



The Word

Mary Undoer of Knots,
Bless you today and
forever. Amen!

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

JUNE: So national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

Liturgical Reflections

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

The feast of the Sacred Heart was approved for specified dioceses by Clement XIII in 1765, and extended to the whole Church by Pius IX in 1856. In 1889 Pope Leo XIII elevated it to the rank of first class, and through an encyclical letter in 1899 dedicated the whole Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was also an essential component of Pope John Paul II hopes for the "new evangelization" called for by the Church. "For evangelization today," he said, "the Heart of Christ must be recognized as the heart of the Church: It is He who calls us to conversion, to reconciliation. It is He who leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes. It is He who achieves the warm communion of the members of the one Body. It is He who enables us to adhere to the Good News and to accept the promise of eternal life. It is He who sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale."



Jesus, who is one with the Father, invites his disciples to live in close communion with him, to model their lives on him and on his teaching. He, in turn, reveals himself as "meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11, 29). The Gospel of St. John recounts the showing of the Lord's hands and his side to the disciples (cf. John 20:20), and of his invitation to Thomas to put his hand into his side (cf. John 20, 27). This event has also had a notable influence on the origin and development of the Church's devotion to the Sacred Heart.

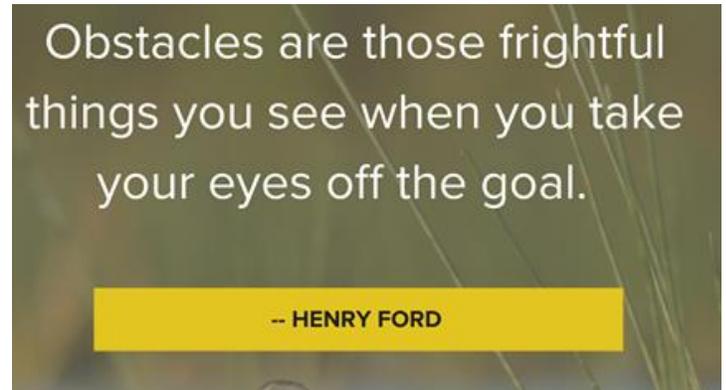
These and other texts present Christ as the paschal Lamb, victorious and slain. They were objects of much reflection by the Fathers who unveiled their doctrinal richness. They invited the faithful to penetrate the mysteries of Christ by contemplating the wound opened in his side. Augustine writes: "Access is possible: Christ is the door. It was opened for you when his side was opened by the lance. Remember what flowed out from his side: thus, choose where you want to enter Christ. From the side of Christ as he hung dying upon the Cross there flowed out blood and water, when it was pierced by a lance. Your purification is in that water, your redemption is in that blood".

Excerpted from the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

Twelve Promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary

In the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus gives these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.



Important Items

Ministry of Consolation Debriefing at C t K is June 10th. Carpooling is available in the parking lot at 8:20 a.m.

We had 14 volunteers attend the May 6th session and view the PBS documentary Being Mortal. This documentary dealt with health care issues facing Americans and how family mobility affects our aging loved ones. The link is embedded;

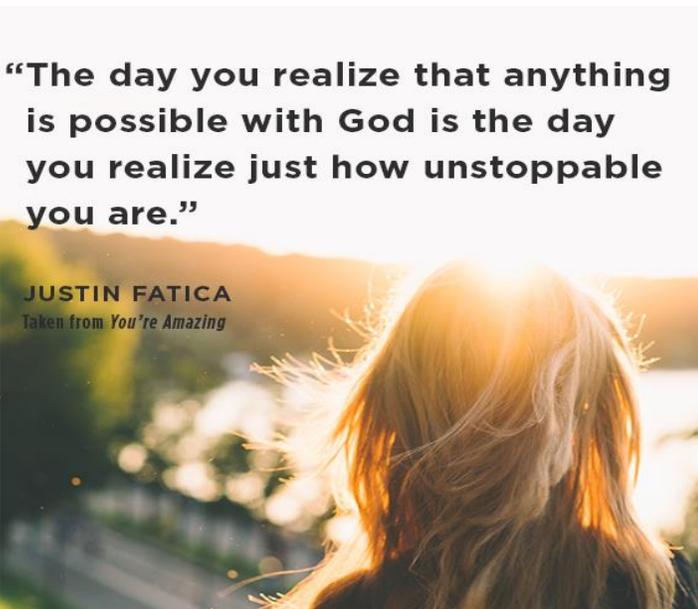
<http://www.pbs.org/video/2365422384/>

Third Week Ministry Enrichment is Thursday, June 15 in Rm. 221 at 7p.m.

Vacation dates must be written down and left in the cupboard office or e-mailed. I appreciate you arranging coverage for yourself but PLEASE let me know when you have made a change in a schedule. Transparency is very important since what we do happens outside the safe confines of the Parish property.

“The day you realize that anything is possible with God is the day you realize just how unstoppable you are.”

JUSTIN FATICA
Taken from *You're Amazing*



Celebrate our Parish Anniversary and the Birthday of the Church this weekend at the Parish Picnic!!!