

Some Thoughts for June 2024

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June, blessed to be dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; blessed to be decorated by roses; to be loved by brides, graduates and fathers. You happily stand and welcome in summer, that wonderful time of relaxation and family fun; PTL.

I have always been drawn to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I think it began when I first saw the picture of the Sacred Heart hanging in my grandma's kitchen. Ah, the good ole days of Brooklyn when grandma would take me to St. Barbara's church. Just she and I. I really have my Italian grandma to thank for my love of the Catholic church.

St. John Paul II taught "that from the Heart of Christ, man's heart learns to know the genuine and unique meaning of his life, of his destiny, to understand the value of an authentically Christian life, to keep himself free from the perversions of the human heart, and to unite the filial love of God with love of neighbor." Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You! St. John Paul II pray for us.

On the first we celebrated a memorial mass to St. Justin and on Sunday June 2nd we celebrated the beautiful feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). How very blessed we are to have the Holy Eucharist. To be able to consume the Body of Christ at each mass. We praise and thank You, Lord.

Of all the saints we celebrate in June, Saint Anthony on the 13th and Sts. Peter and Paul on the 29th really stand out to me. St. Anthony knew St. Francis of Assisi. Imagine those two great saints together--a holy riot. St. Anthony was a renowned orator and is a doctor of the church, but we know him mostly for his gift of finding our lost things! "St. Anthony, St. Anthony please come around, something is lost and must be found.!" St. Anthony please pray for our country which seems to have lost its way. Please bring us back to God, amen.

St. Peter (the "Rock" upon whom Christ built His church) and St. Paul, first a persecutor of the church then it's most prolific evangelist are celebrated on the 29th. St. Peter says in his first letter "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says many wise and lovely things. Here is one of his thoughts: "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child... but when I became a man I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love." St. Peter and St. Paul, please pray for us.

God love you!

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