

Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Did you know that the Church dedicates each month of the year to a different mystery of our faith? You probably are aware of the Marian months, May and October, those are pretty popular. The others are as follows:

January – the Holy Name of Jesus
February – the Passion
March – St. Joseph
April – the Resurrection
May – the Blessed Virgin Mary
June – the Sacred Heart

July – the Precious Blood
August – the Assumption
September – the Holy Cross
October – the Rosary
November – the Poor Souls
December - Advent

In this month of June, we celebrate two important solemnities. One is the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 7th and the other is Corpus Christi on June 2nd. It was the love that pours from Jesus' Sacred Heart that caused Him to give us the gift of the Eucharist. For the past three years, we have been in a National Eucharist Revival. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops realized that we needed to respond to how many practicing Catholics said they did not believe in the Real Presence, or perhaps did not know about that most important teaching. This month is the conclusion of that Eucharistic Revival. I hope that at some point in the last three years we have been touched by God's grace to be evermore thankful for the gift of the Eucharist. The words Eucharist means "thanksgiving", so what a beautiful response to God in being thankful.

Corpus Christi weekend also saw a change in our worship space that was announced at the beginning of Lent. Our tabernacle has now been moved from the chapel to the sanctuary. Also, the altar from our previous church has been placed in the chapel with two new icons, one of Our Lady of the Assumption and the other of St. Joseph the Worker. That chapel will still remain a beautiful place of prayer under the name Our Lady of the Assumption Chapel. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to all staff and volunteers who assisted in making this transition possible.

As we enter into these summer months they are typically time for some rest and relaxation. As we do so, we must remember that our true nourishment comes from the Body and Blood of Christ. Our sense of peace comes from the love of the Sacred Heart. These mysteries are what give life to us and to the Church. Let our hearts be full of gratitude!

A prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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