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My dear parishioners:

In the Catholic Church the month of June has traditionally been dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. June was chosen because it is the month that follows the conclusion of the Easter season when we have reverently celebrated the life, passion, death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord. This entire mystery of our faith in Christ has a beautiful symbolic expression in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as the heart is the symbol of the origin and outpouring of love.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#478), quoting Pope Pius XII's 1956 encyclical *Haurietis aquas* states, "Jesus has loved us with a human heart. For this reason the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, ...is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that...love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings without exception." Thus, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a sign of the complete and total love that Christ has for us and how he gave the absolute fullness of himself for our salvation.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has a slow but meaningful development in the history of the Church. Many of the early Church Fathers (Hippolytus, Irenaeus, Justin, Cyprian, Tertullian) wrote about the wounded side of the Lord and how Christ's love was poured out in water and blood (symbolizing baptism and Eucharist). By the early Middle Ages (1100-1200) preachers began to move their spiritual attention from the wounded side of the Lord to his sacred heart. Jesus' physical heart became seen as the true natural symbol of his three-fold love: human love, spiritual love, and divine love. It was through adoration of the physical heart of Jesus that the threefold love of Christ is adored. The two religious men who are credited with beginning this devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are St. Bernard (d. 1153) and St. Francis of Assisi (d. 1226).

St. John Eudes (d. 1680) and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (d. 1690) did much to shape a popular piety to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which resulted in the liturgical celebration of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost) as well as a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Most of the popes of the 19th and 20th centuries have written about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The pierced heart of the Lord became an icon (sacred image) of the depth of Christ's love for all his people. It symbolizes pure and unconditional love. And it symbolizes the depth of sacrifice for those he loves.

Closely connected with the Catholic Church's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This alliance of the hearts of Jesus and Mary is based on the theological, historical and spiritual links between our Lord and his Blessed Mother. St. John Eudes wrote of a mystical union between the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. With the permission of the pope, St. John Eudes compiled scriptural sources and rituals for a formal devotion to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

In his 1979 encyclical *Redemptor hominis*, Pope St. John Paul II explained the theme of unity between the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And in an address in 1985 he coined the term the "alliance of the hearts of Jesus and Mary". This unconditionally loving union between our Lord and his Blessed Mother is to be a source of spiritual strength for us that we too may unite our hearts to that of the Lord's in an unbreakable bond of spiritual love.

It is good and holy for us to focus spiritual attention on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in this month of June both to more fully embrace the depth of love which Christ and his Blessed Mother have for us, and as a reminder that unconditional and sacrificial love is what Christ asks us to offer to one another. May this authentic love continue to grow within us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank H. Rossi

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June 2, 2019 - June 9, 2019
Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 2 Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 <i>Mass intention for the People of the Parish</i>	9:00am—Mass
Monday, June 3 Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33	4:30pm—Mass
Tuesday, June 4 Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a	No Mass
Wednesday, June 5 Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19 <i>Mass intention for Kathleen Moore</i>	4:30pm—Mass
Thursday, June 6 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Jn 17:20-26	8:30am—Mass, 6:30pm—Confirmation
Friday, June 7 Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19	9:30am—Communion Service
Saturday, June 8 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf.7b]/Jn 21:20-25 <i>Mass intention for Janice Grieco</i>	4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sunday, June 9 Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 <i>Mass intention for the People of the Parish</i>	9:00am—Mass

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Sam Brocato, Ted Koch; Dee Baier, Linda Spell, Jeannette Borque, Willie Frazier, Fran Stephens, Sarah LeBeouf; Darrell Lange, Dan Airhart, Irene Johnson, Gage Byrd, Cindi Holland, Pam Vanek, Ralph Gonsoulin, Deacon Mike Marion

Repose of the soul: Debra McGlothlin, Margaret Ann Anderson; Angela Williams Browne, Zoraida Rey, Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D., (a former Bishop of Beaumont)

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

Weekly Stewardship

May 25 & 26 Weekly Offering	\$ 2,891.80
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ - 260.20

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Sun. June 2 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> 9:00am—Mass Anointing during Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. June 3 4:30 pm—Mass 6:30pm—Pastoral Council	Tues. June 4	Wed. June 5 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. June 6 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:30pm—Confirmation Mass	Fri. June 7 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. June 8 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. June 9 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. June 10 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. June 11 6:30pm—Altar Society Dinner La Enchilada	Wed. June 12 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 7:00pm—Eucharist Adoration/Confessions	Thurs. June 13 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. June 14 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. June 15 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass Bake Sale 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY
YEAR END DINNER
 June 11, 2019 6:30 pm.
 La Enchilada Restaurant
 All women and spouses are welcome.
 RSVP to Thelma West, 936-933-0199

Grow closer to God this summer! Pick up a copy of the devotional publication *The Word Among Us* and spend 5 to 10 minutes each day reflecting on the word of God for your life. Limited complimentary copies are located in the church vestibule.

The Word Among Us features uplifting and thought-provoking meditations based on the daily Mass readings.

- The June issue will help you understand the truth of who you are and who God is—and the truth will set you free.
- The July/ August summer issue speaks of God's faithful, covenant love—and why it matters to you.
- The September issue on the Beatitudes shows how you can be poor in spirit, merciful, and a peacemaker in your daily life.

Please pick up a copy as each one of these issue becomes available and experience the joy of hearing from God each day. If you find this devotional helpful you can order future copies for your personal use.

Questions for Family Discussions
Adults: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use that gift?
Children: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

- We are looking for someone to volunteer to direct Vacation Bible School this summer. If you are willing to give of your time and talents please let us know. Call the office, tell Fr. Rossi or Lynn Stacy if you are the one.
- There will also be a need for volunteers to help with crafts, stories, games and snacks.
- You will be greatly appreciated.

Stewardship Awards

In the May 24th edition of *East Texas Catholic*, you will see an article concerning the Stewardship Awards. Anyone is allowed to make one or more nominations using the form on page 20. Look around and nominate a person from OLOP who has gone above and beyond this year to contribute in some way to our church, **from June, 2018 to July, 2019**. The deadline for nominations is **June 28**. You may submit by mail, email, fax or bring to the church office.

Don't forget to start gathering items for the annual Garage Sale. It will be taking place on August 2 & 3, 2019.
 Drop-offs will be on July 29 - August 1, 2019.

Upcoming Events

- June 6: Confirmation, Our Lady of the Pines, 6:30pm
- June 11: Altar Society End-of-year Dinner, La Enchilada, 6:30pm
- August 2-3: Annual Garage Sale, OLOP Family Center
- August 2-3: Men's Conference, St. Francis of Assisi, Orange, TX
- August 11: Stewardship Awards, Elegante Hotel, Beaumont, TX