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LITURGICAL FOCUS

The month of June is dedicated to **The Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical colour



green. This symbol of hope is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

The readings for the Sundays in June 2021, are taken from

June 6th - Corpus Christi	This Gospel recounts the events of the Last Supper when Jesus changed bread and wine into His Body and
June 13th - 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed.
June 20th - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time	The Gospel is about Jesus asleep on the boat being awakened and calming the storm because of the apostles' fear.
June 27th - 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus raises the daughter of Jarius from the dead.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

As we begin to feel the cool of winter, we can reflect that we



celebrate the feasts of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (June 11) and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** (June 12). **God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — present on earth**

in the Blessed Sacrament — is the human manifestation of God's Love for men. Appropriately June is considered the month for weddings where human hearts join and cooperate with the Creator in bringing forth new life. The family they create is a human reflection of the Blessed Trinity. Also, on June 1 we celebrate the **Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church**. This feast is to be celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost.

Other principal feasts of this month are **St. Justin** (June 1), **Sts. Marcellinus and Peter** (June 2), **St. Boniface** (June 5), **St. Ephrem** (June 9), **St. Romuald** (June 19), **Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More** (June 22), the **Birth of St. John the Baptist** (June 24), **St. Josemaria Escriva** (June 26), the **Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul** (June 29) and the **First Martyrs of the Church of Rome** (June 30). The feast of **St. Barnabas** (June 11) is superseded by the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The feasts of **St. Norbert** (June 6), **St. Anthony of Padua** (June 13) and **St. Cyril of Alexandria** (June 27), are superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

A Time of Love

Following Pentecost, the Church begins her slow descent from the great peaks of the Easter Season to the verdant pastures of Ordinary Time, the longest of the liturgical seasons. The green of the liturgical season points to the new life won for us by the Redemption of Jesus Christ, the new life of Charity.



For Our Lord came to cast the fire of His love on the earth, and to that end, sent His Holy Spirit at Pentecost in the form of tongues of fire.

Ordinary Time is the hour to “go out to all the world and tell the good news.” The feasts of June highlight this expansion of the Church. At least ten times, the Church vests in the red of the martyrs whose blood is

the very seed of her growth. She also celebrates the feasts of the apostles Peter and Paul, and the birth of St. John the Baptist, proto-disciple, and prophet.

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

We too are called to be witnesses like the apostles and martyrs. **May the Heart of Jesus inflame our hearts so that we may be worthy of our Baptismal call to holiness.** Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. **The Beauty of Marriage** —Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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SCHOENSTATT'S MAY PILGRIMAGE

On Sunday 23 May we were blessed with clear weather in the afternoon to have our annual May Pilgrimage to honour our

Blessed Mother at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mt Richon, with 135 people attending. Father Mark from St Francis Xavier Parish, Hilbert, lead our Rosary Procession. Our theme for the day was

“Mary with St Joseph sanctify our Family”



Beautiful reflections on, St Joseph, Mary and the Holy Family were read., and Hymns were sung lead by two young ladies, plus a guitarist, and an organist. Many people brought flowers as gifts to our Blessed Mother.

Twelve new Co-ordinators of the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate from, Yangebup, Parmelia, Maddington, Clarkson, and Maida Vale Parishes and from the Turrist Orrationist Ministry in Myaree and, Light of Jesus Perth Family South of the River, were commissioned into the Pilgrim Mother Circle as well as all those who were being recommissioned, to go out with their Pilgrim Mother Shrines to share with their circles. Father Mark blessed all the Shrines and followed this with Benediction and a blessing for all.



While afternoon tea was being served in Emilie house the skies opened and the rain came pouring down. All were so happy that the afternoon program was able to happen without interruption and felt truly blessed to be there.

Understanding The Mass

“Has human language sufficient words to express what the Eucharist is? A truly indescribable mystery! Simple with the greatest simplicity! Rich with supreme richness!”

Pope John Paul II Italian National Eucharistic Congress 1988

The Mass is the memorial of the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated It is the peak of Christian worship and it signifies the unity of God's People.



It is an action in which Christ through the ministry of a priest offers himself under the species of bread and wine to God the Father and gives himself as spiritual food to the faithful present at the offering.

At the Last Supper, taking bread, Christ said **“This is my body, which will be given up for you.”** Taking the chalice with wine, He said, **“This is the cup of my blood the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

The Church continues to offer the sacrifice of the cross, but in a bloodless manner. The Mass is not a repetition or a substitute for Calvary, but a memorial of Calvary.



“It is true that the sacrifice of Calvary was enough to obtain all the graces of salvation for mankind; the Eucharistic Sacrifice gathers the fruits. But Christ willed that his oblation should become continually present, to join the Christian community together. The Eucharist is at one and the same time Christ’s Sacrifice and the Church’s Sacrifice because in it Christ unites the Church with His redemptive work and lets the Church share in His oblation.” (Pope John Paul II, General Audience, Rome 1983)

Thought for the Day

If you find the perfect Church, join it. Just remember once you’re there, it will no longer be perfect.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit of Fire, open our hearts and the hearts of all people, to know you, the original heart on fire. Holy Spirit of Fire, fire us with your energy and passion for living the good news of Jesus in our homes, workplaces and society.

Reflection People of faith are often wrestling with one of two questions: 'what is God doing?' and, what does God want? The first question can be hard for us to answer but we often prefer it to the second question, because to our minds that question involves us.



However: the reality is that the two questions are more or less the same. What God is doing and what God wants completely overlap. God is doing only one thing and wants only one thing. God is love and God is primarily concerned with restoring us to himself in and through his Son. Everything else that God does is at the service of this love and of this plan. God only ever says 'yes' to our prayers and intentions if that 'yes' is the most loving response he can make and if what we 've asked for makes us more like Christ. If saying 'no' is the most loving response and will conform us more closely to Christ, then God will say 'no'. God's sole desire is to love you and to reform you into the image of his Son. It is not God's first concern to give you and me a nice life – although he can do that too if it serves his primary purpose.

As the Church, our primary mission is to reveal Jesus Christ to the world. This is what God wants. Therefore we must ask ourselves 'when the world looks at us, does it see Jesus Christ?' Even when we are at our very best perhaps the only truthful answer is 'yes, but imperfectly'. We both reveal Jesus Christ and we obscure him. **Page 7**

To the degree to which we reveal him we give God thanks for his grace. To the degree to which we obscure or distort Christ's image we implore God's mercy.



June 11 Feast of the Sacred Heart

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected, with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church. Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Saviour, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.



Scriptural Basis for the Devotion

Jesus, who is one with the Father (cf. John 10, 30), invites his disciples to live in close communion with him, to model their lives on him and on his teaching.

He, in turn, reveals himself as "meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11, 29). It can be said that, in a certain sense, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a cultic form of the prophetic and evangelic gaze of all Christians on him who was pierced (cf. John 19, 37; Zac 12, 10), the gaze of all Christians on the side of Christ, transfixed by a lance, and from which flowed blood and water (cf. John 19, 34), symbols of the "wondrous sacrament of the Church" (*St. Augustine*).



The Gospel of St. John recounts the showing of the Lord's hands and his side to the disciples (cf. John 20,20), and of his invitation to Thomas to put his hand into his side (cf. John 20, 27). This event has also had a notable influence on the origin and development of the Church's devotion to the Sacred Heart.

These and other texts present Christ as the paschal Lamb, victorious and slain (cf. Apoc 5,6). They were objects of much reflection by the Fathers who unveiled their doctrinal richness. They invited the faithful to penetrate the mysteries of Christ by contemplating the wound opened in his side. Augustine writes: "Access is possible: Christ is the door. It was opened for you when his side was opened by the lance. Remember what flowed out from his side: thus, choose where you want to enter Christ. From the side of Christ as he hung dying upon the Cross there flowed out blood and water, when it was pierced by a lance. Your purification is in that water, your redemption is in that blood".

Excerpted from the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Lit*

Space for Listening



When we pray, how often do we say: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening"? More often, I think, we say: "listen, Lord, for your servant is speaking!" — Robert Wicks

I have a friend who periodically loses her voice and has to speak in whispers. One day she called me and whispered for fifteen minutes. It took a lot of energy for me to listen intently so that I could hear what she had to say. I think this is what it is like to be attentive to God. God often speaks in whispers. If my life is crowded and cluttered with many thoughts and feelings pushing their way around inside my head and heart, I may easily miss hearing what it is that God wants me to hear.

Prayer

O God, you constantly try to get my attention. You stir and call in the most unlikely places of my life——people and situations that I dismiss as not being able to contain your presence. You beckon me to those corners of my inner being where I have yet to discover you. Open me so that I will not miss your presence today. Help me to learn how to "be" and to let go of my need to be swallowed in activity.

Scripture : Psalm 85: 8-13

Let me hear what God will speak, for God will speak peace to the people..... To those who turn to God in their hearts (Ps 85:8)



Schoenstatt and the Capital of Grace



The Church's teaching on merits and our possibility to cooperate in Christ's work of salvation encourages us to actively strive for sanctity and make ourselves available for the building up of Christ's Kingdom. [see Col 1:24: "In my own flesh I make up

what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of his body, the Church"]

In Schoenstatt, a unique way of expressing this is: *contributions to the capital of grace*. In the covenant of love with Mary, we consciously



bring her our prayers, sacrifices, and striving for sanctity. We so-to-say turn over the merits of these good works to the MTA for her mission in the service of Christ.

The image of *capital* is taken from finance, where large sums need to be gathered for major undertakings such as establishing a business.

From 1915 on, Schoenstatt has spoken of a different type of

capital: What we bring to Mary in the shrine comes together (like funds from investors) to assist the MTA in whatever major undertakings she has in mind from the shrine, especially those relating to the moral and religious renewal of the world in Christ. Because this *capital* is not financial, but on the level of grace, it is called *capital of grace*.



The theological foundations for this are found in the Church's teaching in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* under the communion of saints (945-948), intercessory prayer (2634-2636), and merits (2006-2011

COMING EVENTS

Fridays	Shrine 10. 00 am HOLY MASS
	11. 00am to 8.15pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration
3Rd Sunday	Of Each Month
	Covenant Sunday Formation 1PM-2.45 PM
	Covenant Devotions 3.00 PM

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