HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Today we honor our fathers – the young ones new to this exciting, unscripted vocation; the veterans who've weathered countless sleepless nights; and even the fatherless who mentor and guide so willingly by their example with great compassion.

These men are not only our fathers, but also our grandfathers, uncles, neighbors, teachers, coaches, and priests. Whether living or decease we remember them today for their tireless dedication, love, and especially for our faith formation.

As we celebrate Father's Day, call upon St. Joseph to intercede for these men in our lives, bringing them blessings of

health, peace, and joy. Like St. Joseph, a good father must have a steadfast faith in God to protect and nurture his loved ones.

Saint Peter Julian Eymard, a French priest of the 19th Century, had a great devotion to St. Joseph.

"Words cannot express the perfection of his adoration," St. Peter Julian Eymard wrote about St. Joseph. "If Saint John leaped in the womb at the approach of Mary, what feelings must have coursed through Joseph during those six months when he had at his side and under his very eyes the hidden God! If the father of Origen used to kiss his child during the night and adore the Holy Spirit living within Him, can we doubt that Joseph must often have adored Jesus hidden in the pure tabernacle of Mary? How fervent that adoration must have been: My Lord and my God, behold your servant! No one can describe the adoration of this noble soul. He saw nothing, yet he believed; his faith had to pierce the virginal veil of Mary. So likewise, with you! Under the veil of the Sacred Species your faith must see our Lord. Ask St. Joseph for his Lively, constant faith.



"At Nazareth Joseph's days were filled with work which necessarily took him away at times from his Infant God. During these hours Mary replaced him, but when evening brought him home again, he would pass the entire night in adoration, never tiring, only too happy for the chance to contemplate the hidden riches of Jesus' divinity. For he pierced the rough garments the Child wore, until his faith touched the Sacred Heart. In profound adoration he united himself to the special grace of each one of the events in the life of Jesus. He adored our Lord in His hidden life and in His Passion and Death; he adored in advance the Eucharistic Christ in

His tabernacles: there was nothing that our Lord could hide from Saint Joseph. Among the graces which Jesus gave to His foster-father — and He flooded him with the graces attached to every one of His mysteries — is that special to an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament. That is the one we must ask of St. Joseph. Have confidence, strong confidence in him. Take him as the patron and the model of your life of adoration."

Prayer for our Fathers

Lord Jesus Christ, grant to the fathers of the world a fuller understanding of the dignity and responsibility of their calling. Make them careful providers, gentle protectors, and shining examples of Christian virtue in their homes. Graciously bless all fathers, O Lord, we pray. Amen.

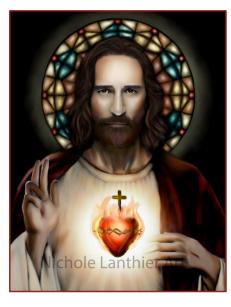
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DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

No matter how broken we are, and no matter how unworthy we tell ourselves we are, God loves us unconditionally. Never lose sight of his Passion, suffering, death, and Resurrection. Never lose sight of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – it burns with his His love for us!

This mindset is that of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Jesus appeared to her several times between 1673-1675. Sharing his love and revealing His Sacred Heart.

As Catholics we emphasize our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June. The solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart



of Jesus is celebrated in the Church on June 16th this year, always the Friday after Corpus Christi Sunday and the second Sunday after Pentecost.

St. Margaret Mary explains: "We can tell him all the secrets of our hearts, disclosing our want and misery to Him who alone can remedy them, and saying, 'O Friend of my heart, she whom you love is sick. Visit and heal me, for I know well that you cannot love me and yet leave me alone in my distress."

Jesus shared with St. Margaret Mary12 promises to those who honor the 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 bless every home in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
- 4. I will console them in all their difficulties.
- 5. I will be their refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
- 6. I will shed abundant blessing upon all their undertakings.
- 7. Sinners shall find in My Heart a fountain and boundless ocean of mercy.
- 8. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- 9. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.

- 10. I will give to priests the power of touching the hardest hearts.
- 11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart never to be blotted out.
- 12. I promise you, in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all who communicate on the First Friday of the month for nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My displeasure nor without their last Sacraments: "My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

Jesus promised St. Margaret Mary that He "will bless the home in which the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored."

There are many images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus available through Catholic merchants. The image we shared is from Nichole Lanthier at www.etsy.com/shop/NicholeLanthier.

Place your Sacred Heart of Jesus prayer card or buy an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and place it in a prominent place in your home to signify that Jesus is the King and the center and source of love for all.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,

I adore you, I love you and with a lively sorrow for my sins.

I offer you this poor heart of mine.

Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.

Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.

Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions;

give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Within your heart I place my every care.

In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me.

Amen.

Honoring Juneteenth

As we honor Juneteenth, a day set aside to celebrate the end of slavery in the United States and those who continue to advocate for freedom racial healing, let's pray that we never give up hope for peace and justice for all people regardless of race or religion.

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity.

Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions.

Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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"And the LORD said,
What have you done?
Listen, your brother's
blood is crying out to me
from the ground!"

(Genesis 4: 10, NRSV)

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a

God makes the Israelites a holy nation.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

God proved his love for us sinners when Christ died for us. Through Christ we have received reconciliation.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus summoned the Twelve, empowered them, and sent them out to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and drive out demons.

Click here for full scripture text

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we never tire of sharing the joy of Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we celebrate our diversity and work together to end racism and religious hate, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our fathers and all those who care for us as a loving father, that they are strengthened in the Eucharist to nurture the children in their lives, leading them closer to Heaven, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who struggle with anxiety and depression, that legions of angels come to their aid, lifting their spirits to rejoice in the promises of Christ, let us pray to the Lord...

Lord hear our prayer

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