

Faith IN WV  
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

MAY 31, 2026



HAPPY  
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY!

Our readings today are more about how to live our faith with confidence given to us by God in Three Persons more than it is explaining the great mystery. So, let us focus on what we hear at Mass:

Be merciful and gracious.

Encourage one another.

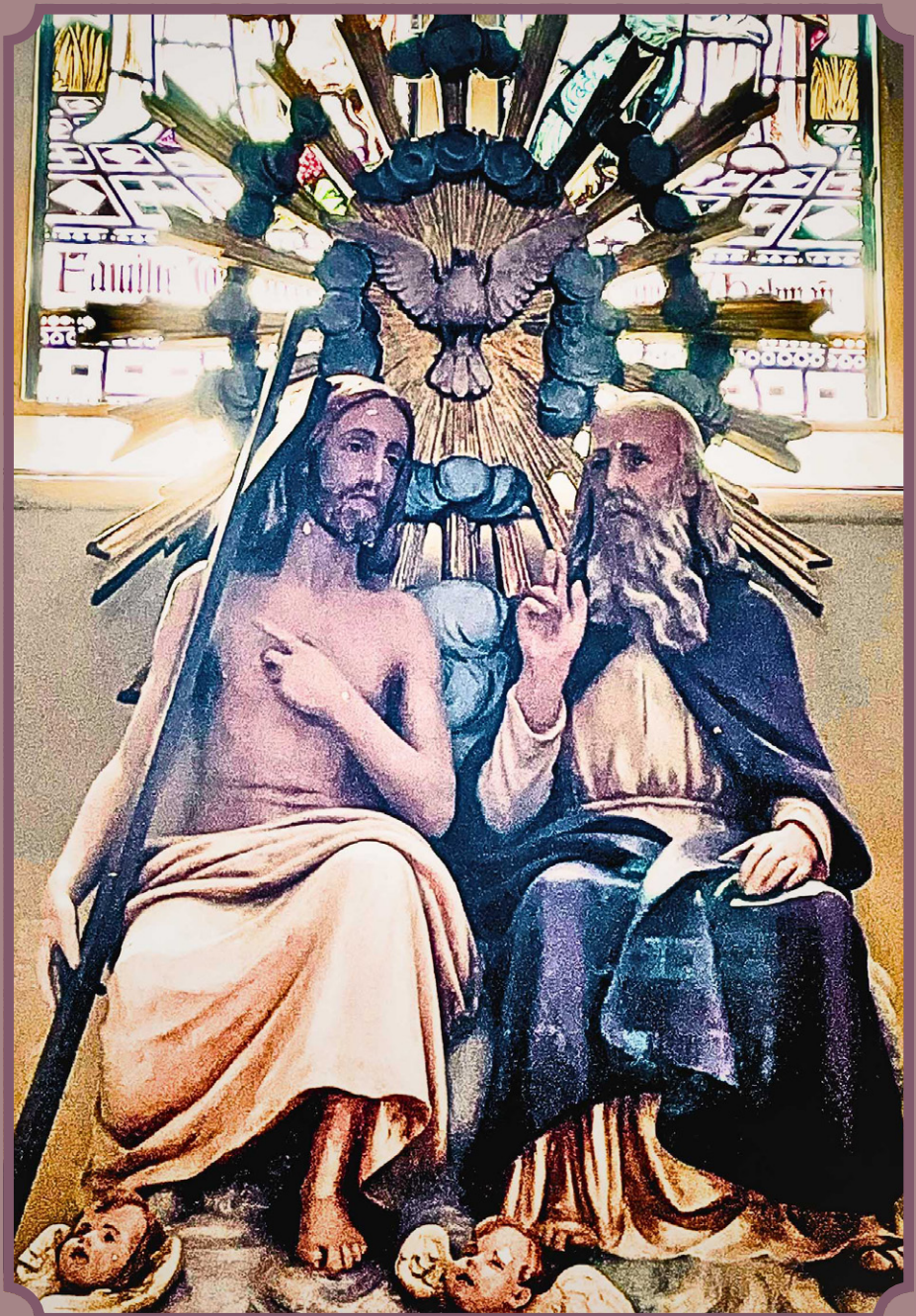
Live in peace.

God sent Christ into the world so we can be fully alive.

Bring our attention to God a Father who became man to save us from our sins and a Spirit to remain with us always.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

*Editor's note: the photo is of the Blessed Trinity statue at St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling.*



# Church, unite in Prayer

as Christ's peace is carried to His people

through the gift of Holy Orders.

May the Holy Trinity, all the saints,

& angels inspire in Clifton Mastran

as he enters into the priesthood

& Michael Aiello

as he begins his journey

into the transitional

diaconate.

Give them

the grace

to serve

with humility

and charity,

giving

and

living

the

Word of God.

Praise be to God!



# A PICTURE WORTH MORE THAN 1,000 WORDS

## *A deeper story of faith, mentorship, and apostolic mission*

Deacon Michael Kawash brought to our attention a grace filled moment from February 21, 2023. Captured in this screenshot, is what only God knew would be a tremendous blessing for the Catholic Church and the people of West Virginia.

This is the moment when Bishop Mark Brennan joined other bishops and archbishops, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C., to prayerfully place hands on the head of newly installed auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, Evelio Menjivar-Ayala.

This is “perhaps the most recognizable and significant moment of a Bishop’s ordination and the passing on of Apostolic Authority from one to another. . . even more momentous since it is from predecessor to successor in our diocese,” Dcn. Michael Kawash noted.

The significance of the moment runs deeper, beginning nearly two decades before.

Bishop Brennan was the vocations director who encouraged and shepherded Bishop Menjivar’s discernment and early priesthood.

A bishop placing his hands on the head of a newly installed auxiliary bishop is not a mere ceremonial gesture, it is the visible sign when the Church’s apostolic order prays that the Holy Spirit grant the ordinand the graces needed for the ministry of Holy Orders.

The apostolic order and apostolic succession (bishops who hand on the apostolic ministry) is a way the Church continues the mission of the Apostles through ordered hierarchy and communion in truth and grace.

Just as the Church teaches, the Spirit works through us. This photo captures a concrete sign of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and God’s providential path to ministry.

Bishop-designate Menjivar will succeed our apostolic administrator Bishop Brennan, on July 2nd after the 2:00 P.M. Mass of Installation at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

Upon the appointment of Bishop Menjivar to the WV diocese, Bishop Brennan said, “Many faithful across the diocese and I have prayed to God for a true shepherd of the people to lead our diocese into the future. I truly believe God has answered our prayers with the appointment of Bishop Evelio Menjivar.”



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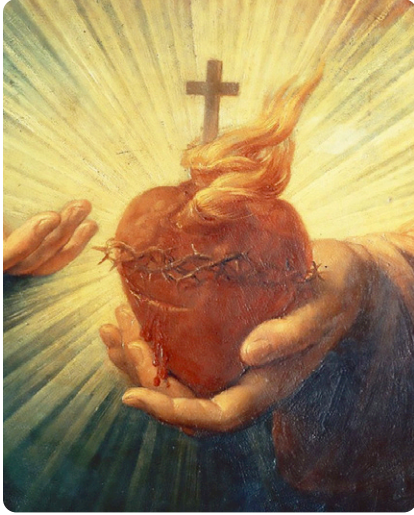
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# *The Sacred Heart of Jesus – Burning with Love for Us*

For the month of June and especially on June 7th the Church celebrates the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, emphasizing that Christ loves us despite our failures.

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 love for us!



## **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.

## *Renew our One Nation Under God Consecrating the US to the Sacred Heart*

This June, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so we are truly One Nation Under God. The consecration is officially set for June 11 in Orlando at the USCCB gathering of all bishops.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque is the saint who received visions of Jesus revealing His Sacred Heart. When many people doubted her and even opposed her, Saint Claude e la Colombiere, S.J., her spiritual director, listened, believed, and encouraged her. He was a Jesuit priest, a respected homilist, and a confessor for many faithful from the poorest to the most noble, but one of the best things about St. Claude is that his words still speak to us today - very direct, thought provoking, and relatable.

“Jesus is in the midst of us in the Blessed Sacrament. . . Yet does it not often seem as though we ignored this happiness? Do we often visit him? Do we go to him in our needs and consult him in our plans?”

Through His Sacred Heart is love, hope, and purpose. Saint Claude reminds us that Jesus doesn't just want a quick prayer when things go wrong. He wants our whole heart—our thoughts, our fears, our worries, our plans.

“As Jesus Christ possesses your whole heart, he wishes also to have all your anxieties and all your thoughts. . . trust in his goodness for all the rest.”

In other words: Give Jesus everything. Not because He's demanding, but because He loves us enough to carry what we were never meant to carry alone.

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus we can see, feel, and have a relationship with Jesus - a true friend. People may not always understand us. Friends may disappoint us. Life may overwhelm us. But Jesus never gets tired of us. He never walks away. He never stops loving us.

Even when we fail Him, St. Claude reminds us that Jesus is ready to welcome us back.

This is our call to action, so, let's realign our lives, communities, and country under the sovereignty of Christ.

“Let us remember that the Lord's message to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was that his human heart, ineffably joined to his divinity, continues to beat with great love for all his disciples and, indeed, for the entire world, which he came to redeem. In these troubled times, we American Catholics must implore his mercy upon our nation and beg him to renew in us a spirit of faith, hope and charity toward all,” Bishop Mark, wrote.

# Let Others See Christ in You

Advice from **St. Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat**, whom we celebrate on June 6th.

Let them find the Church in your service, kindness, compassion, selflessness, and determination. Serve to teach.

The founder of the Little Brothers of Mary (now the Marist Brothers) St. Marcellin Champagnat's final words were recorded by the holy priest in a May 18, 1840, message to his community,

*"Let there be among you just one heart and one mind. Let it always be said of the Little Brothers of Mary as it was of the early Christians: See how they love one another!"*

Heed his wise words spread the love of Christ through service and education.



## Angel of Charity, Pray for Us!

### Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus She Paved a Way



She was known as the Angel of Charity. Servant of God Julia Greeley was born into slavery in Missouri around 1833 (date not recorded), and became Catholic after she gained her freedom post-Civil War after being taught by a faithful family she worked for and experienced the Mass.

Despite her own poverty, Greeley was generous, giving away anything she didn't need and gathering donations to give those who had greater needs. She pulled a red wagon along at night, quietly delivering clothes, food, firewood, and other necessities to those in need, always ensuring that her help would not embarrass the recipients.

She founded the Firefighters Prayer Union, "The League of the Sacred Heart," enrolling every firefighter with a cloth badge that symbolized prayers for their protection—she called them "tickets for Heaven." She also foretold the birth of a child to a childless couple, a miracle that earned the baby the nickname "Little White Angel" (Greeley is holding her in the photo).

The impact of her life was evident when her funeral procession seemed endless, a testament to the mercy and generosity she embodied. Today, her cause for sainthood continues, and her intercession is invoked through prayers that ask for a generous heart like that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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May 25, 2026



Everything You Need to Know About *Magnifica Humanitas*



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The Archdiocese of Washington invites members of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to a Eucharistic Procession for Immigrants. The procession, scheduled prior to Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala's appointment as the bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, is hosted by the archdiocese's Secretariat of Evangelization and Synodal Renewal in collaboration with Season of Faithful Witness, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., and the Jesuit Refugee Services and Network Lobby.



## *Feast of Corpus Christi*

# **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION FOR IMMIGRANTS**

**"We are the body of Christ caring for the wounds of the world"**

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

**12 Noon – 4:00 p.m. ET**

### **Mass**

12:00 noon

### **Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

3211 Sacred Heart Way NW

Washington, DC

### **Bishop Evelio Menjivar**

*Auxiliary Bishop of Washington*

Principal Celebrant

### **Procession**

1:30 p.m.

**From Shrine of the Sacred Heart to the  
Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle**

1725 Rhode Island Ave NW

Washington, DC 20036

For more information, contact Antonio Cube in the Office of Justice and Peace at (301) 853-4416 or [cubea@adw.org](mailto:cubea@adw.org).

*Hosted by the Secretariat of Evangelization and Synodal Renewal in collaboration with Season of Faithful Witness, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc, Jesuit Refugee Service and Network Lobby.*

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The Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of Washington

## TRINITY SUNDAY

**First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9**

The Lord is merciful and kind.

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**Responsorial: Daniel 3**

“Glory and praise forever!”

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**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Encourage one another and live in peace.

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**Gospel: John 3:16-18**

For God so loved the world. . .

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, our apostolic administrator Bishop Mark Brennan, bishop designate Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, and all the clergy that through their actions they reveal and teach God’s love, mercy, and kindness to the world, especially to those most in need, becoming a more and more effective and powerful witness to God’s goodness, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That leaders around the world may take Saint Paul’s words to heart, mending their ways, finding agreement with one another, and living in peace, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those led them away from God and the body of Christ - the Church - that they may find mercy beyond what they deserve from God without prejudice from an ignorant society, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For students and teachers, especially our graduates and retiring teachers, may they wholeheartedly enjoy rest and renewal while committed to being a servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*

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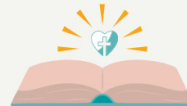
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