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May the hearts of Jesus and Mary fill our hearts with Divine Charity and give us the courage to love with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Amen

This
Month's Feasts
Highlights:

CORPUS CHRISTI



It was through the most holy Virgin Mary that Jesus came into the world, and it is also through Her that He has to reign in the world.

St. Louis de Montfort

FROM the FOUNDER:

Dear Children of Mary..

Something you may not know about the two feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary; they were both inspired by private revelations. The Sacred Heart of Jesus devotion began when Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque back in the 1600's as a nun of the Visitation order. He appeared to her many times and asked her to establish devotion to His Sacred Heart. She told all these things to her spiritual director, Fr. Claude de la Colombière, who was later canonized a Saint, who took these messages to

heart and practiced them in his ministry to souls, showing them the mercy of Jesus and the love of His Sacred Heart which desires to save all souls by taking them into the abode of His Most Sacred Heart, giving confidence in His mercy and love. After her director's death the Jesuits championed the cause of St. Margaret Mary's visions and messages to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, continuing the work which he began. Through the Church's subsequent investigation of it in the process of St. Margaret's canonization, the devotion was approved and Pope Clement XIII instituted the feast for the universal Church in 1856.

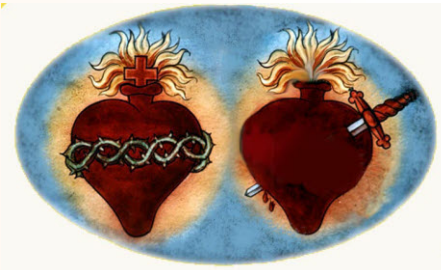
At Fatima, Our Lady told the children, "He (Jesus) wants to establish in the world the devotion to My Immaculate Heart. Whoever embraces it, I promise salvation, and their souls will be loved by God like flowers put by me to adorn His Throne." This was part of the secrets and was not revealed until 1942. Lucia was given the means of the 5 first Saturdays devotion for reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, ..."go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an our while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Even though these titles were around prior to these apparitions they were not universal and not well known in the church until these apparitions. After they were made known from these apparitions they have easily become the most well known of all devotional images and titles of Our Lord and Our Lady today. What made these devotions spread since they were given to people who were cloistered or kept them as secrets? The Holy Spirit moved hearts and minds and spirits to accept them because certainly the visionaries did little to actively spread them other than tell their respective superiors.

Today many people have a hard time with accepting private revelations as authentic. But where would our church be without them? I don't think people realize that all of our Lord's appearances after His resurrection were apparitions that would now be considered private revelations. Our Lord converting St. Paul as well. All of St. John's visions that form the book of revelation, when he initially had them and before they became part of holy scripture and therefore public revelation, were what we would now call private revelations.

Prophets and prophecy are a part of our Judeo-Christian heritage. There have always been some in our history and St Paul refers to prophecy as the greatest of the charismatic gifts. It is the same God who preserves the integrity of the doctrine of our faith and who inspires prophecy. They are not in opposition to each other as some who claim to be orthodox Catholics seem to believe. There is no need to fear error and being led astray, for Our Lord said, "he who seeks the truth hears my voice." He will always assist an honest heart. Amen.

God bless you and Mary keep you
Br. Mariamartin de la Cruz



The 2 Hearts according to St. Catherine Laboure's vision.



Corpus Christi...



Corpus Christi, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, as we know is the feast of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We don't mean real in the sense that the other ways He is present are not real, but that it is not entirely spiritual but actual.

But I want to focus on why He did this. Many people seem to think that our humanity is basically evil and that it is God's presence that makes it passable as to not deserve divine wrath. Not true. Our humanity is a created good and a necessary one to assist our souls on their journey back home to the Father. They are part of who He made us to be and that is why there is a resurrection of the dead, so that our bodies will then join our spirits and as a whole receive our eternal reward. If we deserve heaven then all of us does because the body participated in our actions as well as our spirits. If it were not true then would Jesus have assumed a human body? Could God take on evil as a part of Himself? No.

Since His humanity was joined to divinity in an inseparable way it is to be adored as God as Jesus is not two beings, the God being and then the human being, but simply one being, Jesus Christ. So what is He telling us in joining Himself to humanity? That our good but fallen nature can be redeemed, perfected, divinized. That our humanity, its nature in all its parts, is a natural created good, and was made to live and function for our human good and

to assist our souls for a supernatural good, life in God and heaven. And our supernatural good is built upon our natural good, for grace perfects nature, as St. Thomas Aquinas said.

What is it then to have a relationship with Jesus. It is to better experience the person of God. We can have a relationship with God as pure spirit because we have a spirit as well, but to relate to Jesus is to be able to apprehend Him as a person like us, knowing He experienced human life in all its pains, joys, sorrows, victories, defeats, friendships, betrayals. He is that perfect friend, who understands our weaknesses and loves us into a better version of ourselves.

In giving us the blessed Sacrament He gives us Himself in a way that our humanity can perceive and remember. Since we are not angels but men, this helps us to have faith in what we can't always see, the love God has for us. He is willing to touch us and be touched by us. He is willing to dwell in us as He dwelled in His Mother, in our bodies. He does not want to simply be a reward for good behavior but a way, a means, food and nourishment to heal, purify, transform us into that perfect image of God we were made to be. Do not mothers willingly give of themselves as food to nourish their infants when breastfeeding? Then it should not be difficult to believe that God, who is without limits in His love as our Father, gives to us Himself as food that not only nourishes, but saves and sanctifies and unites us to Himself and in charity toward others.

He did not want us to feel orphaned when He ascended to Our Father, so He left us a means to have Him in His same essence as when He walked the earth, body, blood, soul and divinity. Though many people through a subtle form of pride do not want to experience union with God until they are “worthy”, it is exactly this uniting ourselves to God that makes us more worthy. And God is not concerned with this so called worthiness, for who is like unto God, as St Michael told lucifer. No one is worthy in that sense and if God waited for worthiness we would have no saints in the church. They did not become saints because they were worthy, but because He made them so through His presence and union with them even when they were sinners, and if not sinners still unworthy through their imperfections. He chose to unite Himself to them in order to make them saints not because they already were so. And He did not even exact of them the desire to be saints, only the good will to love Him and to allow themselves to be thoroughly loved by Him. Amen.



June 1, 2010 Excerpt from Message to Anne from Jesus

“... I know that you do not always understand the relationship between your suffering and the graces I am sending to others. This is not clear to you when you are carrying heavy crosses that require great trust. When you are with Me for eternity, you will understand this connection and you will rejoice that you were willing to remain in My service despite the demands made upon your will. I ask and I ask and again I ask, and you answer, and you answer, and again, you answer. ... The days are passing, are they not? One after another, days are completed and you have claimed grace for the world. This is how it has been arranged for you, dearest children of the Father. You are asked to be good and holy and in return, the Father cooperates by keeping your intentions close to His heart. In this moment, where you have been placed, there is grace. Do you feel it? Do you trust Me? I am with you. I have not abandoned you. ... If you ask Me for the grace of perseverance, I will give this to you. This is My gift. But you must ask for and then accept this gift. If you feel like you are failing and yet you are trying to serve as best you can, then you must spend time with Me and examine the concept of failure from heaven’s view. You may find that you are a success in My eyes, even while the world dismisses your contribution. All is well. Do not fear fatigue. ... Remember, I will never leave you. Never.”

November 8, 1996 Seeing with the Eyes of the Soul
Excerpt of Message from God Our Father to Barbara Centilli

“Many are like you, small, hidden, isolated and rejected by the world. These little ones are not successes in the world’s eyes, but they will do much to save souls. They are My warriors. All My little broken ones... I will be pleased with their work of knowing, loving, and honoring Me. They are My most powerful Warriors of Mercy. Their cross is great.”

It is better to fail in a task with virtue than to succeed without it. It is better to do many small things with great love than to do great things with little love. It is better to fail in the eyes of the world but succeed in the eyes of God, than to succeed in the eyes of the world and fail in the eyes of God. If I am going to give my all in this life, it is better to have an eternal reward than one that is fleeting and fickle. The world builds us up only to delight in tearing us down and mock us for putting our trust in it. God builds us up in order to help us succeed and delights in our true human and supernatural good and rewards our trust in Him by giving us Himself.

Br. Mariamartin

Liturgical Calendar: June

(not on calendar) / Sunday overrides memorial

- 1: St. Justin
- 2: Sts. Marcellinus & Peter
- 3: St. Charles Lwanga & co.
- 5: St. Boniface
- 6: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
- 9: St. Ephrem
- 11: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 12: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 19: St. Romuald
- 21: St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- 22: Sts. Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher & Thomas More
- 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 28: St. Irenaeus
- 29: Sts. Peter & Paul
- 30: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church



First Holy Martyrs...

While Martyrdom is the seed of faith, it is the white martyrs, the co-redeemers, the little victims, those who suffer in union with God, who keep the graces flowing to the rest of the world. Who are these souls? They are all the souls who desire to give themselves unreservedly to God. All their sufferings are united to the salvific sufferings of Jesus and Mary, and these sufferings are the greatest graces, both for ourselves and others. These graces unite us more and more to God and make us more like Him, especially in mercy. One may ask, what do I suffer, I am not a great saint. Perhaps, but it is all the sufferings not

just the heroic ones but all of them. The ones from daily life, everything that tries our patience, provokes our weaknesses, and pushes the limits of our virtue. Even the ones where we don't seem to fair too well, or fail miserably. And the more we love God, the more we hate sin; the closer we are to God, the more we suffer from all that is not of God. In a world that does not recognize God as our Creator, Savior, Father or authority, and has replaced the natural law and God's commandments with with maxims that reflect a culture without charity, honesty, purity of heart, innocence, compassion, and true human goodness; those who possess these human and supernatural virtues, suffer from the mere experience of feeling the lack of these things in their environment of this very worldly world.

Since we will experience suffering in this life, let us give it the highest value and dignity possible, that of transforming ourselves and our world into the Kingdom of God, by giving our whole selves to Him. For it is not true that we suffer more by belonging to God, but by suffering in Him it not only has redemptive value, but we can experience it in our relationship with Him, and therefore be consoled and not feel alone. And we experience the fruits of our white martyrdom. Amen.

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