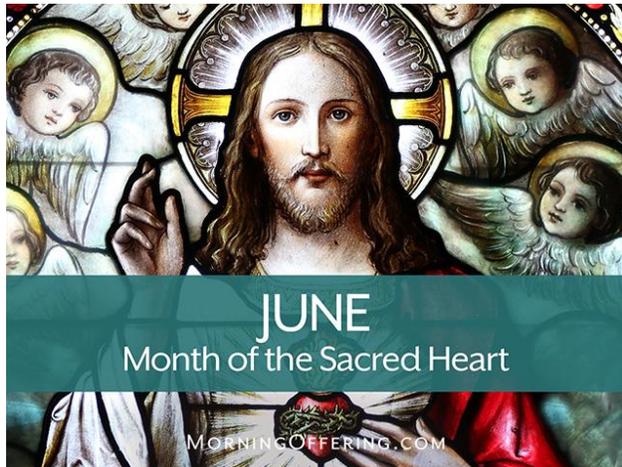


MONTHLY DEVOTION FOR JUNE



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most popular Catholic devotions. Although it was beloved in previous centuries, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673, showing her a vision of the now-famous image of His Sacred Heart, surrounded by flames. He said to her: "My Heart is so full of love for men that It can no longer contain the flames of Its burning love. I must discover to men the treasures of My Heart and save them from perdition." She was given the special mission

to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart throughout the Church. Jesus gave St. Margaret Mary many promises associated with this devotion, and requested that a feast day in honor of His Sacred Heart be instituted on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi. In 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart was spread to the Universal Church, and in 1899 Pope Leo XIII solemnly consecrated all mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, calling it "the great act" of his pontificate.

ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

I hope you enjoyed praying the Rosary together for the month of May and that you received abundant graces and answers to your prayers and intentions. No need for you to stop now that you have acquired the habit of reciting this beautiful devotion each day.

REOPENING

This past weekend we had 63 visitors on Sunday alone. That is a significant increase from our usual 30. It was good to see many of you getting out and coming to make a visit to Our Lord in church.

Many had questions about when we would be returning to "regular Mass." The short answer is 'we don't know yet.' What we do know is the following:

- The church is open and has been open for private prayer since the lockdown began. Tuesday through Friday we are open from 8:30AM to 12:30PM; Saturday from 4:00PM to 5:30PM and Sunday from 8:30AM to 11:30AM. We are closed for cleaning on Monday.
- Funeral Masses in church may now be celebrated. However, a maximum of ten (10) people may attend (with face masks and social distancing), with **no** distribution of Holy Communion or Sign of Peace.
- Individual baptisms are permitted to be scheduled. Again, with 10 people maximum in attendance (with face masks and social distancing).

- Weddings can be celebrated and have the same limitations.
- Confessions are heard every Saturday at the regular time of 4:00PM to 5:00PM and any other time you see me.
- Right now we are only “permitted” to celebrate public Mass with a maximum of 10 people (including the priest) according to both New York State and the Diocese. This requirement is clearly unworkable in any Catholic parish. The Diocese has directed that even if such Masses were to be celebrated at this time, **NO** distribution of Holy Communion would be possible as it stands now. We will not be able to resume public Mass until conditions become more manageable and practical.

Please bear in mind that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is still dispensed and not binding at this time.

“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them, every day begin the task anew.”

— St. Francis de Sales

FATHER’S DAY

Father’s Day is fast approaching (June 21st). We continue the tradition of the Father’s Day Novena of Masses. A novena (9) of Masses will be offered for the intentions of your fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, step-fathers, and any other fatherly figure that has graced your life. Please send in your Father’s Day envelope with the names of your intended.

You can mail them in or drop them off at church. The intentions of each Mass for nine days will be for the souls (living and dead) of your fathers. Dads need prayers. Perhaps more now than ever...



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Taken from *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin Mary* by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. Published by Tan Books.

PRAYER TO END THE PANDEMIC

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

ANOTHER PRAYER FOR DURING THE PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.

SURRENDER TO THE WILL OF GOD

The following quote comes from a very powerful prayer, the *Novena of Surrender to the Will of God* composed by Father Don Dolindo Ruotolo † 1882-1970. There is a link to it on our website under the “*Prayers*” tab.

You see evil growing instead of weakening?

Do not worry,

Close your eyes and say to me with faith:

“Thy will be done, You take care of it.”

I say to you that I will take care of it,
and that I will intervene as does a doctor
and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed.

Do you see that the sick person is getting worse?

Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say

“You take care of it.”

I say to you that I will take care of it,
and that there is no medicine more powerful
than my loving intervention.

By my love, I promise this to you.

