, he wants to be here as well."

"I rather suspect that heaven may be something like that. Scripture says we are created in the image of God; and created in that divine image, I think we want more than anything else to be with God who creates us. Scripture also says that we will be judged after

death, so perhaps because we have sinned against God and others, we may be afraid to present ourselves before God. But we also have an inner sense that to be joined with God is what it is all about.

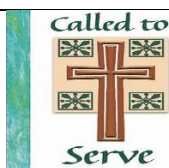
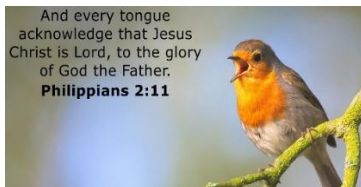
My dog has never been in this room before, but he knows I am here. He trusts me implicitly and has no fear of being with me, knowing I love him and will care for him. Perhaps heaven is something like that. If we know God, we recognize we are created in love and that God walks with us throughout life. Even if we fail by sinning, we believe that God can and will forgive us and draw us to Himself. We want to be with Him; and at a certain time for each of us, God will draw us from this life to Himself. What heaven is really like, I'm not sure. But I believe that in heaven we will be with God and be at rest with the One we love and who loves us."

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have entered the 26th Week in Ordinary Time. In today's reading from Ezekiel, we are told that God takes no delight in the death of anyone. All are called to turn from wickedness, embrace righteousness, and repentance that leads to eternal life. In the second reading from Philippians, Paul encourages us to imitate Christ and become his followers through our deeds. We learn an important lesson from the Gospel reading: One's fate is determined not by the past but, rather, by the present.



St. Francis Village Chapel is blessed with dedicated volunteers who have answered the **Call to Serve.**

We are always in need of more volunteers to serve the Chapel: Altar Servers; Readers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers to name a few. If you have completed the required Safe Environment training and wish to volunteer for the Chapel, please see Cat in the Chapel Office to schedule training.

Chapel Worship Opportunities

		
Daily Masses	9:00 AM Monday through Wednesday *NO MASS Thursday 10/1/2026* 9:00 AM Friday	
Adoration	9:30 AM Wednesday 9/30/26 9:30 AM Friday 10/2/226	
First Friday Confessions	Following 9:00 AM Mass from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM & from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	
First Saturday October 3, 2026	9:00 AM First Saturday Mass 10:00 AM Transitus Service 1:00 PM Blessing of the Animals 5:00 PM Vigil Mass	
Anointing of the Sick	During 9:00 AM Mass Thursday 10/8/2026	

October 3rd & 4th * Pack the Pantry this weekend. Your gifts to the St. Francis Village Food Pantry are symbols of hope, nourishing both bodies and souls in Saint Francis Village.**

A recent article on the Cross made some important points about love of the Cross and Christ's passion. We need to see the Cross and the passion associated with it as a mystery that gives us hope of our salvation. In Christ's death on the Cross, we recall His words: ***When I am lifted from the earth I will draw everyone to myself.*** By his death on the Cross and the salvific works accomplished on the Cross, we acknowledge Christ is Lord. The Cross is not a sign of God's wrath but a concrete demonstration of God's love for man. The Cross is an invitation to faith, to life, and to love. It is also a revelation of the true nature of God, while at the same time a sign of contradiction and scandal. By Christ's Holy Cross He has redeemed the world.

*May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven. God Give You Peace.*
Mike Pierson



***When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to me. John 12:32***

Mass Intentions

Sept. 27, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Sept. 28, 2026	Intentions of the Miller Family By Georgia Miller
Sept. 29, 2026	Father Bob Strittmatter
Sept. 30, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Mabel Groh By Jim Groh
Oct. 1, 2026	**No Mass**
Oct. 2, 2026	Intentions of Tonya Rene Skinner Pauly By Cathy & David Skinner
Oct. 3, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Tony Zamora By SFV Catholic Chapel Community (9:00 AM 1st Saturday Mass)
Oct. 3, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Omer Marie Bruno Tapsoba By Marione Tapsoba (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)