

# PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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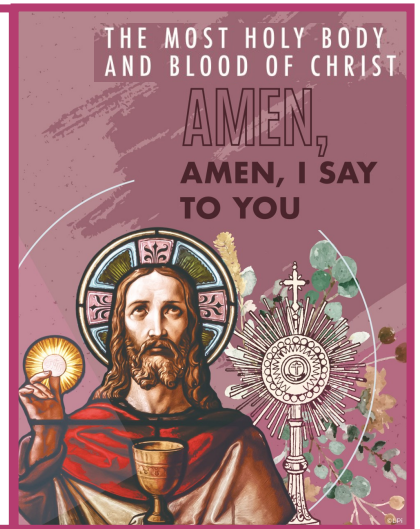
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## Ministers of Music:

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Julianne Barnaby	735-2163
9:30 a.m. Mass	Paula Bachelor	375-9019
5:00 p.m. Mass	Perry Kelly	735-8558
Children's Choir	Presently Unstaffed	735-8558

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Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish Feeney	551-0486
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## Parish Ministries:

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Ministry to Sick and Shut-Ins	Deacon Eric Shaber & Charlotte Shaber	208-521-7846
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Women's Group	Linda Rego	221-1130
Elizabeth Ministry	Catherine Maier	771-2372
Weekend Mass Refreshments	Judy Urrutia	438-5039

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Voice of the Spirit	Dieter Bohrmann	987-3158
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St. Vincent de Paul	Message Line	591-0632
American Heritage Girls	Erin Leistritz	406-579-1891

## Natural Family Planning:

Carol Gaulke	619-5464
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**JUNE 7, 2026**

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.  
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m.  
 Friday: 9:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

### Please visit our Holy Spirit Facebook page to join livestream events:

[www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity)

### Office Hours: Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Babies and young children are usually baptized during Mass on Saturday or Sunday, or on Saturday at 12:00 p.m. Call the parish office for a list of upcoming Baptism dates and to receive registration information for pre-Baptism classes. (735-8558)



*Holy Matrimony*

### On Being Married at Holy Spirit ...

Engaged couples who wish to be married at Holy Spirit Parish are asked to contact the parish office at least nine months prior to their desired wedding date. The couple and the priest will then meet to begin the Marriage preparation program. (735-8558)

### Deaths

*What should I do when there is a death in my family?* Please call the parish office and speak with the office staff and the pastor before making arrangements with the funeral home, to ensure that the church is available at the desired date and time. (735-8558)

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 7, 2026

Calendar for the Week: (Note: PCC = Parish Community Center)

## Sunday, June 7:

### **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#). This Mass concludes with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament—outdoors, to three stational altars.

Prayer Angels for Peace, PCC hall, 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, PCC room 9, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Mass in the church at 5:00 p.m.



## Monday, June 8:

### **Weekday**

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

## Tuesday, June 9:

### **Weekday**

**Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church**

Holy Spirit Mommy and Me, PCC nursery, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, CHURCH, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Mass in the church at 5:30 p.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Knights of Columbus Council 10653, PCC room 9, 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, June 10:

### **Weekday**

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Mary Martha Prayer Group, PCC room 5, 1:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul District Meeting, PCC room 7, 2:00 p.m.

## Thursday, June 11:

### **Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

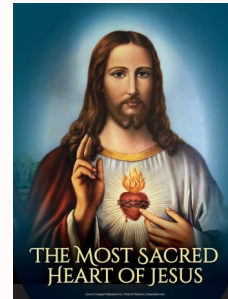
Celebration Choir, church, 7:00 p.m.

## Friday, June 12:

### **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., in the vestibule. Concludes with *Prayers for Priestly Vocations* and *Prayers for Peace* at 4:30 p.m. and the *Rite of Benediction* at 4:45 p.m.



## Saturday, June 13:

### **Weekday**

**The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sunday Vigil Mass in the church at 4:00 p.m.

## Sunday, June 14:

### **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Sacrament of Reconciliation, PCC room 9, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Mass in the church at 5:00 p.m.



**STEWARDSHIP:** The Scriptures today remind us that “we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of one loaf.” How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the Body of Christ?

**May 3: \$25,278.09 Recorded givers: 125**

Thanks for your giving of time, talent, and treasure.

For online giving, visit:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy7409270>

Thank you for maintaining your financial support of our parish as you are able. If you'd prefer to mail an offering, please send it to **Parish of the Holy Spirit, 7411 W. Clearwater Ave., Ste. A, Kennewick, WA 99336**. If you are currently using offering envelopes and would like to switch to online giving (or bill-payer from your bank), please call the parish office so we can discontinue your envelope mailings with our printing service. Thank you.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ICE CREAM BOOTH EVENTS



The Water Follies is July 24th-26th, and the Benton-Franklin County Fair is August 25th-29th. Anyone 14 or older can volunteer to help in the ice cream booth (under 16 must be with a parent or guardian). This is a great opportunity for family time and service to our parish and community. We need help from all parishioners and member Knights. Earnings from these events give us the funds necessary for our charitable endeavors, which focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Sign up in the vestibule after Mass today or visit <https://KofC.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=110307> to sign up for your desired shifts online. Additionally, you can email us at [kofcicecream@gmail.com](mailto:kofcicecream@gmail.com) or call David Konzek at 509-947-0517 or Deacon Ken Ellis at 509-948-4355 with questions or to volunteer.

### SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER FUN!



Our high school and middle school youth ministers have some fun and exciting plans for the summer. A special activity is planned for each month.

**On Saturday, June 13th** from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. we will be at Atomic Bowl for Super Charged bowling! This is cosmic bowling during the day. We have reserved four lanes. This activity will be paid for by Life Teen and Edge, but you **WILL NEED TO SIGN UP** for this event. There is limited space, and if you are not signed up we cannot guarantee you will be able to bowl with us. Please text Jennifer Moore at 509-492-6209 with your name and the number of teens who will participate. Pizza and drinks will also be provided. Payment for other snacks and arcade games will be up to you.

**Sunday, July 19th** will be a water fun night here at church in the grass field outside the PCC. It will be after the 5:00 p.m. Mass with food provided. We will even have ice cream sundaes! So bring your **appropriate** swimsuit and towels and be prepared to get hit with water balloons!

**Saturday, August 22nd** is Faith Night at the Dust Devils Baseball Stadium! This will be open to all parishioners. We have reserved seats in Section 107 for this game. Soon we'll have more information and a link to purchase tickets.

We are looking forward to enjoying these fun summer activities with all of you!



### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative.

Monday	June 8	Devon Ziegler
Tuesday	June 9, 5:30 p.m.	Leila Brown RIP
Wednesday	June 10	Leif Thomas RIP
Thursday	June 11	Adele Perrault RIP
Friday	June 12	Frank Ferreira RIP
Saturday	June 13, 4:00 p.m.	Lino Pezzini & Luisa Cattarini RIP
Sunday	June 14, 5:00 p.m.	Lenice Nagle & family

The Sunday morning Mass is normally offered for the people of the parish.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kristen Francis Miles.  
May he rest in peace with the risen Lord.

To have your need added to our parish prayer phone chain,  
please call Adele Ogrzyzek at 627-0201.

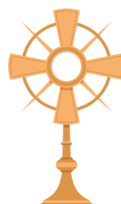
To have your need added to the list which is published in the bulletin  
once each month, please call the parish office.



*The family of Sharon Cushman would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in and helped with her rosary, funeral Mass, and luncheon. She loved her parish family!*

*Sincerely,  
the family of Sharon Cushman*

### HOLY SPIRIT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Thank you to those who volunteered to fill specific time slots during Eucharist Adoration. We still have an **immediate need** for one Committed Adorer on **Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** due to the loss of a beloved parishioner. Another time slot is available for one Adorer on **Fridays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.** If you don't feel you can serve weekly, we would love to add your name to our substitute list.

A Committed Adorer is someone who commits to attend Eucharistic Adoration weekly in a chosen time slot. Volunteers are available to substitute for you when you have a conflict.

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church vestibule on Fridays after Mass from 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. we have prayers for vocations and for peace, followed by Benediction at 4:45 p.m. Parishioners and others are welcome to attend Adoration anytime during the day, for any length of time, but it is very important to have two Adorers assigned each hour, so the Lord is never left alone.

Please prayerfully consider spending time with the Lord each Friday. Contact Liz Friedrich at 509-539-5413 (text/call), 783-6223 (home), or at [mfriedrich2@charter.net](mailto:mfriedrich2@charter.net) with any questions or to volunteer.



**Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School (VBS)** is filling up fast! If you would like your child to attend, please register this week while there are still spots available. VBS is **June 22 - 26** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. each day. Ages 4 years to 5th grade are invited to attend. The cost is \$35 per student. Fill out the registration form and return it as soon as possible. **The last day to register is Friday, June 12th.** Have questions? Call Karen Gorham at (509) 735-8558.



**Camp Breakaway** is a five-day Catholic camp for incoming 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. Camp dates are August 3 - 7, 2026. Registration forms with more information can be found on the youth bulletin board in the hallway of the church, near the kitchen. Contact Camp Director Jared Houchin at [jaredlhouchin@gmail.com](mailto:jaredlhouchin@gmail.com) with any questions.



## HAND CARVED OLIVE WOOD ARTICLES MADE BY BETHLEHEM FAMILY ARTISANS



**NEXT WEEKEND  
June 13-14, 2026**

These beautiful and unique art pieces will be available for purchase after all Masses **Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14**. Items include nativities, ornaments, crucifixes, rosaries, and statues. They make wonderful gifts.

The handicrafts trade in the Holy Land has evolved as a cultural tradition over many centuries and has become an industry of significance to the local economy in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The proceeds from these sales are a major source of income for 90 Catholic families who hand carve these pieces. In the past two decades, the Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from 22% to 2%. Your purchase of these religious articles helps to support the ability of these Christian families to continue to live and thrive in the Holy Land.

Thank you for your support.

### VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All adult volunteers currently working with or planning to work in any capacity with minors or vulnerable adults at our parish must complete **VIRTUS Safe Environment Training** before starting their ministry. Also, if you completed the training more than 6 years ago, it is time to update your training in a new and revised session in order to remain in compliance with diocesan policies. Deacon Ken Ellis is offering a VIRTUS training session at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17th**, in PCC room 5. Create an online VIRTUS account and register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Call Deacon Ken at 509-948-4355 or the parish office at 509-735-8558 for more information.

### Save the date for Pack-A-Picnic events this summer, hosted by Elizabeth Ministry!

**Where:** The south lawn, between the church and 1st Avenue  
**When:** After the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays mornings **June 14**, July 12, August 9, and September 13.



Pack your own picnic, chairs and blankets for some fun family fellowship after Mass. Face painting, water, and popsicles will be provided.

thank you

Thanks to over 20 volunteers from the Holy Spirit Women's Group, our first **Clothing, Accessories and Linens Sale** raised over \$2,800 to fund our funeral luncheon ministry. This amount exceeded receipts from last year's rummage sale. We were grateful to receive a very large amount of clothing and jewelry donations to begin our first sale. We were also able to assist Mirror Ministries with linens. The St. Vincent de Paul store in Pasco was excited to receive the unsold items to supplement their Boutique, which assists families in need. Thank you all who assisted, donated and purchased!

Our Parish Celebration on May 30 was a delightful Holy Spirit community event. The weather was great, the food delicious, and all the volunteers were outstanding. We celebrated Bekki Blakely, our lead custodian, for her 20 years of service to our parish. We also thanked custodian Mark O'Brien for his 33 years of service to our parish. The children enjoyed the games, sidewalk chalk, and bubble blowing. The miniature horses were, as always, a favorite attraction. Thank you all for your participation in making this a fun and memorable day for our parish.



### Pope Leo's Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence



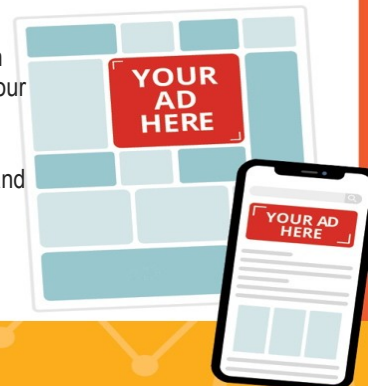
Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, issued his first encyclical on artificial intelligence. The text can be found at [www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html). Bishop Tyson highlights some key items to notice ...

- Notice the tools of discernment Pope Leo proposes in evaluating the moral and ethical use of new technology like AI.
- Note the careful summary of Catholic social teaching from Pope Leo XIII and *Rerum Novarum* to Pope Leo XIV and *Magnifica Humanitas*.
- Note the way Pope Leo layers *Magnifica Humanitas* with *Laudato Si'*. Both deal with the environment. Pope Francis uplifted the natural environment. Pope Leo focuses on the social environment. Both focus on our "common home."
- Note that our treatment of the poor, the marginalized, the migrant and the refugee are the tests of a just society, which includes the just use of the digital environment as well as the natural environment.

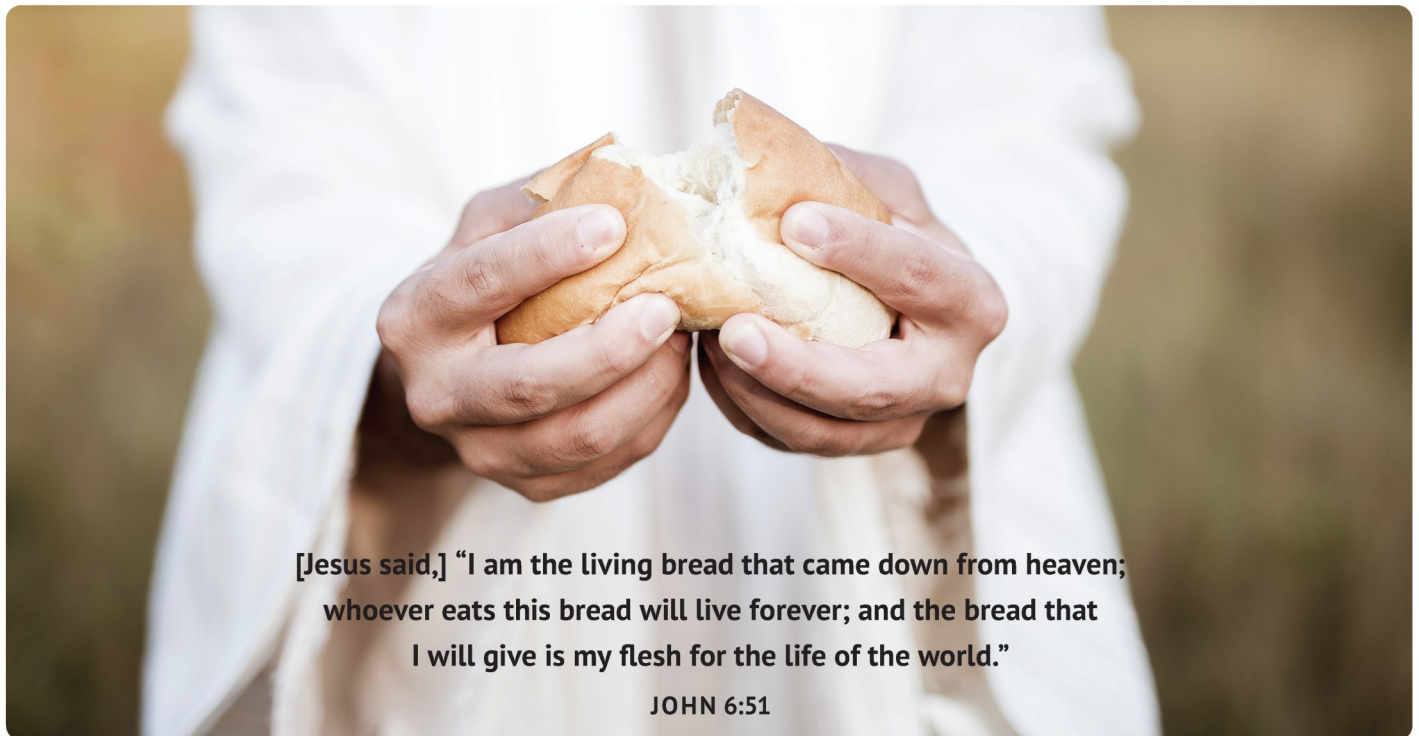
## AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

**Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!**

**Brandon Perry** from LPi, our bulletin printer, began securing new ads for our church on June 1. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

JOHN 6:51

## All You Can Eat

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**he “Bread of Life Discourse” in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is an astonishing teaching. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b). Creation was wonderful, the Incarnation was wonderful, but now Jesus takes the final step in God’s coming ever closer to us human beings, as close as food, as intimate as eating Christ’s body and drinking his blood. For us Catholics, it’s called *transubstantiation*: the Host—something we hold in our hand—is so divine that we worship it!

The crowds listening to Jesus could not have imagined how you would “eat” (literally, “gnaw”) Jesus’ flesh or drink his blood, and certainly not a whole year before the Last Supper (not to mention, hundreds of years before St. Thomas Aquinas). When surveys showed that many of today’s Catholics are just as confused and doubtful as the crowd at Capernaum, having lost faith or even interest in the Eucharist, the American bishops launched a search-and-rescue mission to recover “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” published in 2021.

Paul bases the sacrament in our own experience. “The cup...that we bless” and “the bread that we break” create the ultimate reality: “we, though many, are one body”—of Christ! (See 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.) The priest says, “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen!” ●



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### Reflect

**What does my “Amen” mean when I receive the Eucharist?**



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St. Joseph's annual



**FUN  
RUN**

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## GOLD SPONSOR

- Largest logo on the back of the FUN RUN t-shirt
- Half-page Ad (supplied by you) in the St. Joseph's School Weekly Online Bulletin for the month of September
- Your Advertisement (provided by you) read aloud by announcer during the FUN RUN
- Banner (provided by you) displayed on FUN RUN day
- Sponsorship recognition at Back To School Night Event, attended by all students and their families

**\$1,000**

## SILVER SPONSOR

- Second largest logo on the back of the FUN RUN t-shirt
- Your Advertisement (provided by you) read aloud by announcer during the FUN RUN
- Banner (provided by you) displayed on FUN RUN day
- Sponsorship recognition at Back To School Night Event, attended by all students and their families

**\$500**

## BRONZE SPONSOR

- Third largest logo on the back of the FUN RUN t-shirt.
- Your Advertisement (provided by you) read aloud by announcer during the FUN RUN
- Banner (provided by you) displayed on FUN RUN day.
- Sponsorship recognition at Back To School Night Event, attended by all students and their families.

**\$350**

The T-shirts are worn by students not only at Fun Run but every Monday at school, providing reoccurring exposure of sponsors. This event is not only an important fundraiser for our school, but also an event that gathers our students, their families, staff, and many community members. All of the proceeds go directly to St. Joseph Catholic School. Please feel free to contact Suzanne Lockman at [509-930-8897](tel:509-930-8897) or [suzannelockman1@gmail.com](mailto:suzannelockman1@gmail.com).

**SPONSORSHIPS DUE BY JUNE 26TH, 2026**



**One Minute Meditations**

**St. Paulinus of Nola**  
 St. Paulinus came from a wealthy Roman family, was a well-educated, renowned lawyer, and married into Spanish nobility. Everything changed with the death of his newborn son. St. Paulinus asked for Baptism then he and his wife sold their property and moved to Nola, Italy, where they devoted themselves to austerity and charitable works. St. Paulinus (by popular demand) became Bishop of Nola, governing wisely and generously. He died in 431, leaving behind many treatises, letters, and poems.

**The love of the Sacred Heart**  
 "The tender heart of God thought upon [you], loved [you], and procured for [you] a thousand means of salvation, as though there had been no other soul in the world... As the sun shines upon one place of the earth and enlightens it no less than if it shined on no other, so too has our Lord thought of and cared for all his dear children, as though his attention were wholly and entirely focused upon each of them." St. Francis de Sales

*"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatian 2:20).*

# The Beatitudes: Christ's vision for the human heart

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus revealed the attitudes, priorities, and way of loving that shaped His life. These became the Beatitudes: interior dispositions that open our hearts to His grace. As we cooperate with that grace, our hearts are transformed to become more like His.

**Poor in spirit:** The poor in spirit recognize that heavenly treasures — peace, grace, love, friendship, and eternal life — matter far more than worldly success or possessions.

**Mourning:** Rather than distracting ourselves from pain, loneliness, or disappointment, we bring our wounded hearts honestly to God. Healing begins when we allow Him to comfort us.

**Meek:** Meekness is not weakness, but strength rooted in self-control and trust in God. When our security rests in God, we are less ruled by fear, anger, or the need to control everything around us.

**Hungry and thirsty for righteousness:** This is a deep longing to live in

friendship with God and to grow in holiness each day.

**Merciful:** God loves us with tender, generous, and selfless love, and He calls us to extend that same mercy to others.

**Pure in heart:** Purity of heart means

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another" (Colossians 3:12)*

valuing what is true, holy, and good, while striving to live with sincerity and integrity.

**Peacemaking:** Peacemakers bring calm, clarity, and reconciliation to difficult situations. True peace comes when God is placed first.

**Willing to suffer for Christ:** Following Christ will sometimes bring opposition. Yet Jesus promises that those who persevere with courage and trust "will have a great reward in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

## Why Do Catholics Do That? Why does the Church need cardinals?

Cardinals are part of the governing structure of the Church and are best known for electing a new Pope during a conclave. They are bishops specially chosen — or "created" — by the Pope for this important role. Traditionally, cardinals were selected only from the clergy of Rome. Today, because the Church is worldwide, cardinals are

chosen from dioceses across the globe. To preserve their historic connection to Rome, each cardinal is still assigned a titular Roman church. Cardinals wear scarlet vestments, including the red skullcap and biretta, symbolizing their willingness to defend and spread the Faith, even to the shedding of their blood.

## Hope changes everything

Hope helps us desire Heaven and trust in God’s promises. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that hope “responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man” (CCC, 1818). It strengthens us to persevere through difficulties and keeps our hearts fixed on God. Here are three ways to renew and strengthen hope:

**Shift your focus:** Do not allow past regrets, future fears, or present worries to dominate your thoughts. Read the daily Gospel before the news. When you catch yourself worrying or dwelling on negativity, intentionally redirect your mind toward God’s promises. Keep encouraging Scripture verses

— such as Romans 8:37 — visible on your phone, mirror, or coffee maker as reminders of hope throughout the day.

**Fight temptation with the opposite virtue:** In the spiritual life, virtues overcome vices. Counter doubt with acts of faith, complaints with gratitude, and comparison with encouragement and appreciation for others.

**Become a source of hope:** Build others up rather than focusing on faults. Frequently ask, “What can I do to improve this situation?” Christian hope is not blind optimism, but confidence in Christ, the One who is “Faithful and True” (Revelation 19:11).

### from **S**cripture

#### Matthew 10:37-42, The priorities of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, Jesus speaks clearly about the demands of discipleship. At its heart is the question of priorities. For the early Christians, following Christ often meant risking imprisonment, persecution, or even death. To belong to Jesus required complete trust and surrender because only God is worthy of first place in our hearts and lives.

Faithful Catholic life still carries challenges today. Much of what Christ and His Church ask of us runs counter to the values of secular culture. Even apart from worldly pressures, each of us carries personal crosses —

struggles, sacrifices, disappointments, and suffering. Yet Jesus never asks us to carry them alone. He invites us to follow Him and to walk beside Him through them.

The good news is that Jesus has already gone before us — from suffering to glory, from death to eternal life, and from sorrow to joy. Because of Him, our crosses are no longer meaningless. With His grace, we can choose each day to remain faithful, keep His commandments, and abide in His love. One day, in Heaven, we will see clearly that every sacrifice made for Christ was worth it.

### **Q** Why do we honor **&** Mary’s Immaculate **A** Heart?

In the month of June, the Church honors the Immaculate Heart of Mary because of her unique relationship with Jesus and her faithful cooperation in God’s plan of salvation.

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord” (Luke 1:38). At the Annunciation, Mary freely consented to become the Mother of God’s Son. From the moment “the Word became flesh” (John 1:14) in her womb, her Immaculate Heart was united completely to the Heart of Jesus in love, trust, and obedience.

“A sword will pierce your own soul” (Luke 2:35). Although Mary was free from sin, she was not spared suffering. Simeon’s prophecy points to the deep sorrow she endured as she accompanied Jesus through His Passion and crucifixion. Mary teaches us how to trust God even in suffering and uncertainty.

“My Immaculate Heart will triumph.” These words, associated with Our Lady of Fatima, echo God’s promise of victory over evil. As Mother and Queen, Mary shares uniquely in her Son’s triumph. When we, too, say “yes” to God’s grace, Christ’s victory becomes our own.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo (1608).** St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Clerics Regular Minor with Venerable John Augustine Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

**June 7 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi.** On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

**June 12 – Solemnity of the Sacred**

**Heart (1856).** St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus, who urged her to spread public devotion to the Sacred Heart. The image of Jesus’ Heart, pierced and enthroned in unquenchable flames, reminds us of His intense and eternal love for us.

**June 15 – St. Germain of Pibrac (1601).** Born to poor parents near Pibrac, France, St. Germaine had a deformed hand, suffered from sores on her neck, and was sickly from neglect and abuse. Despite her sufferings, she found comfort in God’s presence. She was generous with the poor despite her own poverty. She forgave her stepmother who badly mistreated her. She is the patroness of abuse victims, people with disabilities, and shepherdesses.

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# Dear Padre,

## What is the significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives as Christians?

The Mass should be understood as the celebration of our union—our communion—with Christ and his Church, which is the body of Christ. The Mass presumes participants have an existing personal relationship with Christ. We were united to Christ through baptism. We have received his Holy Spirit, empowering us to carry out Christ’s threefold mission: the prophetic mission of announcing his message and denouncing sin; the priestly mission expressed in a life of prayer, self-sacrifice, and participation in the liturgy; and the kingly/servant mission expressed in service to God and neighbor.

For the Eucharist to be meaningful, we must first experience a personal encounter with Christ—one that leads to personal conversion and a decision to live as disciples in community. Indeed, the Eucharist both celebrates and deepens our communion with Christ. The Eucharist also deepens our communion with fellow believers. “The Eucharist’s particular effectiveness in promoting communion is one of the reasons for the importance of Sunday Mass,” wrote Pope St. John Paul II in *On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church (Ecclesia de Eucharistia)*, 41. Without this loving, sharing community, the Mass becomes empty. Whenever we attend Mass and receive holy Communion, we should ask ourselves: *Are we really in communion with Jesus and the body of Christ, his Christian community?* If not, then we should seek this broader communion in our lives. ●



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<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Kgs 17:1–16 Mt 5:1–12	1 Kgs 17:7–16 Mt 5:13–16	1 Kgs 18:20–39 Mt 5:17–19	Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3 Mt 5:20–26	Dt 7:6–11 1 Jn 4:7–16 Mt 11:25–30	1 Kgs 19:19–21 Mt 5:33–37	Ex 19:2–6a Rom 5:6–11 Mt 9:36–10:8



### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Together...we will feed on the Blessed Sacrament, adore him and carry him through the streets.... Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table. Blessed are those who are called, for they become witnesses of this love!*

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