



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We are a welcoming Catholic parish of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ that fosters love, deepens faith and encourages respect and caring for fellow parishioners and neighbors through community conversations and action.

Celebration of

Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 a.m., 7 p.m. or as announced

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays: 5:30-6 p.m.
Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass or by appointment

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays, following the 11 a.m. Mass and the second Saturday, following the 4 p.m. Mass. All first-time parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before scheduling their child's Baptism. For class times, contact Sr. Ruth Hamel in the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Based on Diocesan guidelines, couples should contact the Parish Office at least twelve months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Call the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241.
Available at any time.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Family of deceased should contact the Parish Office

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
4:00 p.m. Michael Kelsey †

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Adelbert Fraise,
& Floyd Sarff †

MAY, JUNE 15

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Holy Rosary High School Class
of 1953 †

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
6:15 p.m. Eleanor Andres †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:30 a.m. Wes Walker †

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
8:30 a.m. Daniel Hoover †

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
8:30 a.m. Michael Kelsey †

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

2 Chr 24:17-25; Lk 2:41-51
9:00 a.m. First Communion Mass
For the Living & Deceased Members
of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
4:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
8:30 a.m. Thomas J. McNichols †
11:00 a.m. Genevieve Durbin †

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear parishioners,

To build Jesus' ministry on Earth and support our community members affected by the pandemic, we have established the Immaculate Conception Emergency Response Fund, in cooperation with a grant from the Catholic Foundation.

Members of our IC Parish family are facing much uncertainty during these turbulent times. If you have been adversely affected during this time by the COVID-19 pandemic, I ask that you contact the Parish Office (614) 267-9241 to see how we can help. Immaculate Conception is here to serve and we feel honored to answer that call in Jesus' name.

A big thank-you to the Catholic Foundation for allowing us to help our fellow parishioners and community members in need!

Sincerely in Christ through Mary,
Fr. Matt

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BISHOP BRENNAN GIVES DISPENSATION TO CATHOLICS

Bishop Brennan dispensed the Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Columbus and all other Catholics currently in its territories from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass until September 13, 2020.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE

Confessions will be available 5:30-6 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30-10 a.m. Fridays. Confessions are also available by appointment. Please call (614) 208-8817 or edeluca@iccols.org or call the parish office.

DONATIONS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Parishioners interested in making a contribution to a candle for the Sanctuary Lamps in the Church, please contact Sue Beman at (614) 214-5333 or Beman_sue@yahoo.com to make arrangements. Contributors' names will be included in the Sunday bulletin. The suggested offering is \$25.00. The I.C. Women's Club thanks you for supporting this ministry.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

JUNE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of June, the three Sanctuary candles in the Church were donated by the **Westhoven Family**. Our thanks go to this family for their generosity.

IN OUR PARISH

EMERGENCY MESSAGING THE PARISH OFFICE AND FR. MATT

If your family is experiencing an emergency need (including illness or death) and needs assistance, it is imperative that you leave a message on the Sacramental Emergency line. When you call the parish office at (614) 267-9241 and hear the voicemail message, please press 1. Your message will reach the pastor or staff more quickly so they can respond in a timely manner.

REVISED PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to answer the phone and for appointments. If staff is away from the phone, or you need to call at other times, please leave a message and we will return your call. If it is a pastoral/sacramental emergency, please leave a message on the sacramental emergency line (press 1).

FREE ISSUES OF THE JULY MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer. Issues of the July *Magnificat* will be available in church at the east and west doors next weekend. Please pick one up when you leave. Following the last Mass, books will be available on a table outside the east door near the Mary statue for drive-by pickup if weather allows.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 14 is the Feast of Corpus Christi also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day, the Church celebrates the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

ANIMA CHRISTI (SOUL OF CHRIST)

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from Christ's side, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me and bid me come unto thee,
that I may praise thee with thy saints and with thy angels,
forever and ever.
Amen.*



CONGRATULATIONS DEACON JACOB STINETT

Congratulations to seminarian Jacob Stinnett who was ordained a deacon on Friday, June 12 at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Jacob is a son of the parish and is assigned at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Reynoldsburg this summer. May God bless him and his ministry.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We also congratulate Fr. Seth Keller, Fr. Michael Fulton, and Fr. Frank Brown who were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Robert Brennan on Saturday, June 13. Both Fr. Keller and Fr. Fulton were assigned to Immaculate Conception for one of their summer seminarian placements. May the love of the Lord be with them always.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

To continue supporting our IC community, we depend on incoming donations from those using online giving and from all our parishioners in whatever form your donations are given. You can give many ways including your current or new EFT giving, ParishSOFT Giving (<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/imma414160>), mailing your donation to the parish office, or dropping it off in the secure slot at the front door of the office.

When attending Mass in church, your offering would be placed in one of the candle boxes in the four side chapels or the box in the Immaculate Conception chapel to the right of the Sanctuary.

ADORATION HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

While the Adoration Chapel is closed, we encourage all regular adorers to attend your normal holy hour at the scheduled time, in your home or in the main church in front of the tabernacle. Please continue to pray for our world during this difficult time and for the end of racism in our country.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE –

CHURCH OPEN FOR THE FAITHFUL! WELCOME BACK!

The church is now open for daily Mass and prayer. The new schedule for weekday Masses is Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m., and 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Immaculate Conception Parish's main church building is open for public worship and prayer on the following days:

- Monday - 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tuesday - 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Wednesday - 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday - 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Friday - 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The weekend Mass schedule will remain as 4 p.m. Saturdays, and 8:30 a.m. (live streamed) and 11 a.m. on Sundays. No public worship will be available on the weekends outside those specific times.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

PARISHIONERS PRAY ROSARY TOGETHER VIA ZOOM

A group of Immaculate Conception parishioners prays the Rosary daily at 8 p.m. via Zoom. For more information, please contact Sean Murray at (614) 551-1005 or email sean.murray84@gmail.com.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are still being offered and scheduled. The daily Mass schedule has resumed and scheduled intentions are being said. Sunday Mass times have changed and most previously scheduled Sunday intentions will be said on the same day but at a new time. If you have questions about your scheduled Mass intention/s, please call or email the parish office. You may still schedule Mass intentions by calling the parish office and leaving a message on extension 285 or by emailing icoffice@iccols.org.



Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE*Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life***Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020 • Offertory Report 6/7/2020**

	<u>6/7/2020</u>	<u>YTD 2019/2020</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 24,896.50	\$ 1,118,303.81
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 112.00	\$ 24,778.29
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 25,008.50	\$ 1,143,082.10
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,225,000.00
Weekly Overage (<i>Shortage</i>)	\$ 8.50	(\$ 81,917.90)
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Families Receiving Envelopes		1,029
Envelopes Received		108
Families on EFT		366

Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." — 1 Pt 4:10

SEASONS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**RESUMES SESSIONS**

Are you suffering the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for friends to share in your grief and healing? Please join us as we resume our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery. The sessions will take place via Zoom, with the first session being a one-hour meeting on June 28, from 2-3:00 p.m. The remaining six sessions will run from 2-4 p.m., on July 12, 19, August 2, 9, and 16. Anyone interested in attending MUST register in order to guarantee the security of all who participate in the Zoom group. To register, please call Karen Droll at (614) 582-8848. All are welcome!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO RESTART NEXT YEAR**

Due to the current safety concerns of COVID-19, Immaculate Conception will not hold this year's Vacation Bible School. While it is unfortunate we cannot meet this summer, we are planning to restart next summer.

"We eagerly await hosting Vacation Bible School. Please hold the week of July 12-16, 2021 on your calendar," Fr. Matt Hoover said. Next year's theme will be "The Knights of North Castle." We hope to see you all there!

YOUNG MEN, THE LORD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU!

Attention, all Catholic young men entering 9th - 12th grade. Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the Quo Vadis Retreat, spending time with other young men discerning God's call. Quo Vadis is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis will be held July 26 - July 29. The cost of the retreat is \$40. For more information or to register go to <https://faceforwardcolumbus.com/quo-vadis/> or contact Michael Haemmerle at columbusquovadis@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL**

Summer Hours for the School Office are as follows:

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday - (9 a.m.-12 noon) during the months of June and August. We are closed in July. Please contact the parish office for assistance.

PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

*Mary, friend and mother to all,
through your Son, God has found a way
to unite himself to every human being,
called to be one people,
sisters and brothers to each other.
We ask for your help in calling on
your Son,
seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect
one another.
We ask for your help in obtaining from
your Son
the grace we need to overcome the evil
of racism
and to build a just society.
We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love
that respects
the dignity of each person.
Mother of the Church,
the Spirit of your Son Jesus
warms our hearts:
pray for us.
Amen.*

www.usccb.org/racism

**SOCIAL CONCERNS
HELPING IN TIME OF NEED****YWCA FAMILY DINNER – JUNE 19, 2020**

The need to feed families does not go away, and with the crisis, the need is even more crucial. A SignUp Genius site was created, and will continue to be used, to sign up electronically for food donations. Those who donate are to deliver donations directly to the shelter. To sign up for the Friday, June 19, 2020 dinner, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod4ea5ad2aa57-donations>.

When you drop off donations at the YWCA directly, please call the front desk when you arrive at (614) 253-3910 ext. 3910, and a staff member will meet you at your car.

OPEN SHELTER MINISTRY MEAL

The Open Shelter is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to Noon to serve the homeless. On Monday, July 6, IC will be donating hotdogs & buns, along with any donations, including fruit cups, desserts (like granola bars, etc.), lunch size chip bags. There is a big need for the to-go containers, lunch bags and bottled water. If you would like to donate anything, a no-touch pick up can be arranged for anyone who would like to donate. You can contact Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879 to make arrangements for pickup. Thank you!

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

June 2020

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

One Minute Meditations

St. Francis Caracciolo

Originally named Ascanio, Francis was born in the

Abruzzi region of Italy to a noble Neopolitan family. Even as a child, he was noted for his gentleness and virtue. Upon recovering from a life-threatening illness, he became a priest. With a holy nobleman, Adorno, he co-founded the Minor Clerks Regular. St. Francis served reluctantly but effectively as the superior of the order. He was known for his love for the poor and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.



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Alone with God

We live our lives in God's presence whether we are aware of him or not. Take advantage of it and be alone with him as often as possible. Soon you will see him everywhere you are.

"... And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God bore you, as a man bears his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place"

(Deuteronomy 1:31).



Four ways to find peace

When the world around us looks very different from what we expect, we lose the calming, soothing peace Christ wants to give us. The best chance we have for achieving peace in the midst of chaos is to move in harmony with God's will. Try these tips for a more peaceful life.

1. Don't fear what is coming next. Fearing consequences of the pandemic, worrying about finances, feeling anxious about our health or the health of our loved ones can lead to frustration and dismay. There's no peace in trying to go it alone. Instead, be open and place all your hopes, plans, and efforts at God's feet. Let him handle your concerns for you.

2. Be kind and gentle. Resentment, anger, and frustration rob you of peace. Be gentle and considerate of your neighbor. Remember, Jesus was *"meek and humble of heart"*

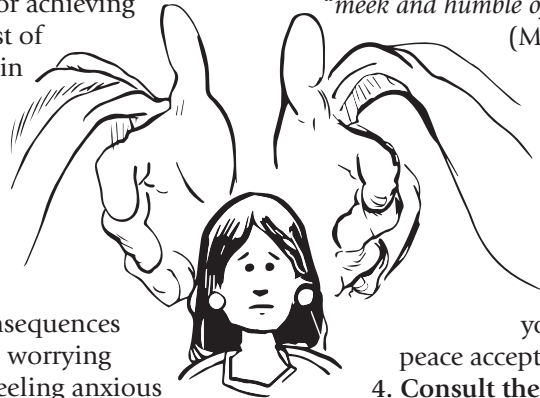
(Matthew 11:29).

3. Learn to live with what you cannot control.

When you let God help you rise above such things, you'll have the

peace acceptance brings.

4. Consult the Church for answers. It isn't always easy for us to discern God's will, so Jesus created the Catholic Church. When in doubt, turn to Scripture, the Catechism, or a trusted priest or religious for advice. After all, helping us to achieve Heaven is what they're here for!

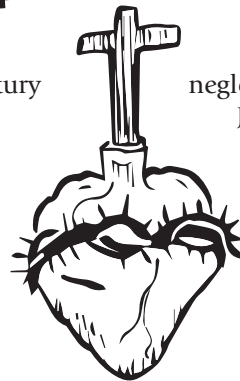


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

In the late seventeenth-century France, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed the infinite love of his heart, wounded by sins. He urged her to spread this devotion, back when people were so afraid of God, they

neglected his love. On this feast, Jesus addresses each of us: "Behold this Heart which has so loved you, yet is so little loved." When we consider the many proofs of his love, we can't help but love him in return.

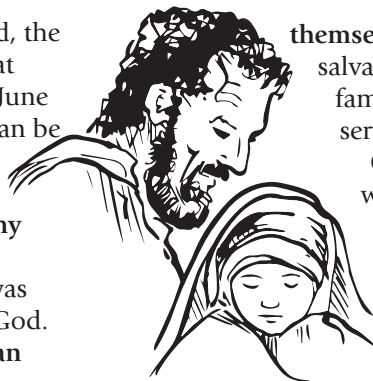


St. Joseph, a model for great fathers

Imagine the arms that held Jesus as a child, the hands that guided his first steps, the lips that pressed his forehead. During the month of June when we reflect on fatherhood, St. Joseph can be an inspiration and role model for great fathers.

Great fathers give their children a healthy childhood. St. Joseph showed Jesus love, ensured he got an education in carpentry, was kept out of danger and taught him to love God.

Great fathers serve a purpose greater than



themselves. St. Joseph knew he had a special role in salvation history, raising Jesus, and protecting his family. He faithfully fulfilled his role rather than serve his own needs.

Great fathers don't give up. Considering his wife was born without original sin and his son was God, St. Joseph could have given up, knowing he could never match their holiness. Instead, he used his own gifts to care for his family. These included his skills as a worker, his humility, and his deep love for Jesus and Mary.

from Scripture

Matthew 10:37-42, Discipleship: challenging but rewarding

In this Gospel passage, Jesus outlines the demands of discipleship in stark terms. First, there's the question of priorities. For the early Christians, it was illegal to be Christian and the penalty was prison, or worse. To be a follower of Jesus literally meant risking everything. Since he is God, only he is worthy to have first claim on our hearts and lives.

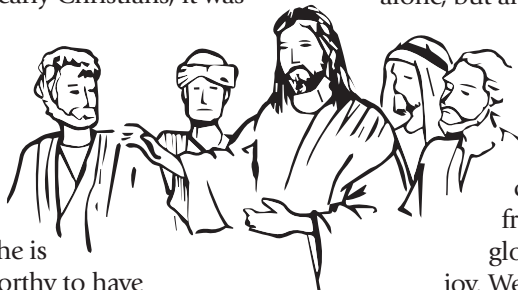
Being a faithful Catholic today has its challenges, too. Much of what Christ and the Church ask of us goes against much of what secular culture approves. Even

without worldly temptations, we have crosses to carry. Following Christ includes taking up our crosses – never alone, but always with him.

The good news is that Jesus did what he did so we can do it too.

He passed through death to eternal life, from suffering to glory, from sorrow to joy. We will too, if we stay

close to him. Each day, with his grace, we can choose to keep his commandments and remain in his love. In Heaven, we'll see clearly that it was all worth it.



Q & A

What is a cardinal in the Church?

Cardinals are bishops who elect the Pope. Traditionally, only the Roman clergy did this. Now that the Church is global, cardinals are chosen from dioceses around the world to represent the Church in the election. They live in their own dioceses but are given titles to Roman parishes. This way, they are like U.S. Senators.



There are different kinds or "levels" of cardinals. The cardinal bishops are the bishops with dioceses in Rome. This group also includes the patriarchs of Eastern Catholic Churches. Cardinal priests have dioceses outside Rome but are nominal pastors of Roman parishes. Cardinal deacons work in the Curia (papal court) full-time.

Only the Pope can choose cardinals from the bishops, priests, or deacons, but they must become consecrated bishops first. In a special ceremony, the new cardinal receives a scarlet skullcap, a four-cornered hat, and a ring that symbolizes his union with Rome. The cardinals also wear scarlet to symbolize their dedication to spreading the Faith, even to the point of shedding their blood, if necessary.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 1 – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us his mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she continues to pray and care for us as our spiritual mother.

June 11 - St. Barnabas (1st Century). A contemporary of the Apostles, his name means "son of encouragement." He was a sponsor for St. Paul and accompanied him on his first evangelical journey.

June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua (1231). St. Anthony gave up a life of

comfort and wealth to become a Franciscan friar. After spending many years in prayer and study, St. Anthony was asked to preach to the heretics, and used his knowledge of Scripture and theology to help convert them.

June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (1st century). Before St. John was born, his father, Zechariah received a message from the angel Gabriel

foretelling his birth. His doubt was punished by his being struck speechless until John's birth.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION PAGE

Immaculate Conception Church June 14, 2020

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi

“The mode of Christ’s presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as ‘the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend.’¹⁹⁹ In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially* contained.’²⁰⁰ ‘This presence is called “real”—by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be “real” too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.’²⁰¹ (CCC, 1374)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

199: St. Thomas Aquinas, STh III, 73, 3c. 200: Council of Trent (1551): DS 1651. 201: Paul VI, *Mysterium fidei* 39.

“Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how for forty years now the Lord, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord...’ (Dt. 8: 2-3,



WATCH/STUDY:

FORMED picks for the week:

Opening the Word -- “Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)” – Fr. John Riley - Augustine Institute – Run Time: 6m 7s
“The Search” – Episodes 5 [Who Is Jesus?] and 6 [Am I Saved] – Chris Stefanick – Augustine Institute – approx. 26m
Brother Francis – “The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist!” – Augustine Institute – Run Time: 28m – For Kids

LISTEN/READ:

“G.K. Chesterton: Apostle of Common Sense” by Dale Ahlquist – E-book
“The Body and Blood of Christ” - by Dr. Scott Hahn – Run Time: 1h 19m
“Jesus Is...” by Fr. Mike Schmitz – Run Time: 47m

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for JUNE 2020

The Way of the Heart:

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

“Show kindness through your face, your eyes, your smile, and through the warmth of your greetings. You must bear a cheerful smile. Don’t only give your care, but give your heart as well.” ---Mother Theresa

Commentary on The New Commandment and CCC# 1367:

“The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice.”

Jesus gives the Apostles a radical new command, “Love one another; even as I have loved you” (Jn 13:34). Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked, “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the law?” (Mt 22:36). Jesus responded by giving the two great commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (22:37). There is nothing particularly new in this message. These are commandments found in the Old Testament. In fact, they are a summary of the entire law, the Ten Commandments in particular. The great and first commandment summarizes the first three of the Ten Commandments, and the second summarizes the last seven.

So, what is new about the command Jesus gives to the Apostles? The second command is no longer to love others *as you love yourself*, but to love others *even as I have loved you*. There is an extraordinary difference between these two commandments!

How has Jesus loved us? Earlier in John’s Gospel we read: “When Jesus knew his hour had come to depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end” (13:1). Later, Jesus repeats this new command, and says more about what it means. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, [to] lay down his life for his friends” (Jn 15:12-13). Of course this is exactly what Jesus will go on to do on Calvary. He loves us “to the end.” He loves through his agony in the Garden, his scourging, being crowned with thorns, walking the Via Dolorosa, and through his crucifixion. However, we must understand that he doesn’t just love with a general love for humanity. He loves each person individually. “Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony, and his Passion and gave himself for each one of us” (CCC#478). St. Paul realizes this very fact when he says, “The Son of God...loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20).

St. John also writes in one of his letters: “Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. This love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love - not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son... Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 Jn 4:7-11). These words give us insight into how it is possible to love one another as Jesus loved us. On a natural level, it would seem that this is impossible. However, as Christians, we are “born of God” through the Sacrament of Baptism. And in Baptism, we become partakers of the divine nature, sharers in God’s own life. Jesus gives us his life so that we might live like he lived, die like he died, and love like he loved.

Jesus also gives us the ability to love as he loved through the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which he instituted on the same evening he gave the Apostles this new commandment. Pope Benedict XVI tells us that Jesus gave this act of love, his death, “an enduring presence through his institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. He anticipated his death and resurrection by giving his disciples, in the bread and wine, his very self, his body and blood as the new manna” (Deus Caritas Est, 13).

The Catechism teaches: “The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice” (1367). We might also say that the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single act of love by which the Blessed Trinity gives us the ability to love one another as Christ has loved us.

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