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JUNE 2017 – MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

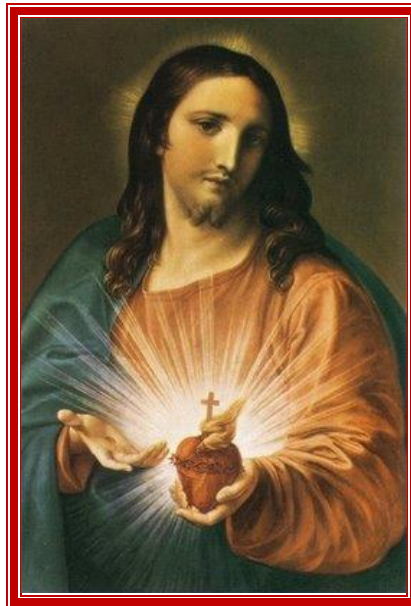
LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

It is altogether impossible to enumerate the heavenly gifts which devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has poured out on the souls of the faithful, purifying them, offering them heavenly strength, rousing them to the attainment of all virtues. – *Haurietis Aquas* no.2, Pius XII, 15 May 1956

TODAY there is much “talk” about *mercy*, but mercy without true repentance and conversion is simply *toleration* of sin. The grace of mercy is only profitable to souls if they truly repent and convert. When we come to the Our Lord with a *sincere and contrite heart* our sacrifice is accepted and pleasing to God Almighty (cf. Psalm 50:19), and then we can rejoice in His great mercy, *which endureth forever* (cf. Psalm 135:1).

The mercy and love of God knows no bounds, and His mercy and love *transforms* us, as the Apostle teaches us: *That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity, you may be able to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth: to know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that*

worketh in us (Ephesians 3:17 – 20). Ah, there is the core of why God imparts His mercy and love to us: in order that it may *work* in us: when we are *transformed* by God’s mercy and grace we are able to be His instruments (work on His behalf) and participate in building up His Kingdom! In addition, this participation helps us overcome the temptation to return to our sinful past: *Let us go therefore with confidence to the throne of grace: that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in seasonable aid* (Ephesians 4:16).



**That pierced Heart’s engendering flood
Begot the Church from Christ’s own blood:
Salvation’s ark thus opened wide
Its door to man, set in Christ’s side.** – From the
Hymn *En, Ut Superba Criminum*, of the
Vespers of the Sacred Heart

S. John, the Beloved, writes in his Gospel that: *one of the soldiers with a spear opened His side, and immediately there came out blood and water* (S. John 19:34), which the Church teaches us represents the flow of God’s mercy and love from

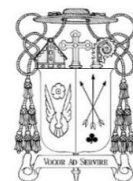
His pierced heart. So even from the Cross our Lord uses His Body to prove His love for us, pouring out, even to the last drop, His very life on our behalf. This is why we receive His Body and Blood at Holy Communion, to be ever united to Him and joined with Him in His mercy and love, *for He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit* (I Corinthians 4:16)!

With His Sacred Heart our Blessed Lord also gives us His very Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Not a mere commemoration of Him but actually Him (see article inside): Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity! As a great act of thanksgiving we will have a public Holy Hour each day from Corpus Christi until the Sunday following. I cannot encourage you all enough to make time for this grace filled opportunity, and call to mind Our Lord’s request: *could you not watch one hour with Me* (S. Matthew 26:40)? Let us make these Holy Hours to comfort Our Divine King and to offer homage and thanksgiving for His tremendous love for us.

As always, I am most grateful for your prayers and support. Be assured of my paternal benediction and prayers, especially at Holy Mass. I remain,

In Christ the King,

Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: I have a question about the “Lord’s Prayer,” specifically the last part: “Lead us not into temptation,” is this an exact translation or was the meaning lost in translation into English? Since the Lord is perfect and can do no wrong, I was wondering if the original meaning was (let us not be lead)? Thank you in advance for your answer.

*May God bless and keep you,
S.S., Arleta, CA*

A: Yes, indeed, our modern understanding of this seems confusing, but when our forefathers prayed this in English they knew the exact meaning. We are not asking God to *not tempt us*, but rather, asking Him to give us the strength and grace to withstand temptations and trials, as S. James teaches us: *Let no man, when he is tempted, say that he is tempted by God. For God is not a tempter of evils, and He tempteth no man. But every man is tempted by his own concupiscence, being drawn away and allured.* (S. James 1:13 – 14).

S. Paul also reminds us that if we are faithful God’s grace will preserve us: *Let no temptation take hold on you, but such as is human. And God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able: but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it* (1 Corinthians 10:13).

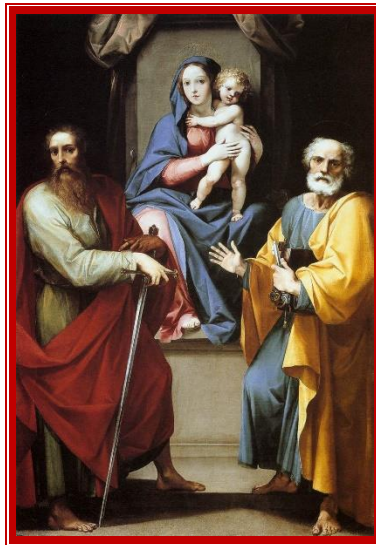
Today as moderns move further and further from God

and the formality of prayer they lose the context of the meaning of prayer – God simply becomes a “wishing well” rather than our Lord and Creator. This is why it is best to pray, even our private prayers, in the unchanging language of Latin; this keeps our meaning formal and exact, with adoration and petition.



Our Lord teaching

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**Ss. Peter and Paul
(29th of June):
Pray for us!**



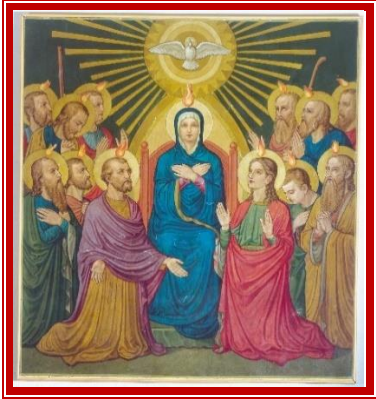
PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mrs. Camille Howard, Mr. Charles Ivers (of Arlington, TX), Mr. Paul Howard, Miss Lizabeta Rubio, Mr. Frank Calderon, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mr. Joseph Bremmer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mr. & Mrs. William Schiermeyer, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mr. John Owen, and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially for Mrs. Roberta Dalton†, Mr. David Damits†, Mr. Gino Dinnocente†, Sgt. Kenneth L. May, USMC (Ret.)†, and Mr. Alfredo “Freddy” Cortes†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call.*



FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY

OUR First Friday devotions will be on the 2nd of JUNE, and our First Saturday devotions will be on the 3rd of JUNE. First Friday Mass is at 7:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; First Saturday will be at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Devotions to the Immaculate Heart.



**PENTECOST
SUNDAY:
COME HOLY GHOST!**

SUNDAY the 4th of JUNE is the great and wondrous feast of PENTECOST, or WHITSUNDAY.



**OUR LADY OF
THE ROSARY
AT FATIMA:
100 YEARS**

Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array? – Canticles 6:9

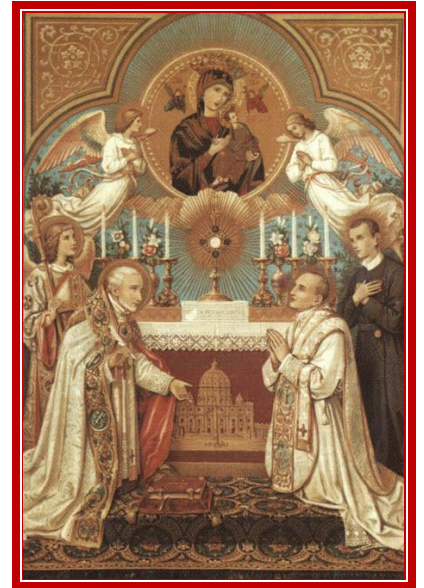
THIS moth's lecture on Fatima will take place on Tuesday the 13th of June at 7:00 pm. The lecture will focus on Our Lady's appearances after her first; what they meant then and what they mean for us today. Also a further explanation of what is meant by "private revelation," as opposed to what is Public (Divine) Revelation, which must be believed for salvation.

**Our Lady of Fatima:
pray for us!**

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Images from Msgr. Sebastian's first lecture on the Centenary of the Fatima Apparitions.



**CORPUS
CHRISTI: THE
KING DWELLS
AMOUNGST US!**

THE beautiful and ancient feast of CORPUS CHRISTI is celebrated on the Thursday following TRINITY SUNDAY, which this year is the 15th of June. The feast was put on the Universal Calendar by Pope Urban IV in his Bull *Transiturus* of 8 September 1264 and much of the Mass and Office of this

feast was composed by S. Thomas Aquinas.

In his sermon on this feast S. Thomas reminds us of how important it is for us to show the greatest gratitude for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament – for Christ takes His flesh from us (men, in the person of Our Blessed Lady) and then *gives to us* that same Body:

And this Body, which He took from us, He gave wholly unto our salvation. For, on the Altar of the Cross, He offered up His Body to God the Father, as a sacrifice for our reconciliation, and thereon He shed His own Blood for our redemption; that is, His Blood is the price whereby He redeemeth us from wretchedness and bondage, and the washing whereby He cleanseth us from all sin. And for a noble and abiding Memorial of this His so great work of goodness, He hath left unto His faithful ones the same His very Body for Meat, and the same His very Blood for Drink, with which we are fed under the forms of Bread and Wine.

The faithful must do all they can to fully understand the sublime dignity of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar; not a mere commemoration of the Last Supper, not a mere *memorial* of the Cross, but, rather, the true, actual and substantial presence of the Lord – His BODY, His BLOOD, His SOUL and His DIVINITY. The tangible proof of this is found in Holy Scripture: *For My flesh is meat indeed: and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, abideth in Me, and I in him* (S. John 6:56 – 57).

If we wish to live forever with Lord in heaven we must be partakers of His Body and Blood, but we do so with great trepidation and veneration: *Therefore whosoever shall eat this Bread, or drink the Chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and of the Blood of the Lord. But let a man prove himself: and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of the Chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord* (1 Corinthians 11:27 – 29).

Why would the Apostle teach this if he did not hold that this was the true Body and Blood of Christ the Lord? If this is a mere commemoration of the Lord how would a man eat or drink “unworthily” and be in the “judgment” of sin? Why would a man need to “discern the Body of the Lord”?

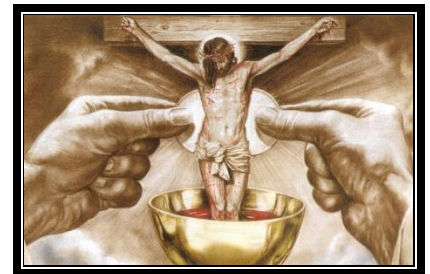
This is why we must approach Our Lord in Holy Communion with the utmost reverence and gratitude, and, of course, in a state of grace. When receiving Him we must take time to meditate and pray to Him, calling to mind that He now dwells *physically* in us, and as the sacred Host dissolves we take Him into our own body and blood: He is a *spiritual and physical remedy* of grace coursing through us; and as His particles become smaller and smaller He remains within us. His spiritual presence in us grows and grows as His physical presence diminishes. What a sublime mystery of Faith!

Pope Leo XIII teaches us that we must truly love Lord

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in the Blessed Sacrament, as a duty for all the faithful:

For the defense and honour of which the solicitude of the Church has been so constantly engaged, for which Martyrs have given their lives, which has afforded to men of the highest genius a theme to be illustrated by their learning, their eloquence, their skill in all the arts; and this We will do in order to render more clearly evident and more widely known those special characteristics by virtue of which it is so singularly adapted to the needs of these our times. It was towards the close of His mortal life that Christ our Lord left this memorial of His measureless love for men, this powerful means of support “for the life of the world” (St. John vi., 52). And precisely for this reason, We, being so soon to depart from this life, can wish for nothing better than that it may be granted to us to stir up and foster in the hearts of all men the dispositions of mindful gratitude and due devotion towards this wondrous Sacrament, wherein most especially lie, as We hold, the hope and the efficient cause of salvation and of that peace which all men so anxiously seek. (Mira Caritatis, no.2, 28 May 1902)



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2017

01 June 2017	<i>Octave Day of the Ascension</i>	8:00 AM	Mrs. Darlene Smith	The Alfred Smith Family
02 June 2017	Friday after the Octave of the Ascension	7:00 PM	Adela Bequilla†	Mrs. Ellen Sudario
03 June 2017	<i>Vigil of Pentecost</i>	8:00 AM	Rosita B. Bequilla†	Mrs. Ellen Sudario
04 June 2017	PENTECOST SUNDAY	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
05 June 2017	PENTECOST MONDAY	Private Mass	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
06 June 2017	PENTECOST TUESDAY	Private Mass	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
07 June 2017	<i>Ember Wednesday of Pentecost</i>	Private Mass	Mr. Clifford A. Perkins†	Miss Pamela Perkins
08 June 2017	Pentecost Thursday	Private Mass	Mrs. Josephine V.Z. Perkins†	Miss Pamela Perkins
09 June 2017	<i>Ember Friday of Pentecost</i>	Private Mass	Mr. Ricardo Lopez-Cruz†	Miss Raquel Lopez
10 June 2017	<i>Ember Saturday of Pentecost</i>	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Msgr. Sebastian
11 June 2017	TRINITY SUNDAY	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
12 June 2017	S. John of S. Facundo	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
13 June 2017	S. Anthony of Padua	7:00 AM	Mrs. Dioscora Mendoza	Msgr. Sebastian
14 June 2017	S. Basil the Great	7:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
15 June 2017	CORPUS CHRISTI	7:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
16 June 2017	<i>Within the Octave</i>	7:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
17 June 2017	<i>Within the Octave</i>	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
18 June 2017	Sunday within the Octave	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
19 June 2017	<i>Within the Octave</i>	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
20 June 2017	<i>Within the Octave</i>	7:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
21 June 2017	<i>Within the Octave</i>	7:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
22 June 2017	Octave of Coprpus Christi	7:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
23 June 2017	SACRED HEART	7:000 PM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
24 June 2017	NATIVITY OF S. JOHN THE BAPTIST	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
25 June 2017	Sunday within the Octave	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
26 June 2017	<i>Within the Octave</i>	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
27 June 2017	<i>Within the Octave</i>	7:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
28 June 2017	S. Irenaeus	7:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen
29 June 2017	SS. PETER AND PAUL	7:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
30 June 2017	Octave of the Sacred Heart	7:00 AM	Private Intention	Mr. Alan Cohen



Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am – Parochial Mass
with Homily

Daily Mass Times:

Tuesday through Saturday
8:00 am

First Friday 7:00 pm

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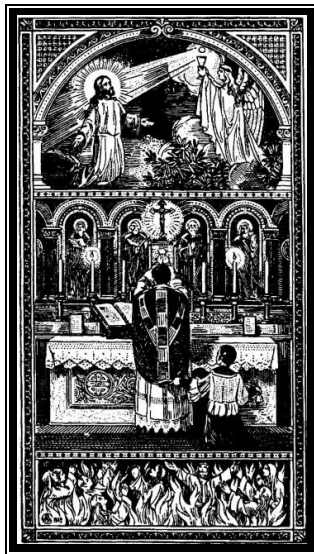
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MASS GUILD

Holy Mass is offered on the First Saturday of every month for all Friends and benefactors of SAINT FRANCIS ORATORY CHAPEL. Your generous donation (one time *or* monthly) enables you to be remembered upon the Altars of the Society, where *only* the traditional Latin Mass is offered, as codified and canonized by His Holiness, Saint Pope Pius V, *perpetually* approved of.

We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to PLEASE include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!



RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

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www.traditioninaction.com

www.cfnews.org

www.remnantnewspaper.com

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