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The beginning of June falls within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical colour white — the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the 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.



Highlights of the Month

As we begin to feel the chill of winter, we can reflect that we celebrate the feasts of **Trinity Sunday** (June 12), **Corpus Christ** (June 19), the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (June 24) and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** (June 25). God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — truly 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 6 we celebrate the **Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church**. This feast is to be celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost.

The saints that we will focus on this month are **St. Justin** (June 1), **Sts. Marcellinus and Peter** (June 2), **St. Charles Lwanga & Companions** (June 3), **St. Norbert** (June 6),

St. Ephrem (June 9), **St. Barnabas** (June 11), **St. Anthony of Padua** (June 13), **Sts. John Fisher** and **Thomas More** (June 22), **St. Cyril of Alexandria** (June 27), the **Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul** (June 29) and the **First Martyrs of the Church of Rome** (June 30).

The feasts of **St. Boniface** (June 5), **St. Romuald** (June 19) and **St. Josemaria Escriva** (June 26) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy. The Solemnity of the **Nativity of St. John the Baptist** (June 24) has been transferred this year to June 23 because of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. However, where Saint John the Baptist is the patron of a nation, diocese, city, or religious community, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is instead celebrated on Friday, June 24, and the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is transferred to Thursday, June 23.

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. She pauses briefly, to praise the Holy Trinity — Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, and then the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. 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.

Therefore, the close of the Easter season marks not the cessation but rather the beginning of Ordinary Time is the commencement of the Church's activity. 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. 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. **This item 12552 digitally provided courtesy of CatholicCulture.org**

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 2022

For families: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Today we lift our hearts to You, Queen of Peace: intercede for us before Your Son, reconcile hearts filled with violence and vengeance, let your lasting peace reign over all the earth. Amen.

We are sure that with the weapons of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and with the gift of grace, the hearts of people and the fortunes of the entire world can be changed.

LITURGICAL FOCUS

The Gospel readings for June are taken from St. John. All Sunday readings are from Year C, and weekday readings are Cycle II.

June 5

Pentecost Sunday In this Gospel, Jesus gives the Apostles the power to forgive sins.

June 12th

Most Holy Trinity Jesus says the Spirit of truth will come and that everything the Father has is His.

The triquetra is one of the many symbols that clearly express the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity.



June 19th

Corpus Christi The Gospel relates Jesus feeding the multitude with five loaves and two fish.

June 26th

13th Sunday

of Ordinary Time "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

SCHOENSTATT INTERNATIONAL

MAY 31, 2022 SCHOENSTATT INTERNATIONAL Pentecost Congress 2022 - "Moved by the Spirit of God"

139 delegates from 33 countries will gather in the original birthplace, Schoenstatt, to discover together the way in which God has led us and how this is manifested in the Movement's processes, in the Church and in society. Listening to one another, to the voices of the times and to the inspirations of the Spirit, the delegates will work on a common vision for a Schoenstatt of the future. **Page 5**

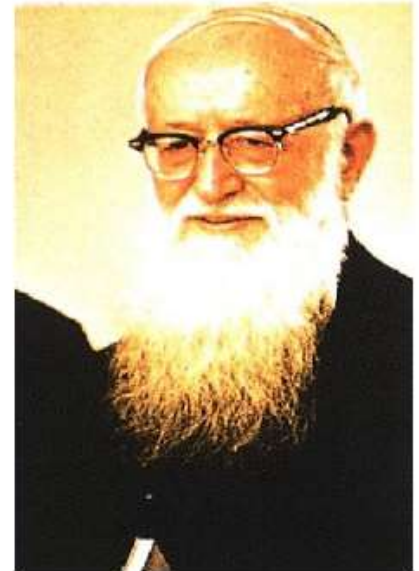


A Schoenstatt that can contribute to a new face of the Church in this time of change.

Whoever has been given a mission must carry it out. Whoever has been given a mission must be faithful to it and do it justice

If we carry out our mission with faith and love, the family will become a blessing with us and through us for countless people. JK 31.5.1949

We are sent



This is the motto for the last day, ***June 12th.***

The outline of the memorandum will be presented to the plenary, discussed once more and finally approved. This formulation of a common purpose is essential for Schoenstatt as a federal Movement, so that the Movement, with all the original currents of life in the continents and the different cultural regions, can work in the Church and in society according to its charism.

Father Hanly's homily from 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

What can we say about love?

Sin is not something naughty. Sin is a refusal to return love. That's what it is.

And so, it is he washes their feet.

And how much would he love them?

He loves them to the very end, as Paul says.

Why? Continuation from last issue.

Cont. How else would we know our true value?

We have so many ways of measuring value, you know.

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Like, when I was a kid, Ted Williams was the best hitter in baseball and we would consider him a god, because of all the players that you knew and grew up with and all the great hitters, Ted Williams was the best and the finest and the tops, you see.

That's the way *we* measure. We measure A+. That's a very big word now with all the kids getting ready for school. A+ is very high. Our measurement is, "Oh, how good is he? He's A+." Or "Oh, how good is he? He's a millionaire." "Oh, how good is he?" And then you come to God and you say, "Oh, how good is he?"

He washes feet. That's how good he is.

Because you could be anything and have all the other things, but you could not stand before a human being and claim that you are better and superior than, they are.

Why?

Because God does not make garbage. He only makes lovely, beautiful human beings.

And when Jesus kneels to them, he is saying, "Respect each other. Realise your great dignity. Realise what you really are and pay no attention to all the little awards and everything that you are being handed out and hoping for and wanting."

That's love now. Love begins in the humility of God.

And how is it carried out?

It's all around you. Every day, you're using it the way you treat each other, the kindness you show, the concern you show. Out of your own desire to help others, you reach forth. This is what it is. Therefore it's so important to



remember that we don't have a set of nice things to do so everybody will be happy.

It's the very nature of God. And His love is to show compassion, to show forgiveness, to show mercy, to walk two miles, as Jesus says. "If a man asks you to walk one mile with him, walk two miles, walk three miles."

The whole Gospel is teaching us how to love. And the only way we learn is letting Jesus come into our hearts and carrying him with us in the ordinariness of our lives.

And then just to pick up a child and hug them is as great as Ted Williams batting .400 and the last one to ever bat so high in a baseball game.

Heaven is with us. Heaven is here. Heaven is now.

Don't wait for it, you know, be good and then you're going to go to heaven.

Heaven is here because God is here. And God is here because His people are here. And every one of us is made in the image and the likeness of God.



And then we say quickly, "And God is love."

And that's why today we come together each day, and come together whenever we come together, no matter where we are.

This is the great secret, the great secret that comes with a baby born in a hopeless little country with a hopeless little village, in a hopeless little barnyard, to teach us one thing: the magnificence and greatness of life.

And we must treasure it and work on it. And we must feed it. And we must stay away from people who would divide us up into groups, make one higher than the other, or make our own kind of false values which can tear countries apart.

In the First World War, millions of men and women died. Today nobody knows why. Out of the futility of man, the inability to see his own greatness, that is why. And that is the great pain and shame. And that's what we, have to make up for. We, have to make up for our sins.

We hate that word sin, but sin is a failure to love. Remember that now. It's a failure to love. It's a failure to become what you already are, what God has made you. He is asking you to rise where you belong, with Him.

Today, we celebrate Mission Sunday. When I was a kid in Brooklyn, Mission Sunday meant all those guys who went to China or Hong Kong and we were supposed to pray for them. Sister said, "Pray for those."

Mission Sunday is much more than that. Mission Sunday is taking the mission of Jesus. And what was Jesus' mission? To become man, to bring God, to each and every person in this whole world, that they might experience, not only in their hearts but in their families and their friends, the lovely greatness of God Himself.

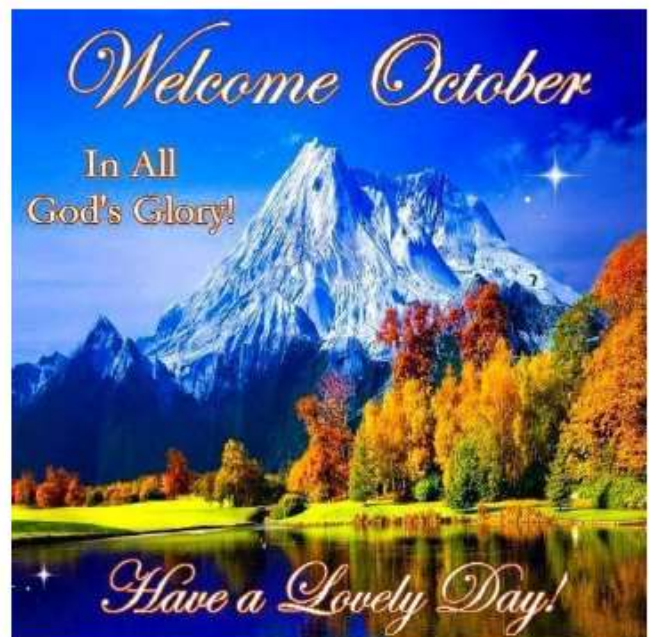
And we are all doing that all the time.

Do we fail?

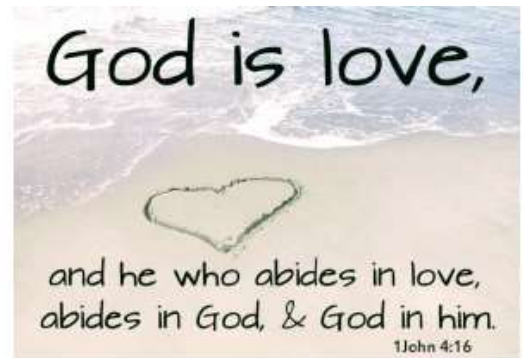
Yes. The Bible says the good man falls seven times a day.

So, God isn't expecting miracles in that kind of way.

What is He expecting?



He's expecting that every time we fall and refuse to love, we get up again and keep moving forward. And every step forward brings all of civilization one step closer to realising our destiny, our importance, but most of all, how much we are loved by a Creator who will not let go of us for all eternity.



Reflections Father Nicolas Schwizer

Christ Lives Among Us

Was Christ – like so many government officials and politicians, movie stars and football stars – concerned about his popularity? No, on the contrary, Jesus avoided the admiration of those who lauded HIM and wanted to make HIM king.

But HE was concerned about the success of his mission: do men understand why HE has come? Do they understand that HE does not want to be a political liberator, but to free them from the ties of sin and the power of the devil?

Therefore, the question of Jesus continues to stand. Resounding in the heart of each man: "Who am I for you?" And then HE awaits our response.

Some, perhaps, trust in the response from history. But Jesus cannot be studied in a history book. We have to experience HIS presence and HIS action in our personal life and in the life of HIS community which is the Church. To know Christ cannot be limited to intellectual knowledge. The Little Prince would tell us, "HE can only be seen well with the heart."

Others see in Jesus a great man, the greatest prophet who preached and lived the most beautiful message of love. And they see in HIM a world of justice and peace, but they do not discover in HIM the God full of love. And then it is us, the Christians. We believe and trust in HIM since HE is who has revealed to us the loving face of the Father.

Here we are to distinguish two levels of faith: those who believe in Jesus, Son of God, as man of the past and the others who believe in Jesus, Son of God, but as man of the present.

If I would ask a group of Christians: Where is the resurrected Jesus Christ? Some would say: HE is in Heaven! Others would tell me: Christ is among us! In reality, the Lord continues living among us: of course, no longer with a physical presence like when HE was about in Palestine; but, of course, with a real presence.

So, then, here is the dividing line among the Christians who believe in a Christ, man, of the past who has left the earth and has arisen into Heaven, and those who believe in Christ, man of the present, resurrected, but living today among us.

The first would insist in the presence of God which is in Heaven and which is in the past. Religious celebrations are – for them – more like manifestations of the remembrance: remembrance of the historical happenings in the life of Jesus.

The second also adore the Father who is in Heaven. But they will look with the same faith at the earth to discover in her Jesus Christ who is today living among them. And they will unite with HIM to work with HIM for the Kingdom of the Father in the midst of this world. They will not only celebrate the remembrance of Christ, but also HIS mystery which develops today in the history of the world, making HIM present in the bosom of the Church. To admit that God came among men is no longer something easy. Perhaps in the eyes of many it may not be so convenient that HE, being God, took the condition of servant and that HE humbled Himself so much. Might it be, therefore, that so few good souls place HIM anew in His place: in Heaven. But what is now unbearable for many is that this God insists in remaining among us, and worse still, is that HE identifies with prisoners, the hungry, the sick, the strangers, the poor..... because then it happens that one cannot leave one's home without encountering HIM. To go to work, to school, for a walk, to

participate in a gathering without meeting HIM face to face. One can no longer encounter anyone without constantly listening in the ear: "What you do to one of these my little ones, you do to ME."

Dear brothers and sisters, today, **Jesus Christ asks us anew: "And you, who do you say I am?" What will we tell HIM? What will we answer HIM?** Do we believe HE is among us? And do we want to be HIS disciples, do we want to work with HIM and with all the brethern of good will to help to save mankind and save the world?



COMING EVENTS

Fridays Shrine 10.00 am **HOLY MASS**
11.00am to 8.15pm **Silent Eucharistic Adoration**

Third Sunday
1.30pm — 2'45pm **Formation**
Covenant Sunday Devotion 3.00 pm

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