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# THE Voice

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## Parish Priest Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Risen Christ,

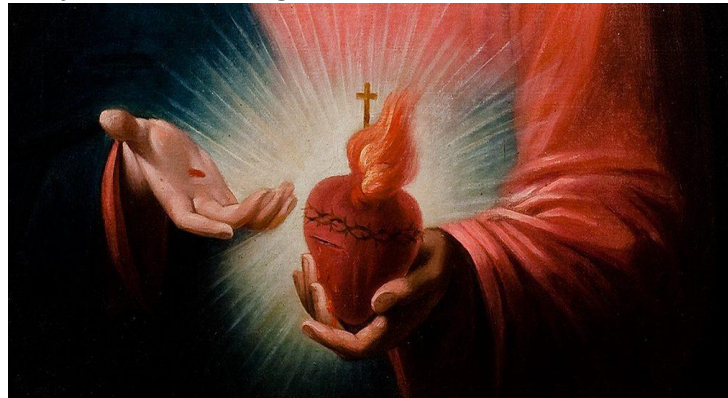
**The Sacred Heart of Jesus Empowers Us:** The month of June is dedicated to Sacred Heart of Jesus and we celebrate with great enthusiasm the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the third Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> June this year. The reflection for this month is taken from "*Finding Peace in the Heart of Christ*," according to a homily given by St. Josemaria.

**God our Father has seen fit to grant us, in the heart of his Son, "infinite treasures of love," mercy and affection.** If we want to find evidence that God loves us — that he not only listens to our prayers but anticipates them — we need only follow the same line of thought as St Paul: "*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things in him?*" (Rom 8:32).

Love is revealed to us in the incarnation, the redemptive journey which Jesus Christ made on our earth, culminating in the supreme sacrifice of the cross. And on the cross it showed itself through a new sign: "*One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water*" (Jn 19:34). This water and blood of Jesus speak to us of a self-sacrifice brought to the last extreme: "*It is finished*" (Jn 19:30) — everything is achieved, for the sake of love.

Don't you also feel that God is calling us? Through the things which happen around us he is urging us to proclaim the good news of the coming of Jesus. Yet sometimes we Christians turn our calling into something very insignificant. We become superficial and waste our time in dissension and jealousy. Or, worse still, some people are artificially scandalized by the way others choose to live certain aspects of the faith. Instead of doing all they can to help others, they set out to destroy and criticise. It is true that sometimes you find serious shortcomings in Christians' lives. But the important thing is not ourselves and our shortcomings. The only thing that matters is Jesus. It is Christ we must talk about, not ourselves.

True devotion to the Sacred Heart has always been and is still truly alive, full of human and supernatural meaning. **The devotion to the Sacred Heart has led and still leads to conversion, self-giving, fulfilment of God's will and a loving understanding of the mysteries of the redemption.** We can see



some crisis, problems and difficulties in love. If a crisis does exist, it is a crisis in human hearts. People are short-sighted, selfish and narrow-minded. They fail to appreciate the great depth of Christ's love for us. The Holy Church offers us the nourishment of true piety, the devotion to sacred heart is one of them.

During this month and especially on the feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus, we should ask our Lord to give us a good heart, capable of having compassion for other people's pain. **Only with such a heart can we realize that the true balm for the suffering and anguish in this world is love, charity.** All other consolations hardly even have a temporary effect and leave behind them bitterness and despair.

Jesus' heart reaches out for us, it goes out in search of us; it pines after us as a shepherd for a lost sheep. Let us take a moment today to imagine ourselves as that lost sheep of Luke's Gospel. As a sheep loved by the Shepherd, whose loving heart follows after it wherever it may go always seeking the good of His fold, gathering them together in love, and leading them in peace by His gentle voice. Each of us is the lost sheep: as individuals, as communities, and as a human family. God seeks to reconcile us to Himself and loves us so much that He sends Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in search of us, to bear us on His shoulders and bring us back rejoicing to the eternal pastures.

Today let us take to heart the rich meaning of this ancient devotion; **let us allow ourselves to be struck by the love of**

**Christ.** In the ordinary moments of our lives, the simple as much as the spectacular, the majestic as well as the mundane, may we be transformed by the knowledge that we are loved and respond with gratitude to love in return. May our hearts beat along with the heart of Jesus, be conformed unto His, and in doing so become channels of His intense, intimate love for each person; that our hearts too may be afire with the incarnate love of God. So we pray:

**"Jesus meek and humble of heart make my heart like Yours."**

**Sacred heart of Jesus, bless our hearts, our homes and our Parish.**



Fr. Maxim Cardoza, OFM. Cap  
Parish Priest-Musaffah



# Bible QUIZ

JUNE-2023

- 1) Who was chosen to be the Apostle in place of Judas?
- 2) Which Apostle proclaimed the Gospel first on the day of Pentecost ?
- 3) What did Peter say to the crippled beggar when he was looking for alms?
- 4) The community of believers were of \_\_\_\_ heart and \_\_\_\_ mind.
- 5) In what form did the Holy Spirit descend on the disciples on the day of Pentecost ?

**Your answers along with your name, age and contact details shall be submitted at the parish office on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.**

**OR**

**Email: [voiceofstpauls@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofstpauls@gmail.com)**

**Winners of Bible Quiz May-2023**

1. Deron Lawrance
2. Tesia Lawrance

June 2-5 : Pastoral visit  
 June 3 : Sacrament of Confirmation  
 June 4 : Most Holy Trinity (Feast)  
 June 8 : Baptism Seminar @ 7.45 pm - Our Lady of Arabia Hall  
 June 9: Adoration ( after 7 pm mass)  
 June 11 : Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ ( Solemnity)  
 June 13 : St. Anthony of Padua (Memorial)  
 June 16 : The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus ( Solemnity)  
 June 24 : Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Solemnity)  
 June 29 : Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)



**Photo Corner**



**Capuchin Chapter Day -1, 08-May-2023**



**Capuchin Chapter Day-2, 09-May-2023**



**Congratulations to the newly elected Custody Team of Sts. Peter and Paul, Capuchin General Custody of Arabia.**

Fr. Micheal Fernades OFM.Cap. (Custos)  
 Fr. George Vadukut OFM Cap. (First Councillor),  
 Fr. Chito Bartolo OFM Cap.(Second Councillor),  
 Fr. Paul Raj OFM Cap. (Third Councillor) and  
 Fr. Gaspar Fernandes OFM Cap.(Fourth Councillor).



**Fr. Maxim's Birthday Celebration 15-May-2023**



**First Holy Communion-2023 First Batch**



**First Holy Communion-2023 Second Batch**





**First Holy Communion-2023 Third Batch**



**Wedding Anniversary Mass during the month of May-2023**



**First Holy Communion-2023 Fourth Batch**



**Altar Servers and Communion Ministers Reinstallation 25-May-2023**



**Choir during the First Holy Communion Mass**



**May Flower Devotion Celebration held on 27-May-2023**



**Newly Elected Parish Council Members**



**Fr. Maxim Cardoza, OFM. Cap  
President.**



**Shibu Thomas  
Vice President**



**Mafie Dizon  
Secretary**



**Rene Soares  
Asst. Secretary**