Some Thoughts for June 2026
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The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. June got its name from the Roman goddess Juno who was the patron of marriage and childbirth. Its gem stones are Pearl, Alexandrite and Moonstone. June is famous for graduates, brides, and roses. Most importantly, however, June belongs to Christ and on Sunday the 7th we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi--the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 3rd we celebrate St. Charles LWanga and his companion martyrs. The Society of Missionaries of Africa had converted many natives including Charles and his companions who served on the court of the tribal lord. This lord abused his young male pages, and under penalty of death demanded that Charles and 17 companions renounce their Christian faith. These young men refused and were burned to death. One of them predicted: "A well which has many sources never runs dry. When we are gone, others will come after us." By 1890 there were some 12,000 converts in southern Uganda. St. Charles, please pray for us, especially for the thousands of children being sold into slavery. Lord hear our prayers!

I cannot forget to mention St. Anthony, a favorite saint of ours who we celebrate on the 13th. He was a Portuguese Franciscan friar and priest born in 1195. Although he was a prolific orator and theologian, we think of him lovingly as our "great finder of lost things." St. Anthony pray for us and please pray for all the lost and misguided souls that have wandered away from God.

The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul falls on the 29th. Both St. Peter and St. Paul were just normal human beings with shortcomings just like us, before their conversion. Peter was presumptuous, fearful and even betrayed Christ. Paul was self righteous and thought himself justified for killing those following the resurrected Christ. It took humility and repentance to ready these men for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They became the greatest evangelists of all time! St. Peter and St. Paul, continue to pray for our church. Even though we experience fractures and diverse factions, we must never forget the church was founded by Jesus and it will last forever.

Let us continue to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our church. Please Lord send more workers into the fields. Lord bless our country's leaders, may they remember we are one nation "under God" and may our great constitution be respected regardless of political affiliation. Please Lord, stop the spread of Islamism, which is a terrorist organization based on Sharia law and is distinct from the religion of Islam itself.

God bless us all as we begin our summer months. Let this be a time of sharing family fun, and renewing our spirits. We continue to pray for one another!

Love, always,
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