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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

June the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Roman Catholics observe the month of June as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in veneration and in gratitude for Jesus' merciful heart and His redeeming love for mankind.

Novenas and the recitation of devotional prayers in honor of the Sacred Heart are traditionally recited by the faithful devotees every day at this time of the year. The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary said devotion to the Sacred Heart "is an expression of our faith in Jesus' mercy and our way to express our gratitude for His mercy and love." Characteristic acts of devotion include almsgiving, consecration, and reparation.

A French Catholic nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647- 1690) was instrumental in spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart after she had visions of Jesus beginning in 1673 when Jesus asked her to have a special feast established in honor of His Sacred Heart. Jesus also gave her instructions on how the faithful can offer sacrifices in reparation for the offenses inflicted on His Sacred Heart such as receiving Holy Communion every first Friday of the month, observing an hour vigil every Thursday night in memory of His agony in Gethsemane, and celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart every year.

The Catholic Encyclopedia details a history of this devotion. It observed that from the time of Saint John and Saint Paul there has always been in the Church something like devotion to the love of God, Who so loved the world as to give it His only-begotten Son, and to the love of Jesus, Who has so loved us as to deliver Himself up for us. But, accurately speaking, this is not the devotion to the Sacred Heart, as it pays no homage to the Heart of Jesus as the symbol of His love for us. From the earliest centuries, Christ's open side and the mystery of blood and water were meditated upon, and the Church was beheld issuing from the side of Jesus, as Eve came forth from the side of Adam. But there is nothing to indicate that, during the first ten centuries, any worship was rendered the wounded Heart.

It is in the eleventh and twelfth centuries that we find the first unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Through the wound in the side the wounded Heart was gradually reached, and the wound in the Heart symbolized the wound of Divine Love. In the Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries devotion arose, although it is impossible to say what where the first texts. Saint Gertrude (d. 1302) had a vision on the feast of John the Evangelist. She was resting her head near the wound in the Savior's side and hearing the beating of the Divine Heart. She asked Saint John if on the night of the Last Supper, he had felt these delightful pulsations, why he had never spoken of the fact. Saint John replied that this revelation had been reserved for subsequent ages when the world, having grown cold, would have need of it to rekindle its love.

From the thirteenth to the sixteenth century, the devotion was practiced as a private, individual devotion of the mystical order. In the sixteenth century, the devotion took an onward step and passed from the domain of mysticism into that of Christian asceticism. It was constituted an objective devotion with prayers already formulated and special exercises of which the value was extolled and practice commended.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart developed further during the seventeenth century. Ascetic writers spoke of it, especially those of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

The devotion was greatly increased by the visions Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a French Visitandine nun at the convent of Paray-le-Monial. She had a vision of Christ's Heart on the feast of Saint John that was similar to that of Saint Gertrude. Jesus permitted her to rest her head upon His Heart, and then disclosed to her the wonders of His love, telling her that He desired to make this known to mankind and to diffuse the treasures of His goodness, and that He had chosen her for this work, (probably 1673, Dec. 27). In June or July of 1674, Sister Margaret Mary said, Jesus asked to be honored under the figure of His Heart of Flesh and asked for a devotion of

expiatory love — frequent Communion, Communion on the first Friday of each month and the observance of Holy Hours.

In another vision, on the feast of Corpus Christi 1675, Sister Margaret Mary reported that Jesus told her, "Behold the Heart that has so loved men... instead of gratitude I receive from the greater part (of mankind) only ingratitude..." Jesus then asked for a feast of reparation on the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, bidding her to consult Father de la Colombiere, then superior of the small Jesuit house at Paray. He recognized the action of the Spirit of God and consecrated himself to the Sacred Heart and directed Sister Margaret Mary to write down her account and to circulate it throughout France and England. Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque was canonized in the 20th century.



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Bless you all and your families
Fr.Suni Padinjarekara



HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.

Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM

Night Vigil:

First Off Weekend Friday of the Month | 8 PM. to Midnight

Adoration

Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.

Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas : St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass

St. Jude Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass



May 12

Sunday Readings: May 2019 / Ave Maria & St. Anns

May 19

7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30AM

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First Reading: Is 52: 7-12
Second Reading: Eph 2:11-22
Holy Gospel: Jn 17:20-26



First Reading: Is 6:1-13
Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11
Holy Gospel: Mk 16:14-20



BIBLE QUIZ # 18

1. How many days after leaving Egypt did the Israelites reach the desert of Sinai?

2. What does "En Hakkore" means?

3. Where did Elijah find Elisha?

4. What does "Baal Perazim" means?

5. How long did Israelites eat manna before settling in Canaan?

Name of the contestant

Family Name

Phone #

Please refer to the POC Bible and the New American Bible only.

6. Who saved Jeremiah so that he was not handed over to the people to be put to death?

7. When did Ezekiel saw divine visions?

8. Who were the first four disciples?

9. What does the name "Elymas" mean?

10. Who is known as the prophet of divine judgement?

Bible Quiz # 17 Correct Answers.

1. To test
2. 10 years
3. Elijah
4. Capernaum
5. Saul took his own sword and fell upon it
6. Sun
7. Jeremiah
8. 80 years old
9. Michael
10. Luke

Quiz # 17

Selected winner: Lucy Mathew Karukaparambil

Other Winners

Tessy Siby Mecheril	Ancin & Alphonse Jose Thannichuvattil
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The marriage between Joseph Jose son of Jose and Jessy from Vilangattuseril family of St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church ,Houston, with **Sereah Lukose** daughter of Thomas and Anitha from Thuruthuvelil family of New york westchester parish, is scheduled on 22nd June 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 26, Sunday

A meeting for Cemetery Project.

St.Antony's Koodarayogam at the residence of **James and Molly Vadakkekara** at 5pm.

Ave Maria Koodarayogam at the residence of **James Kunnampadavil** at 7pm

May 26, Sunday CCD graduation after 9 am Mass

May 31, Friday

Vanakkamasa Samapanam Celebrations

RETREAT lead by **Bro.Sabu Aruthottiyil** **July 19,20,21**

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Building Fund	\$ 00.00
Sunday collections	\$ 1336.00

May 19

Annual contributions	\$ 2100.00
Building Fund	\$ 000.00
Sunday collections	\$ 1468.00



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